



CLAREMONT WA

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Tue: 9.00am Mass

Wed: Rosary 12.00noon

Wed: 12.30pm Mass

Thu: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Kids' Mass

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am

RECONCILIATION:

Sat: 4.30-5.00pm



We take this opportunity to welcome all who enter St Thomas'. We invite you to become parish members. We hope that you find St Thomas the Apostle a friendly parish community. Please join us after the 7.30am and 9.30am Masses for a 'cuppa' in the parish centre. Say hello to Father, meet some new/old friends, sit down and have a chat. Please become part of the family of St Thomas the Apostle. See you here!

New Parishioners, and those not so new, who wish to update their census details: Please put your name and address in the space below and drop into the collection basket or email to the office. Thanks!

Name _____

Email _____

Residential

Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

No of People in household _____

PS: If you would like to join the St Thomas' Parish Planned Giving Programme and give your financial support to the Parish, please tick this box and Prue Pupazzoni (Parish Secretary) will organise for a set of planned giving envelopes to be issued to you.

Alternatively, we can arrange for you to make your contributions by direct debit.



THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB: Come join us after the 12.30pm Mass on Wednesdays for a light lunch and friendly fellowship in the parish centre.

All welcome. See you there!



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;
Our deceased parishioners, relatives and friends.

If you would like to have the lamp burn for a week, please put the details, and \$10, in an envelope and hand to Fr Richard in the Parish Office or in the mail box.

EASTER TIMETABLE 2024

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, CLAREMONT

March 28: Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper 7.00pm

March 29: Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.00am
Solemn Liturgy 3.00pm

March 30 Easter Vigil Mass—Saturday: 6.30pm

March 31 Easter Sunday Masses: 7.30am & 9.30am

NO 5.30pm Saturday Mass NO 6.30pm Sunday Evening Mass

THE EASTER TRIDUUM



PALM SUNDAY year B
March 23/24 2024

THE ROSARY IS RECITED IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH 12.00noon, followed by 12.30 Mass, each Wednesday.

If you have a special intention, please phone Stephanie on 0408 798 174. You are most welcome to come join us in prayer.



Next Weekend's Readings:
EASTER SUNDAY Year B
Is. 50:4-7 Ps 21:8-9 Phil 2:8-9



PLEASE remember to turn your phone off or put on silent when in the church.

Thank you.



Do we have your email address? If you have changed your email address, please let us know by contacting us claremont@perthcatholic.org.au. If you would like to receive the parish bulletin each week please email us and we will place you on the email list. The bulletin is emailed out each Friday afternoon. *Thank You.*



We are looking for Eucharist ministers to minister to people living in nursing Homes in our area and people who are house bound. Please contact Margaret Sweetman or the office.

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Employment Opportunities

TENANCY LAWYER (DAYDAWN ADVOCACY CENTRE) – PERMANENT, PART-TIME (0.80 FTE)

an outreach agency of the Catholic Archdiocese of Perth which seeks to assist Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples and advocate on their behalf. Services include provision of legal and social advocacy services for the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. refer to SEEK <https://www.seek.com.au/job/74394784> Applications close **Tuesday, 26 March 2024**. We reserve the right to begin shortlisting and interviews prior to the closing date.



ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL - ENROLMENTS St Thomas' Primary School is excited to offer families a holistic Catholic education in the heart of Claremont. Limited vacancies are available for 2025 enrolments. Please visit stthomas.wa.edu.au/enrolment-form/ for more information, or contact us to book a tour of the school on 9286 9500 or email admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au. An application form can also be found at the back of the Church.



Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week.

LENT IS HERE! It is a time for us to go deeper in our walk with God.

At Holy Rosary Parish 46 Thomas St Nedlands we have **Eucharistic Adoration** every Tuesday 9am – 10pm and every Thursday 4pm—7pm in Holy Rosary church. On other days the church is always open by the side door. At the Carmelite Monastery, every first Friday of the month from after the 7am Mass 7.30 am till 1 pm. All are welcome to 'come and see'. If you'd like to take a regular holy hour at Holy Rosary Adoration please call Juliana 0423 864 054. For four years we have had faithful weekly adorers who 'watch and pray' for an hour each week; your commitment will keep it going strong. You can



Thank you all for your donations to SVDP of food etc for the poor and hungry. The donation box is always at the entrance of the church. Contact Henry on: 0417 985 992. Thank you.



We are still taking money for the Lymphoma collection. IN HONOUR OF FR WAYNE

EASTER EGGS FOR ROMILY HOUSE....

THANK you all for your kind donations of Easter Eggs for the residents of Romily House. Many thanks on behalf of the residents.

Maureen Gardner: 9389 8289



PARISH BUSY BEE SATURDAY

MARCH 23

Thank you all for your kind help in the Parish clean up. Fr Richard



Parish Prayer to St Thomas the Apostle

O St Thomas, the Apostle, Father of our faith, you spread the light of Christ in the hearts of all. You humbly confessed "My Lord and My God" and sacrificed your life for love of him. We pray to you to strengthen us with love and faith in Jesus Christ so that we may dedicate ourselves totally to the cause of the Kingdom of justice, peace and love. We pray that through your intercession we may be protected from all trials, dangers and temptations and be strengthened in the love of the Triune God: Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Women of the Scriptures – How Jesus' life was influenced and touched by the ordinary lives of the women he encountered in his ministry. Thursday 11 April 9am to 3pm, Nano Nagle Centre, 6 Reserve Street, Claremont. Presenter: Sr Catherine Warner. Cost: \$50.00 (includes handouts, morning tea and lunch).

Perth Symphonic Chorus is excited to reveal the **full cast of soloists** for our upcoming performance of Bach's St Matthew Passion, Sunday April 14 at Perth Concert Hall.

Don't miss the once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to hear this amazing combination of talent perform Bach's immortal St Matthew Passion with Perth Symphonic Chorus and Perth Baroque Orchestra.

Sunday 14 April 2024 6:00pm, at Perth Concert Hall

Tickets on sale now at perthconcerthall.com.au or call 08 9231 9999

NEW NORCIA VOCATIONS DAY

MAKE 2024 YOUR YEAR TO ANSWER GOD'S CALL

This will be an exciting opportunity for young (and youngish), single Catholic men and women to reflect upon their own calling in life, and to explore different options and opportunities available to them to find happiness and peace in the service of God and the Church. The event is free of charge for single Catholics aged between 18 and 40. Bookings for this event close Monday 8 April 2024. For bookings please contact New Norcia on 9654 8002.

Local Priest Pens Book Just in Time for Easter

Fr Charles Waddell has just published the book *Why the Risen Jesus Matters*.

World-renowned author Ron Rolheiser writes, 'This book is a beautifully articulated spirituality of the resurrection that can help us press the reset button in our lives.' To

order contact www.stpauls.com.au – or for signed copies contact:

charles.waddell@perthcatholic.org.au It's the perfect Easter gift for yourself and your

loved ones!



NEW TESTAMENT COMMENTARY by Mary Coloe PBVM

Philippians 2:6-11; Mark 14:1-15:47

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me? Mark's Gospel provides us with the first written account of the Passion and provides the basic shape for the other evangelists to follow. What is distinctive in Mark's interpretation is the emphasis given to Jesus' suffering and sense of abandonment. Mark's account expresses what Paul describes in his letter to the Philippians, the full self-emptying of Jesus in death. Many Christians, when asked about the death of Jesus tell the story combining many aspects from the four Gospels without being aware that each Gospel is quite different. The basic story stays the same – arrest, trial, crucifixion, and death, burial – but the details are different and it is in the details that each evangelist's focus becomes clear. For Mark, Jesus' passion is also about his disciples and their failure. The only disciple who is commended is the woman who anoints Jesus. Peter fails, in spite of his profession to remain faithful. The disciples all sleep during Jesus' distress in Gethsemane, then they all desert him. During Jesus' trial, when asked if he is the Christ, Jesus replies to his accusers, 'I am.' This declaration is the Greek equivalent of Israel's name of God, YHWH – I AM. Simultaneously Peter is denying his identity as a disciple. In Mark there are no male disciples at the cross, just some women who keep watch. Mark's Gospel is being written around the year 70 CE. It is a time of great turbulence and the small Christian community in Rome is under threat. Since the year 64 CE the Emperor Nero had begun a wave of persecution of Christians, and in the year 70 Roman armies finally captured and destroyed Jerusalem. It is a time when the faith of believers is being tested. They might well feel that God has abandoned them. Mark depicts a Jesus who also experiences suffering, anguish, the sense of abandonment by God and even death. Jesus, in Mark's gospel, is no super-hero, but a vulnerable human being, victim to the power of the Empire, the dismay of human friends who abandon him in his hour of need, and even the apparent silence of God. Jesus knows human suffering. This is a Jesus whom Mark's community can identify with. The disciples also are represented as weak and frightened followers of Jesus. Again, Mark's community could identify with these failing men and women. The good news is that in spite of God's apparent absence on Friday, God does keep faith with Jesus, and Jesus keeps faith with disciples, even disciples who fail. In fact, in Mark, it seems that failure is one of the necessary credentials for being a disciple. When Jesus cries out with the words of the Psalm 21, 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me,' he hears no answer. God is silent. The heavens stay closed and darkness covers the earth. Mark's Gospel presents the crucifixion as the apparent triumph of evil over good. Jesus is mocked by some and tortured by others. If Jesus dies, the Gospel seems to say, there is no God. As Christians, we know that this is not the end of the story, but it would be wrong to hurry through this week and not enter into this dark and fearful place of abandonment. Many of us know this place. At some time in our life we too have voiced this cry of Jesus and found the heavens silent. This week we are to bring the memory of these times into our prayer with God. For in spite of appearances, in spite of the silence, God is here. Jesus prays from his 'heart of darkness'. He speaks out his anguish to his God with words of protest and lament. In his prayer he draws to himself all who protest and lament, all who suffer unjustly, all who die abandoned and reviled. Pray this cry of Jesus during this week. Let his cry become your cry and his surrender be your surrender.

Gospel Jn 12:12-16

A great crowd who had come to the feast heard

that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying, 'Hosanna!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the

Lord, the king of Israel!

And Jesus found a young ass and sat upon it; as is written: 'Fear not, daughter Zion; behold, your king is coming, sitting on an ass's colt!' His disciples did not understand this at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that this had been written of him and had been done to him.

The Gospel of the Lord

First Reading: Is 50:4-7

I did not cover my face against insult and I know I will not be ashamed.

The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue.

So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple.

The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24. R. v.2

(R.) My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.' **(R.)**

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones. **(R.)**

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me! **(R.)**

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons.' **(R.)**

Second Reading; Phil 2:6-11

He humbled himself to become like us and God raised him on high.

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The Word of the Lord



Gospel Acclamation: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless Glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

APOSTLES' CREED.... I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **Amen.**