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**Tue: 9.00am**

**Wed: 12.30pm**

**Thu: 9.00am Mass**

**Fri: 9.00am Mass**

**Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm**

**Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am**

**RECONCILIATION: Sat: 4:30pm**

**The Ascension of the Lord**  
**Year B May 11/12, 2024**

**Next Weekend's Readings Pentecost Sunday**  
**Acts 2:1-11, 1 Cor 12:3-7, 12-13 Gospel John 20:**  
**19-23**



Dear Lord, Bless every mother and every grandmother with the finest of your spiritual blessings today. Confirm in her heart and spirit the work of her hands and the love that she has so freely given to those children under her care. Validate her worth daily, so she has no reason to doubt, whether she is loved, valued, and cherished in the eyes of her Heavenly Father. Create in her a deep sense of your protection and trust, so that worry and fear will disappear as she places her loved ones into Your care. Let her know that every prayer she has prayed and every encouraging word she has spoken on behalf of her children/grandchildren has been transformed into sweet, fragrant offerings before Your throne. Whisper deep within her spirit the sweet words she longs to hear from You—that nothing can ever separate her from Your love. Help her to nestle daily into the promises of Your Word, standing with faith on the things You declare are true. Let her know that You reward *faithfulness, but that true success doesn't lie* in her accomplishments or accolades. Let her rest in the knowledge that she has done all she can—and that she and those she loves—truly belong to you. Bless her with a servant spirit so she can teach her own the joy of hearing one day, "well done!" *Let her joy be contagious; let her passion be pure; and let her life overflow with all the blessings she deserves—on special days, and on every day of her life.* In Jesus's name, Amen (Rebecca Barlow Jordan)

**MARRIAGES/BAPTISMS AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH:**

Marriages by appointment: 6 months' notice required.

Baptisms: usually 10.00am each Saturday, Baptisms are held after the 9.00am Mass on Saturday. Contact Fr Richard or Prue (Parish Office) for more details. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Catholic Church requires that baptismal godparents **have been baptised in the Catholic faith** as they are required to make a promise that they believe in God. People who belong to other Christian faiths can also be godparents, **but one must be Catholic. Unbaptised people cannot be God parents.**



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, your work is greatly appreciated by Fr Richard and Parish members.

If you would like to volunteer in any capacity please speak with Fr Richard or contact the office. Email [claremont@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:claremont@perthcatholic.org.au)



**We are very short of people to go on the flower roster, and would appreciate a few more people on the flower roster. Training provided.**

**EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING - COMMON GROUND - FAITH EDUCATION FOR YOUNG ADULTS**

**Wednesdays 6pm to 8.30pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary St, Highgate (enter through Harold St).** Common Ground is a space where Young Adults who share similar values and beliefs come together and belong. Through faith formation, prayer, mission, ministry and social activities, Common Ground provides opportunities to grow in faith, deepen your relationship with God and explore what it means to live a life of purpose and meaning. Ask questions, share your struggles, and receive encouragement and guidance. Come along! Visit [www.cym.com.au](http://www.cym.com.au) for more information. **Further info or to register, [Click Here](#), email [cfe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au), or call 08 9278 0261.**

**A Mother's love is something that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish and enduring come what may,  
For nothing can destroy it or take that love away.**



**It is patient and forgiving when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters even though the heart is breaking.  
It believes beyond believing when the world around condemns,  
And it glows with all the beauty of the rarest, brightest gems.**

**It is far beyond defining, it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret like the mysteries of creation.**

**A many splendoured miracle man cannot understand,  
And another wondrous evidence of God's tender guiding hand.**



**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  and Prue Pupazzoni (Parish Secretary) will organise for a set of planned giving envelopes to be issued to you. Alternatively, she can arrange for you to make your contributions by direct debit.



**WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:** We take this opportunity to welcome all new 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 there!



This weeks Sanctuary Lamp burns for;

**All mothers, aunties and grandmas and special women in our lives.**

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 collection or to the parish

**THE ROSARY IS RECITED IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH** at 12.00noon before the 12.30pm mass each Wednesday. If you have a special intention, please phone Stephanie 0408 798 174. You are welcome to come & join us in prayer to Our Lady. Followed by;



**THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB** held in the Parish meeting room, after the 12.30 pm Mass, you are all welcome. Please bring a plate to share. **See you there.**



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.

**God bless from your local Vinnies Team**



**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/](http://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](mailto:admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au). An application form can also be found at the back of the Church.

**GLORIA....** Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

**Prayer to St Thomas the Apostle** Almighty and everlasting God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through

**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.

**ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:** Are you in the St Thomas' Parish Planned Giving Program? Would you like to join the Program? When you join, you will assist the Finance Committee in planning for the Parish's future on-going costs. If you would like to lend your support in this way, please phone Prue at the Parish Office on 9384 0598 during office hours, or fill in one of the direct debit forms available at the back of the church. **Please email me to forward one to you. Thanks Prue**

**First Reading:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

**The Word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 46:2-3. 6-9. R. v.6

**(R.)** God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

1. All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth. **(R.)**
2. God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations; God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 1:17-23.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Gospel Acclamation:** Matthew 28:19. 20

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark 16:15-20

Jesus showed himself to the Eleven and said to them, 'Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation. He who believes and is baptised is saved; he who does not believe will be condemned. These are the signs that will be associated with believers: in my name they will cast out devils; they will have the gift of tongues; they will pick up snakes in their hands, and be unharmed should they drink deadly poison; they will lay their hands on the sick, who will recover.' And so the Lord Jesus, after he had spoken to them, was taken up into heaven: there at the right hand of God he took his place, while they, going out, preached everywhere, the Lord working with them and confirming the word by the signs that accompanied it.

**The Gospel of the Lord**

