

CLAREMONT WA

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Saturday Vigil:

5.30pm Childrens'

Mass

Sunday: 7.30am and

9.30am

All other Masses and Reconciliation have been cancelled.

Wed: 12.30pm
Communion Service



29th Sunday Ordinary Time Year A October 21-22 2023

Next Weekend's Readings:
30th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Ex 22:20-26, 1 Thes 1: 5-10 Matthew 22: 34-40





Dear Parish family, I use the word family with great joy. Word has come to me that you are all pulling together whilst I am away to make the parish a wonderful community. For many years I have called us and invited you to become a parish family, it brings me

great happiness to see that evolving.

When I do come home there will be some procedures put in place to protect me and my health, so this means I am unable to have visitors into my home, with some exceptions. I know you are all with me and soon when I get stronger you might see me walking around the building to get my strength up. Thank you all for your prayers and love for my sister Maureen and all my family in the Eastern States this means so much that you are with us. Celebrate our Parish family of St Thomas. Fr Wayne

This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;

Teena for her second job and Donal for his first job. Margaret Dolin and Fr Wayne

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

For Mass times in the neighborhood contact.

NEDLANDS PARISH -

Nedlands@perthcatholic.org.au 9386 1870

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ST THOMAS MOORE - web site wwwstmc.uwa.edu.au 9386 0111



Thank you to the Very Reverand Fr Peter Whitely VG who has offered his time to our Parish this last few month. Fr Peter Whitely has received the children from St Thomas' primary school and

Parish children for Reconciliation during the week. We thank you Fr Peter for your marvellous contribution to our Parish.

Please keep taking precautions by washing your hands with the sanitizer provided in the church.



West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO) is seeking accommodation for a Ukrainian family (mother and young daughter). If you are able to assist or advise, please contact

wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au or ring 0413 623 949. Many thanks, Dcn Greg Lowe.

Please note that the submission date for the **BJ Hickey Scholarship has been extended to Friday, 17 November, 5pm.** To access the scholarship application details and the new digital Scholarship Application Form, please visit the Scholarships page on the Centre for Faith Enrichment website. The scholarships are for Biblical studies of any length and at any level. You don't need to be an academic – just someone with a desire to further their knowledge of Scripture and to help others with that knowledge. For all related inquries, please email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au or call 9278 0261 Kind regards, Dr Marco Ceccarelli Director - Centre for Faith Enrichment



Jesus and the Pharisees

The gospel of Matthew tends to treat the Pharisees rather harshly. In fact they had more in common with Jesus' style of teaching than other religious groups of the time and some have suggested that Jesus may even have been quite closely associated with the Pharisees. The role of the Pharisees was to interpret the Torah – the Law – for everyday people. They were teachers and preachers who often had a group of disciples who were their followers. The community in which the gospel of Matthew was written regarded the Pharisees harshly because they saw Jesus – not the Pharisees - as the rightful interpreter of the Law.

HAPPENINGS IN THE DIOCESE 24 Oct SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION TRAINING - LEVEL 1 Safeguarding Induction Training Level 1, for Church Workers paid or unpaid. Tuesday 24 October 7pm, Online. To register, https://safeguarding.perthcatholic.org.au/training/#induction.

- 25 Oct 08 Nov THE WORD OF THE LORD: EXPLORING SCRIPTURES Wednesdays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm, Bateman Parish, 100 Dean Road, Bateman Parish. This course offers a general overview of Scripture and its significance for *CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Knowledge*. Suggested donation \$20.00. Presenter, Dr Peter Christofides. *to register*, Click Here, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or 08 9278 0261.
- 27 Oct ROSARY PROCESSION AROUND LAKE MONGER Friday 27 October 7pm, Our Lady's Rosary Procession around Lake Monger will take place leaving from the gazebo, down from the Dodd Street Carpark. All are welcome to come along and join in the praying of the Rosary as we walk around the lake. Please bring a torch. *Further info;* Rosemary Bennett 0421 580 783.
- 27 Oct 17 Nov TOUGH QUESTIONS FOR CATHOLICS: HOW YOU CAN BUILD FAITH & UNDERSTANDING Fridays, 10am to 11.30am, (4 sessions), Newman Siena Centre (Clune Lecture Theatre). *CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Faith Formation.* Cost: \$35.00. Presenter, Mr Joe Tedesco. *register,* Click Here, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 9278 0261.
- 28 Oct SOCIAL DANCE EVENING ST ANTHONY'S PARISH St Anthony's Parish will be hosting a Social Dance Evening on Saturday 28 October, 7pm to 10pm at St Anthony's Parish, Wanneroo. BYO food and drink. Click Here for flyer and tickets. Further info; Sean McDonagh 0431 018 388, or Parish Office 08 9405 1110.
- 28 Oct SPRING FAIR CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD Saturday 28 October 1pm to 5pm Catechesis of the Good Shepherd, 27 Lalor Street Scarborough. Fundraising family event. Enjoy our sausage sizzle, homemade baked goods, handmade items, plants, children's activities and more. For more information contact Marie Fernandez at goodshepherdwa@cgswa.org.au
- 28 Oct HEALING MASS VOICE OF THE VOICELESS MINISTRY The next Healing Mass and Adoration of Voice of the Voiceless Ministry of St John Paul II will be held on Saturday, 28 October, Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, 43 Camberwell Street, East Victoria Park. Songs of worship and praise will commence at 11.30am to be followed by Mass at 12noon. Visitors are welcome to attend. *Further info:* Cathy 0419 162 544.
- 31 Oct INFORMATION EVENING WHAT IS THE CATECHESIS OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD? Tuesday 31 October 7.30pm to 9.30pm, 27 Lalor Street, Scarborough. of the Good Shepherd and our approach to faith formation of children and adults in this evening. Supper is included in the evening. Further info or to register contact Marie Fernandez at goodshepherdwa@cgswa.org.au.
- 07 Nov 28 Nov UNDERSTANDING THE TRINITY Tuesdays, 7.30pm to 8.30pm, (4 sessions) Balcatta Parish 392 Albert Street, Balcatta. revelation in the this *CEWA Ongoing Renewal: this course has been approved for Knowledge*. Suggested donation: \$20.00. Presenter: Mr Joe Tedesco. *Further info or to register, Click Here*, email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au, or call 08 9278 0261.



Warm Condolences to the family of Margaret Dolin who passed away recently. We send our prayers to you all. Fr Wayne and Parishioners.



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 See you here! of St Thomas the Apostle.



THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB: Come & join us after the 12.30pm Communion Service on Wednesdays for a light lunch & friendly fellowship in the parish centre. All welcome to come along. See you there. We will be having our usual Melbourne lunch November



catholicTHIS WEEKEND October 21-22 Thank you for your prayers and generous response to this year's Catholic Mission Appeal. You are helping our medical missionaries provide life saving healthcare to the vulnerable in East Timor Appeal. You are helping our medical Reach out. Give life and throughout the world. If you missed the opportunity last week, go online at www.catholicmission.org.au/timor to make a donation. If you

would like to know about what's involved in volunteering through Catholic Mission. Email director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au



Parish Praver 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.



At present we are preparing toilet bags for Christmas as gifts to men, if you are able to donate appropriate products we will be most appreciative. (new only please) Thank you to those who keep us supplied.' Our fundraising sausage sizzle is at Bunnings Claremont on sat 21/10/23. So come and enjoy! Vinnies team





PLEASE remember to turn you phone off or on silent when in the church. Thank you.



New Planned Giving Envelope as from November can now be collected from the table at the entrance of the Church. Please let me know if you would like to change to Direct Debit.

Do we have your email address? If you have changed your email address, please let us know by contacting us at our email address: 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.

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
<u>PS</u> : If you would like to join the St Thomas' Parish Planned Giving Programme and give your financial support to the Parish, please tick this <u>box</u> 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.	

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS....

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing. The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: (R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

- O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory 1. and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)
- 2. The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)
- Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of 3. his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)
- Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is 4. king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction. The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to

you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God. The Gospel of the Lord.

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.

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.