



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.



*At our beautiful Cathedral, St Mary's, we have a very enthusiastic band of volunteers who conduct tours to schools, public and private organizations as well as the general public. This voluntary Ministry*

*was founded in February 2011 and has grown over the years from two to eight tour guides; however, we are looking to increase our numbers. On Tuesday 20th February at 10.30 am we will be conducting a tour followed by a light morning tea in the Cathedral's Parish Centre. The aim of this "Open Day" is for those individuals who are perhaps retired or are available during the week and would like to find out more of what is involved, to come along to the fact-finding event. You will be able to ask questions, meet the other guides and perhaps decide to join us. Your commitment would only be determined by your availability and may be just one tour every month or so for approximately 1½ hours. Of course, all necessary training and resources are provided. To register your attendance, or for more information, please call Carol Wright, Tour Guide Co Ordinator on 0419 948 411 Email: [clwright@bigpond.net.au](mailto:clwright@bigpond.net.au).*



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.

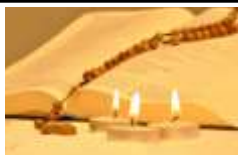
Please join us after the 7.30am and 9.30am Masses for a 'cuppa' in the parish centre. Say hello to Father, meet some new/old friends, sit down and have a chat. Please become part of the family of St Thomas the Apostle. See you here!



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

**All welcome** See you there.

**THE ROSARY IS RECITED IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH** 12.00noon followed with Mass 12.30 mass each Wednesday. If you have a special intention, please phone Stephanie 0408 798 174. You are welcome to come & join us in prayer.



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;  
**Fr Wayne and Tess and John McGinity**  
If your 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.



**CLAREMONT WA**

**Parish Priest:**

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**Safeguarding Officers—Contact Nos:**

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Ms Janet Payton: 0438 212 053

**MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:**

**Tue: 9.00am Mass**

**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**



**Next Weekend's Readings:**  
**3rd Sunday of LENT Year B**  
**Exodus 20 :1-17 Psalm 18:8-11 1 Cor 1:22-25**

**2nd Sunday in LENT year B**  
**February 24/25 2024**



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 0417 985 992. Thank you.

### EASTER EGGS FOR ROMILY

**HOUSE....** It is time again to start donating Easter Eggs for the residents of Romily House. There will be a box at the back of the Church, which is checked regularly. Many thanks on behalf of the residents. **Maureen Gardner: 9389 8289**

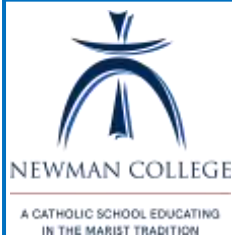


### St Thomas Parish Sacramental Enrolment 2024...

Enrolments are now open for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. To attend preparation classes for these sacraments (this applies to students not attending a Catholic school) or to receive a sacrament in the Parish (for students being prepared at a Catholic school) please contact Silvia Kinder for a registration form. **Enrolments close on February 29.**

[silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au](mailto:silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au)

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



### NEWMAN COLLEGE Applications now open – Kindy 2026 and Year 7 2027

Enrolments are now open for our two major intake years - Kindy and Year 7. Now is the time to submit your child's application should you wish for them to join Newman College. Interviews will take place over the coming months and we encourage all families who are yet to submit their applications to do so as soon as possible. If you have any queries regarding enrolment, would like to request a copy of the Application for Enrolment form or would like further information on the College

please contact [registrar@newman.wa.edu.au](mailto:registrar@newman.wa.edu.au)



### 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 4-7pm 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 also just pay a visit.

The Shenton Christian YouthCARE Council is having its first **Movie film fundraiser at the Windsor on Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> March** at 6 for 6.30pm. The Great Escaper (M) starring Sir Michael Cain and the late Glenda Jackson. At the Windsor Theatre Pre purchase your ticket and help support our Chaplains contact Catherine 0429 307 445.



### 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.



After the birth of her children, 22 yr. old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call Centre to support her family.

**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.**

Dear Parish Family, Firstly let me say a big thank you for your prayers the lovely cards I have received. It has been a sad time not only for myself, and my family but also for you all. To my brother Wayne you also were his family. I was sad to say goodbye and lay him to rest. He will always be remembered in our hearts and when we look up he will be the brightest star. All stay strong and help and support each other and help Fr Richard. I know this is what Fr Wayne would want. When I do go home I won't forget his parish family.  
From my family, God bless you all Maureen.

We have a wheelchair and a walker in the office for anyone who requires either or them. Both in good condition.



#### WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 1 MARCH 10.00am

Everyone is invited to celebrate the annual *World Day of Prayer* next Friday in an ecumenical service at: **Church of St Andrew Cnr of Stirling Hwy & Napier St Nedlands.**



Heartbreakingly, this year's service was prepared over the past 4 years, well before 7 October, by an ecumenical group of Palestinian Christian women who chose the theme of Peace. They wrote the service in response to the passage in Ephesians 4: 1-7 calling on us to *bear with each other in love, despite all difficulties and oppression.*

#### Valuable Volunteers

##### Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion

St John of God Hospital Subiaco is seeking Volunteers to take Holy Communion to patients. Our Volunteers are an integral part of our patient care team and many have found this a worthwhile ministry. Just 2-3 hours every so often would make an enormous difference to our patients and their families. Positions available any day of the week.



#### PATHWAY PROGRAM

Our new 2024 Pathway Program is now open for enrolment. The pathway program is a collaboration between the *Centre for Faith Enrichment* (CFE) and the *University of Notre Dame Australia* (UNDA). It is aimed at offering students an opportunity to obtain formal recognition of theological studies. Visit <https://cfe.org.au/pathway-program/> or scan the QR code to find out more.



#### 2024 A YEAR OF SPIRITUAL GROWTH

Make 2024 your dedicated year for spiritual enrichment and understanding. At the *Centre for Faith Enrichment*, the adult faith formation agency of the Archdiocese of Perth, we offer daytime, evening, face-to-face and online courses on a variety of topics linked to the richness of our Catholic tradition, including Theology, Scripture, Church History, Christology, Christian Anthropology and much more. Join us on this enlightening journey! <https://cfe.org.au/courses-events/>



**Do we have your email address?** If you have changed your email address, please let us know by contacting us at [claremont@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto: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.

**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.  
**REQUEST. Direct Debit Forms are available from the parish office, or the back of the church. Please email me to forward one to you. Thanks Prue**

**Please use only RED Planned Giving Envelopes they run from November 2023. If you are using Green envelopes please contact me.**

**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, she can arrange for you to make your contributions by direct debit.



## THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS...

**First Reading:** A reading from the book of Genesis God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.' When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Responsorial Psalm: (R.)** I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. **(R.)**
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. **(R.)**
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. **(R.)**

**Second Reading:** A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us. spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Gospel Acclamation:**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:  
this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**Gospel:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.



**The Gospel of the Lord**