



CLAREMONT WA PARISH BULLETIN

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Tue: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 12.30pm Mass

Thu: 9.00am Mass

Fri: No 9.00am Mass

Sat: 9.00am Mass

Saturday: 5.30pm Family Mass

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am and 6.30pm Mass

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 8.15-8.45am



**15th Sunday ordinary Time Year A
15-16 July 2023**



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

Kylie Harrison and Elaine Brockwell

If you wish to dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp for a week, please put the details and \$10 in an envelope and place it in the collection basket.

THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB: Come and join us after the 12.30pm Mass each Wednesday for a light lunch and friendly fellowship in the parish centre. All welcome to come along. See you there. **Fr Wayne**



THE ROSARY IS RECITED IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH at 12.00noon each Wednesday. If you have a special intention, please phone Stephanie on 0408 798 174. You are very welcome to come and join us in prayer to Mary.

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.



We welcome into the parish community

Josephine Anna GODRICH

We ask for God's blessing upon her and her family as they journey through life, with Jesus beside them.



We welcome Father Philip this weekend, who is celebrating all the Sunday masses for us to allow Fr Wayne to have a bit of a rest and get over his cold. Please make him welcome and say hello.



Next Week's Readings:

16th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr A

Wis 12:13, 16-19 Rom 8:26-27 Mt 13: 24-30

Archdiocesan Marriage Mass, Saturday, August 19 @ 10am, St Mary's Cathedral.
All parishioners are warmly invited to attend this special Mass. A blessing will be bestowed on ALL married couples who attend. In addition, do you know a couple celebrating a milestone anniversary 10, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45 or 50+ years of marriage? The Bishops would like to give these couples a special commemorative certificate as part of the celebration. Couples can register for a milestone anniversary certificate at
<https://bit.ly/marriagemass2023>.

But Some Fell On Rich Soil

The elderly woman down the street from us spends as much time as she can in her garden - and it shows. She can get plants to grow that none of her neighbours can. "I spend a lot of time preparing the soil," she says. She is constantly adding garden waste and kitchen scraps to her compost bin, stirring it up, keeping it moist, making sure there's the right mixture of "browns" and "greens" layered over one another. A few times a year she harvests the dark, rich soil at the bottom of her compost heap and spreads it around her garden where the existing soil is hard, full of clay, or rocky. Her grandchildren come to stay with her on the weekends from time to time, and she puts them to work in the garden. They seem to enjoy it. She lets them pick flowers and place them before the small statue of Mary in the backyard. While they work, she tells them stories about Saint Francis, whose statue stands across the way from Mary. At noon she sets up lunch on the patio. They all bow their heads and say a quick prayer before they devour their carefully prepared meal. On Sundays she dresses them up and brings them with her to early Mass and then home to a big breakfast. This is something new for them because I don't believe their parents attend church too frequently and religious practice is usually an afterthought for them. But it matters to Grandma. After all, she knows how crucial it is to prepare the soil.



Next Sunday 23rd July we celebrate World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. We will offer all our masses that weekend for our Grandparents and the Elderly of the parish, asking God to watch over them and protect them. Let us remember them all next weekend.

GRANDPARENTS

"If you are lucky enough to still have grandparents, visit them, cherish them and celebrate them while you can."

Grandparents, with their gentle presence and heartfelt advice, hold a special place in our hearts. They are a family's greatest treasure and the family's strong foundation. They can pass on important family traditions and life stories that a grandchild will not only relish when young but will grow to appreciate even more over time. Grandparents have a magical ability to create a safe and nurturing space where their grandchildren feel cherished and accepted. In their embrace, grandchildren find comfort and understanding as they offer a listening ear, a shoulder to cry on and a wealth of wisdom from a lifetime of experiences. Loving grandparents celebrate the smallest achievements and shower their grandchildren with endless pride and encouragement. They instil a sense of belonging and self-worth, which builds confidence and resilience. Grandparents provide an unwavering support system, empowering their grandchildren to dream big and reach for the stars. The love of a grandparent is immeasurable.

"Dear God, bless our cherished grandparents with love, health and happiness. Thank you for the wisdom, care and unconditional love they bring into our lives. May our time together be filled with joy and precious memories. Amen."

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.**

Dear Parishioners, We like to keep our parish records up to date so please let us know if your details have changed. Please email or post us any changes to : claremont@perthcatholic.org.au
Please complete the Census Form found at the entrance to the church and place it in the collection plate or the letterbox. Your information is confidential. If you would like the bulletin as well as the latest Archdiocesan information emailed out each Friday let us know. Thank you to those who have submitted new Census forms of updated their details. *Fr Wayne.*



Dear parishioners, I know you are very generous in your donations of food to the Vinnies. But can I please ask you **not to put outdated or opened food in the vinnies box but in the bin**. The Vinnies have to go through it all and throw it out. What are you saying when you do this? How would you feel if you received a food parcel from Vinnies with outdated or open food stuffs? Please think about what you

Please Note: Under the Privacy Act we are not permitted to give out phone numbers or addresses for parishioners. Thank You. Fr Wayne

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM You might like to give some thought in making your weekly donation to the Parish via **Planned Giving Envelopes placed into the 2nd collection or via Direct Debit**. If you would like to make your donation through the Direct Debit please complete the form opposite and return to the office or you give it to Fr Wayne or place in the letterbox. Contact Prue at the Parish Office on 9384 0598 if you need any more information. *Thank you.*



WHILST IN THE CHURCH use the sanitiser at all time. Thank you for keeping everyone safe. Its appreciated. **PLEASE** remember to turn your phone off or on silent when in the church. Thanks



'Thank you for a huge response for donations to the pantry. We are well stocked as a result but that will not last. Coles and Woolworth vouchers are often requested by our clients to enable them to buy fresh food which we are unable to stock, Thankyou for your ongoing generous support. Vinnies team.



Our new web site is almost complete, and will be active soon. It is much more easier to use and streamlined. Many Thanks to Jerek Joesph .

Please be alert for any spamming as we have had some parishioners being affected. If your email address is bigpond we are not able to email your bulletin. This is being looked into by CDF and hopefully will be sorted soon.

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 prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.' **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm (R.) The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain. **(R.)**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows,
you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth. **(R.)**
3. You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **(R.)**
4. The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **(R.)**

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

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free. **The Word of the Lord.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the Sower;
all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' **The Gospel of the Lord**

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.**

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.**