



The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year B: Aug 31/Sept 1 2024

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MASS

Tues	9.30am
Wed	12.30pm
Thurs	9.30am
Fri	9.30am

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am

RECONCILIATION: Sat: 4:30pm

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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!



Next Weekend's Readings
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Isaiah 35:4-7

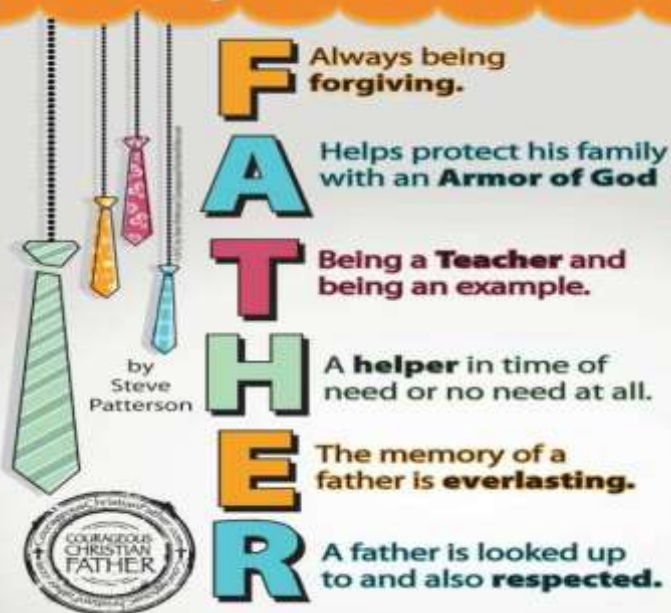
Ps 145:7-10

James 2:1-5

Mark 7:31-37

Happy Fathers Day

Acronym for Father



14 Sep LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR - SEASON OF CREATION Christians around the world will be praying and caring for creation as it is the "Season of Creation" from **Sunday 1 September to Friday 4 October**. The Little Sisters of the Poor will host A Day of Prayer on **Saturday 14 September 9.30am to 5.30pm** to join the rest of the world. **Further info;** email Sr. Mary Lourdes, srmarylourdes11@gmail.com or 0404 610 773.

14 Sep BENEDICTINE - MOVING ON - DEALING WITH LOSS, PAIN AND SEPARATION Loss, pain and separation are realities of our human condition which can be difficult to deal with. This one-day retreat will focus on equipping oneself spiritually to move on from darkness into light and from fear to hope, and to find God's grace at work even in the most heart-breaking events of life. Presenter, Fr. Robert Nixon, OSB. Please visit New Norcia's webshop to book: <https://shop.newnorcia.com.au>.



INVITATION TO THE ROSARY WHICH 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 most welcome to come and join us for a light lunch in the Parish Centre following Mass and Rosary **See you there.**





If you have any news to share please forward to Prue: Claremont@perthcatholic.org.au

•**COMMUNION AT HOME.** *If you or someone you know are not able to church and would like a Eucharist Minister to visit each weekend please contact Fr Richard, Prue or Margaret Sweetman. Each month Fr Richard visits Montgomery House, Alfred Carson and Queenslea, in our area for Anointing and Communion. If you have friends or family members who reside in either of these care facilities please let them know.*

Bishop of the Bush

The amazing story of Bishop Rosendo Salvado, founder of New Norcia. In words, pictures and gorgeous music. Perth Symphony Orchestra, with narrator **John Kinder** one of our talented parishioner. **Tickets online:** google '**Bishop of the Bush**'



HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC SOMEDAY? COME ALONG ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:15PM IN THE PARISH CENTRE.

To become a Catholic is to take a firm stance about one's beliefs, one's practices, and one's way of life. It is even more than that, actually. Becoming a Catholic means encountering and embracing Jesus Christ in the fullness of His teaching and presence. Therefore, the choice to become a Baptised and Confirmed believer united to Jesus by the gift of the Holy Eucharist, can only be made after careful preparation and spiritual strengthening. The process is called the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults," or R.C.I.A. **PLEASE CONTACT FR RICHARD THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION**

Catholic Earthcare Convocation 2024 Dates: 12th to 14th September. Join us for the Catholic Earthcare Convocation in 2024 as we come together to 'wonder,' 'weave,' and 'heal' creation. **Thursday 12th & Friday 13th September:** Online sessions with keynote presentations, workshops, and spiritual experiences. **Saturday 14th September:** Join us in person at diocesan hubs across the country to put our learnings into action. The Perth hub will be held at the Catholic Pastoral Centre, 40A Mary Street, Highgate.



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. Thank you sincerely for your support at our Quiz night, a fun night was had by all. Thank you. **God bless from your local Vinnies Team**



ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: You are invited to join St Thomas' Parish Planned Giving Program? You can contribute Direct Debit or through the weekly envelope system. When joining the Programme the Finance Committee can plan 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**

Just a reminder the first collection is for the Priests in the diocese including Fr Richard. The second collection is for our Parish upkeep and costs.

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.

ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL
PROUDLY INVITES YOU TO

'AROUND The WORLD'

A celebration of student art, music and performance.



Thursday
12th September 2024
1pm -4pm



For catering purposes, please scan the QR Code
with your mobile as a "RSVP Attending".
Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

Donations accepted at entry.

St Thomas' Primary School, 8 Warden Street, Claremont 6010.



WBC24 Family Conference and Special Event with Dr. John Bergsma - Just 2 Weeks Away!

Taking place from 12-14 September 2024, this three-day event is centered on the theme "Beloved: We love, because he first loved us" (1 John 4:19). You will experience an exceptional lineup of speakers including Dr. John Bergsma, Simon and Madeline Carrington, and Fr. Christian Iradi.

The conference offers a grace-filled program featuring daily Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and the Liturgy of the Hours. A highlight will be the Family Consecration Ceremony, providing families a beautiful opportunity to dedicate themselves to the Holy Family. Whether you're single, dating, engaged, married, or discerning your vocation, WBC24 offers valuable insights for your faith journey. As an exciting addition, we're hosting a special event with Dr. John Bergsma on Friday, September 13, from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart Highgate.

Entitled "Sacred Text and Spiritual Time," Dr. Bergsma, the world's leading authority on Biblical Jubilee, will speak on Scripture, Prayer, and the Jubilee Year. This session is particularly timely as we prepare for the 2025 Jubilee Year declared by Pope Francis.

Don't miss these incredible opportunities to deepen your faith! Register for the WBC24 Family Conference at www.evangelisationaustralia.com/events. For information and registration for Dr. Bergsma's special event, visit <https://bit.ly/bergsma2024>

Lord, we thank You for the gift of fathers. May they feel appreciated, valued, and loved. Fill their hearts with Your peace and joy. Amen.



AVE MARIA RECITAL - ORGAN AND VOCAL RECITAL

Sunday 8 September 2.30pm to 3.45pm, St Mary's Cathedral, Perth. A bouquet of music for our Heavenly Mother in celebration of her birthday. Enjoy exciting organ works and vocal solos/duets - with Schubert's sublime 'Ave Maria'. Admission free. Further info; Jacinta on music.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au or

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.**

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 him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**

First Reading: A reading from the book of Deuteronomy [4:1-2, 6-8](#)

Moses said to the people: 'Now, Israel, take notice of the laws and customs that I teach you today, and observe them, that you may have life and may enter and take possession of the land that the Lord the God of your fathers is giving you. You must add nothing to what I command you, and take nothing from it, but keep the commandments of the Lord your God just as I lay them down for you. Keep them, observe them, and they will demonstrate to the peoples your wisdom and understanding. When they come to know of all these laws they will exclaim, "No other people is as wise and prudent as this great nation." And indeed, what great nation is there that has its gods so near as the Lord our God is to us whenever we call to him? And what great nation is there that has laws and customs to match this whole Law that I put before you today?' **The Word of The Lord**

Responsorial Psalm: [Ps 14:2-5](#). R. v.1

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

1. Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart. **(R.)**
2. He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord. **(R.)**
3. He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St James [James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27](#)

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created. Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves. Pure, unspoilt religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The Word of The Lord

Gospel Acclamation: [James 1:18](#)

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to [Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23](#)

You forget the commandments of God and hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture: This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations. You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions. 'He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

The Gospel of The Lord

