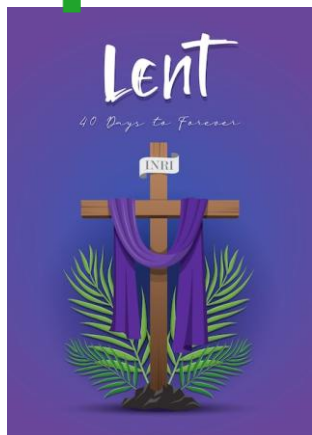


# St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

1 March 2026

### This Week's Feasts:

Weds 4<sup>th</sup> Mar **St Casimir**

Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Mar **St Perpetua & St Felicity**

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### **Masses and Devotions**

Sunday	7.30am	Mass
	9.30am	Mass
Tuesday	12.30pm	Mass
Wednesday	12.00pm	Rosary
	12.30pm	Mass (lunch in meeting room)
Thursday	12.30pm	Mass
Friday	11.30am	Eucharistic Adoration
	12.30pm	Mass
Saturday	5.00pm	Reconciliation
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass

*Pope Leo XIV March Prayer Intention*  
For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

## **SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A**

**Entrance Antiphon** (Cf Psalm 26:8-9)

*Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.*

*It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;*

*hide not your face from me.*

**First Reading** (Genesis 12:1-4)

A reading from the book of Genesis

*The call of Abraham, the father of God's people.*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:

I will curse those who slight you.

All the tribes of the earth

shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Responsorial Psalm** (Psalm 32:4-5, 18-20, 22)

**(R.)** *Lord, let your mercy be on us,*

*as we place our trust in you.*

1. The word of the Lord is faithful  
and all his works to be trusted.  
The Lord loves justice and right  
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him,  
on those who hope in his love,  
to rescue their souls from death,  
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord.  
The Lord is our help and our shield.  
May your love be upon us, O Lord,  
as we place all our hope in you. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** (2 Timothy 1:8-10)

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

*God has saved us, and called us to be holy.*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own

grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

*The word of the Lord*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Acclamation** (Matthew 17:5)

*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** (Matthew 17:1-9)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*His face shone like the sun.*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

*Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

**Communion Antiphon** (Matthew 17:5)

*This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;  
listen to him.*

## **NEWS & EVENTS**

### **PROJECT COMPASSION**

This Lent, we invite all parishioners to support Project Compassion, a wonderful initiative by Caritas Australia. Through prayer, generosity, and small acts of sacrifice, we can help transform lives and bring hope to communities in need. Please join us in giving this Lenten season. Envelopes and donation boxes are available around the church to be returned at Easter. Use the QR code to donate online.



### **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

#### **Fridays During Lent @ 7pm, St Thomas Church**

Parishioners are warmly invited to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7pm. Come reflect, pray, and walk with Christ this Lenten season.

### **ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS**

Vinnies has recently expanded its service area to include North Fremantle and is experiencing a shortage of food pantry items. They would appreciate donations of non-perishable foods such as cereal, long-life milk, rice, jams, biscuits, sweets, tea and coffee, and tinned meals, fish, vegetables and soups.

### **WORLD PRAYER DAY**

#### **Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Mar @ 10am— St Aidan's Uniting Church, Claremont**

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian service held annually on the first Friday in March. Begun in 1887, it brings women together in prayer and action for women around the world. This year's service focuses on Nigeria—please join us.

### **NEXT RCIA MEETING**

#### **Weds 11<sup>th</sup> March @ 7pm - Parish Meeting Room**

Parishioners are warmly welcomed to come along and support those who are enquiring about the Faith. The next session will be on The Sacraments of Service; Marriage, Holy Orders and the Consecrated Life All enquiries;

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### **ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:**

**Our parish relies on your generosity.** You're invited to join the St Thomas' Planned Giving Programme through: • Weekly envelopes • Direct debit • Bank transfer (**First Collection:** BSB:086006 ACC:773078600, **Second Collection:** BSB:086006 ACC:458537432)

The first collection supports the priests of the diocese, including our parish priest. The second collection supports parish upkeep and operating costs.

Next weekend's readings **Third Sunday of Lent, Year A**

Exodus 17:3-7, Psalm 94, Romans 5:1-2, 5-8, John 4:5-15, 19-26, 39-42