

# St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year C

**14 September 2025**

### This Week's Feasts:

Sun 14<sup>th</sup> Sept **Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

Mon 15<sup>th</sup> Sept **Our Lady of Sorrows**

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> Sept **St Cornelius & St Cyprian**

Sat 20<sup>th</sup> Sept **St Andrew Kim Taegon & St Paul Chong Hasang**

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### **Masses and Devotions**

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



**Jubilee 2025**  
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

“We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.”

POPE FRANCIS



## **TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C**

**Entrance Antiphon** (Galatians 6:14)

*We should glory in the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
in whom is our salvation, life and resurrection,  
through whom we are saved and delivered.*

**First Reading** (Numbers 21:4-9)

A reading from the book of Numbers

*When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.*

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.'

At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**Responsorial Psalm** (Psalm 77)

**(R.)** *Do not forget the works of the Lord!*

1. Give heed, my people, to my teaching;  
turn your ear to the words of my mouth.  
I will open my mouth in a parable  
and reveal hidden lessons of the past. **(R.)**
2. When he slew them then they would seek him,  
return and seek him in earnest.  
They would remember that God was their rock,  
God the Most High their redeemer. **(R.)**
3. But the words they spoke were mere flattery;  
they lied to him with their lips.  
For their hearts were not truly with him;  
they were not faithful to his covenant. **(R.)**
4. Yet he who is full of compassion  
forgave their sin and spared them.  
So often he held back his anger  
when he might have stirred up his rage. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading** (Philippians 2:6-11)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

*He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.*

The state of Jesus was divine,  
yet he did not cling  
to his equality with God  
but emptied himself  
to assume the condition of a slave,  
and became as men are;  
and being as all men are,  
he was humbler yet,  
even to accepting death,  
death on a cross.

But God raised him high  
and gave him the name  
which is above all other names  
so that all beings  
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,  
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus  
and that every tongue should acclaim  
Jesus Christ as Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*The word of the Lord Thanks be to God.*

## **Gospel Acclamation** (Psalm 118:135)

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,  
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.*

*Alleluia!*

## **Gospel** (John 3:13-17)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*The Son of Man must be lifted up.*

Jesus said to Nicodemus:

‘No one has gone up to heaven  
except the one who came down from heaven,  
the Son of Man who is in heaven;  
and the Son of Man must be lifted up  
as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert,  
so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.  
Yes, God loved the world so much

that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost  
but may have eternal life.

For God sent his Son into the world  
not to condemn the world,  
but so that through him the world might be saved.'

*The Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

**Communion Antiphon** (John 12:32)

*When I am lifted up from the earth,*

*I will draw everyone to myself, says the Lord.*

## **NEWS & EVENTS**

### **FR GARNERS BIRTHDAY PICNIC**

#### **Sunday September 14 after 9.30 Mass in the parish gardens**

Join us for a casual picnic to celebrate Father Garners birthday. Some refreshments will be provided, but please feel free to bring along some snacks to share.

### **TROUBADOURS OF A GOLDEN AGE CONCERT**

#### **Sunday September 14 @3pm – St Thomas School Hall**

Presented by the talented Tim Burrows, we invite you to join us for a afternoon of music from the British Isles during the 1960s and 1970s.

### **WORKING BEE**

#### **Change of date to next Saturday 20 SEPTEMBER 12-3pm**

Some clever parishioners noticed that we had set our working bee for the first weekend of the Royal Show *and* the day of the AFL grand final, whoops! As such we have changed the date to Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> of September. Please come along and give us a hand!

### **RCIA MEETING**

#### **Wednesday September 10 @ 7pm - Parish Meeting Room**

Parishioners are warmly welcomed to come along and support those who are enquiring about the Faith, this week on The Bible. All enquiries;

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Next weekend's readings **Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C**

Amos 8:4-7, Psalm 112, 1 Timothy 2:1-8, 2 Luke 16:10-13