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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Tue: No 9.00am Mass

Wed: No 9.00am Mass

Thu: No 9.00am Mass

Fri: No 9.00am Mass

Saturday: 5.30pm Family Mass

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am Mass

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 4.30-5.00pm

ADVENT CANDLE BLESSING AND PRAYER

Fr Wayne : O God, bless this Advent Candle, may it help us prepare to welcome Jesus, your Son into our world and lives, may the light of his love shine through us, for ever and ever. Amen.

[Fourth candle is lit.]

All pray: Lord Jesus, quiet the worries and fears in our hearts. Give us your peace. Thank you for the life you share with us. Help us to share your life with our brothers and sisters. Come Lord Jesus.



Christmas Mass Schedule

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES— DECEMBER 2023

Saturday 23rd December 5.30pm Mass

Sunday Morning 24th December 7.30 and 9.30am Mass

Sunday Evening 24 December—CHRISTMAS EVE:

5.00pm Christmas Carols 5.30pm Children's Mass

7.30pm Christmas Carols then 8.00pm Family Mass

Monday 25 December—CHRISTMAS DAY:

7.30am Family Mass and 9.30am Family Mass

Saturday, 30 December 5.30pm Mass

Sunday 31st December—New Years Eve 7.30, 9.30am
Mass 6.30pm Mass

Monday 1st January—NEW YEAR'S DAY:

8.00am Mass

Please Note: There will be no weekday masses from 2nd January through to 5th January to allow Fr Richard a bit of a rest. Mass will return on Saturday 6th for the 5.30pm evening mass.

This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;

For all parish families at Christmas



If you would like the lamp for a week, please put the persons details and \$10 in an envelope and hand to Prue in the Parish Office or in the mail box.

**PLEASE NOTE NO MORNING TEA AFTER THE
7.30 OR 9.30 AM MASSES CHRISTMAS DAY**



**The 4th Sunday of Advent Year B
DECEMBER 23-24 2023**

Next Weekend's Readings: The Holy Family

Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14; Col 3:12-21; Lk 2:22-40

Draw a picture of yourself doing something special for your family or friends during Christmas



Please keep taking precautions by washing your hands with the sanitizer provided in the church. If you are feeling unwell please wear a mask.



Do we have your email address? If you have changed your email address, please let us know by contacting us at our email address: 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.

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



Christmas offering envelopes are now available at the entrances to the church. On the back table and the side tables.

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 here!



Turkey/Chicken/Ham Tetrizzini with Almond Parmesan Topping—for those leftovers

Ingredients: 500g dry fusilli pasta, or other pasta of choice 3 cups diced leftover turkey/chicken/ham 1/4 cup finely diced pancetta or bacon 1 whole red capsicum, finely diced 1 cup sliced mushrooms 1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan **For the sauce** 2 cups whole milk 1 cup chicken stock 4 tbsp butter 3 cloves minced garlic 4 Tbsp flour 1/2 tsp coarsely ground black pepper 1/4 tsp ground nutmeg 1 tbsp chopped fresh oregano pinch of salt to season **For the topping** 1/2 cup ground almonds 1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan

Method: Start by cooking the pasta to al dente (or slightly under). Drain and set aside. In a large saucepan or small dutch oven, brown the pancetta until a little crispy. Remove from pan and set aside. Add the mushrooms and sauté them until they get some good brown colour. Set them aside with the pancetta and capsicum. **For the Sauce** In the microwave, scald the milk and stock almost to boiling In the saucepan or dutch oven that you cooked the pancetta and mushrooms, melt the butter and add the flour, black pepper, salt, nutmeg & garlic. Cook together over medium heat for 2 minutes until foamy. Whisking constantly, slowly pour in scalded milk and stock mixture in about three additions, allowing the sauce to thicken and come back to a simmer after each addition. Continue to cook for 2 more minutes stirring constantly. Butter an 8-10 cup casserole dish. In a large bowl, stir together the pasta, turkey, pancetta, mushrooms, capsicum and sauce. When well combined stir in the 1/2 cup finely grated Parmesan cheese. Pour into the prepared casserole dish. **To cook the Tetrizzini** Mix together the ground almonds and the other half cup of finely grated Parmesan. Sprinkle on the topping over the pasta mixture. Bake at 350 degrees for about 45 minutes or until bubbling well. Allow the tetrizzini to sit for 15-20 minutes before serving. This allows the pasta to absorb any excess moisture and thicken the sauce.



Whilst Prue is off on holidays, **Rossana** our previous secretary is going to look after the office for us and me. She will be in the office on Wednesday and Friday on 10th—19th January 2024. From 10.00am until 2.00pm. I know that you will make her welcome again into the parish. Her presence will make my life easier. Fr Wayne

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.

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The world in which we live and the events of which we are a part are the stage upon which the drama of salvation is enacted. God works through real flesh and blood people, those like David, who occupy the seats of power and influence as well as those like Mary and us, who are unseen and unknown. All can be agents of salvation. God's future is in our hands. Human history is really the history of salvation. Each turn of God's revealing causes us to wonder at what might come next. In this tension, mystery is revealed. What was hidden is now made known. Jesus establishes a people of covenant promise. Still, the mystery is unknown, for it continues to come to us from the future, revealing more and more of itself in the junctures of history. The waiting of Advent is over. In the face of the Impossible, God works the possible. During Advent, we have been waiting for the realisation of the promise made to David. We have been waiting for Mary's yes. With this yes, hope is enlivened, and history is changed. There is an unimaginable future for all people, a future that comes from God. Salvation is created among us, and the fate of history is altered by a godly presence. This salvation resides in the hearts of those who believe in the gift, and who stay awake eagerly to know its coming. With David we await it, with the nations we long for it, with Mary we behold it.



Dear Parish Family, We have come to the end of the Advent season and are on the cusp of the greatest event in human history. That wonderful gift that God gave us of His Son in the image of a tiny helpless child. A child that brought life, hope and love into the world. I pray that you all have a blessed Christmas, and the light of the Christmas Star shines in your homes and lives. Let us welcome the tiny Christ child the way that Mary and Joseph did, with love beyond all

telling. Be safe if you are travelling. Say a prayer for those less fortunate than you, especially those in the Ukraine and the Holy Land, may they know the peace of the Christ child. I'm planning a very quiet Christmas, especially after the 4th round of chemo last Thursday. Nice and easy, feet up, napping in the chair. I'll ring the family in Qld and have a chat, and on Boxing day my adoptive family will bring around the leftovers and we will catch up. May you all have a wonderful Christmas. **Fr Wayne**



A Prayer for Christmas Morning

The day of joy returns, Father in Heaven and crowns another year with peace and good will. Help us rightly to remember the birth of Jesus that we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds and the worship of the wise men.

Close the doors of hate and open the doors of love all over the world and let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting.

Deliver us from evil by the blessing that Christ brings and teach us to be merry with clean hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be Thy children And the Christmas evening bring us to our bed with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake.

Amen

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Employment Opportunity Assistant, The Shopfront (Permanent, Part-Time)

Archdiocesan outreach agency which offers friendship and practical assistance to people in need. The Assistant will work under the supervision of the Director for the day-to-day physical and practical requirements of the agency over an estimated 20 hours / 4 days per week to 25 hours / 5 days per week. A valid National Police Clearance will be required. To apply, submit your application on SEEK at <https://www.seek.com.au/job/72316500> by **Monday 15 January 2024**. We reserve the right to begin shortlisting and interviews prior to the closing date.



THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS....

First Reading: A reading from the second book of Samuel

Once David had settled into his house and the Lord had given him rest from all the enemies surrounding him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'Look, I am living in a house of cedar while the ark of God dwells in a tent'. Nathan said to the king, 'Go and do all that is in your mind, for the Lord is with you.' But that very night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: 'Go and tell my servant David, "Thus the Lord speaks: Are you the man to build me a house to dwell in? I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep, to be leader of my people Israel; I have been with you on all your expeditions; I have cut off all your enemies before you. I will give you fame as great as the fame of the greatest on earth. I will provide a place for my people Israel; I will plant them there and they shall dwell in that place and never be disturbed again; nor shall the wicked continue to oppress them as they did, in the days when I appointed judges over my people Israel; I will give them rest from all their enemies. The Lord will make you great; the Lord will make you a House. And when your days are ended and you are laid to rest with your ancestors, I will preserve the offspring of your body after you and make his sovereignty secure. I will be a father to him and he a son to me. Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me and your throne be established for ever."' **Word off the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm: *(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.*

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **(R.)**
2. 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever and set up your throne through all ages.' **(R.)**
3. He will say to me: 'You are my father, my God, the rock who saves me.'
I will keep my love for him always; for him my covenant shall endure. **(R.)**

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

Glory to him who is able to give you the strength to live according to the Good News I preach, and in which I proclaim Jesus Christ, the revelation of a mystery kept secret for endless ages, but now so clear that it must be broadcast to pagans everywhere to bring them to the obedience of faith. This is only what scripture has predicted, and it is all part of the way the eternal God wants things to be. He alone is wisdom; give glory therefore to him through Jesus Christ for ever and ever. Amen. **Word off the Lord**

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

Gospel off the Lord



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.