



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

Susie Kay and Yetta Hoes

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



An Australia Day Mass will be held this Friday, 26 January 2024 at 8.00am in the Church. All welcome as we pray for this great country of ours.

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!



St Thomas Parish Sacramental Enrolment 2024...

Enrolments are now open for the sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. To attend preparation classes for these sacraments (this applies to students not attending a Catholic school) or to receive a sacrament in the Parish (for students being prepared at a Catholic school) please contact Silvia Kinder for a registration form. Enrolments close on February 29.

silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au



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.

Next Weekend's Readings:

4th Sunday Ordinary Time Year B

Deut 18:15-20 1Cor 7:32-35 Mk 1:21-28



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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Tue: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 9.00am Mass

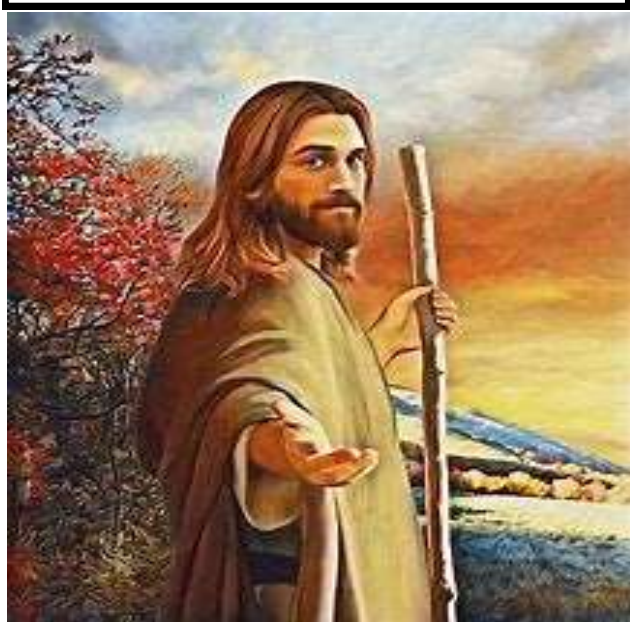
Thu: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 8.00am Mass - Australia Day

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Kids' Mass

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am

RECONCILIATION: Sat: 4.30pm -5.00pm



3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time:

Year B

January 20-21 2024

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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There are vacancies in some year levels for next year, give them a ring now, your children will thank you.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:

Are you in the St Thomas' Parish Planned Giving Program? Would you like to join the Program? When you join, you will assist the Finance Committee in planning 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. **REQUEST: Direct Debit Forms are available from the parish office, or the back of the church. Please email me to forward one to you. Thanks Prue**



Somebody kindly donated 5 x \$50 vouchers for "Everything Apple" to us. These would not be appropriate for our clients' needs. Could

anyone make us an offer for some or all of these vouchers so we can put the money to other purchases? Please contact: Henry 0417 985 992.

NEW PARISHIONERS, and those not so new, please complete the Census Cards which are available in the back of the Church (one for each member of your family) and hand the completed cards to Fr Wayne or one of the acolytes after Mass. It is very important for all new parishioners to register with the Parish and for existing parishioners to update their registration details so that the Parish Office is able to keep accurate records. Please be assured that **ALL INFORMATION WHICH YOU SUPPLY IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND FOR PARISH USE ONLY** in accordance with the Privacy Act of Australia 1997. **Please Note: That no phone numbers or personal details can be given out to any person ringing the parish office. It is against the law. Please do not ask, as refusal may offend.**
Fr Wayne
PS: please be sure to include your email address.

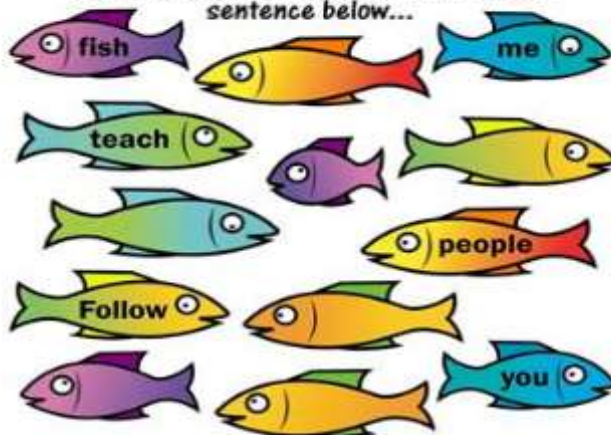


Today we reflect on the first and most important responsibility of discipleship, namely, evangelisation, the goal of which is the proclamation of the reign of God. God seems to choose the most unlikely people to preach to others. It does not matter who *brings* the good news, but who *receives* it. Jonah, the prophet,

was sent to outsiders, even enemies. The disciples were fishermen who spoke to the people of their own country. God's salvation is intended for all, and it seems to make little difference who brings this good news. Today's readings call for repentance. The grace of God requires a new way of living, a life of faith and commitment. The gospel invites us into the age of fulfilment, a salvific reign of truth, compassion and kindness. It is a way of life that leads to justice. There is an urgency in these readings. This world in its present form is passing away, and God's call demands a total response. Like the disciples, we must leave the familiarity of our former ways and follow the call that we have heard in the depths of our hearts. We are called first to enter the reign of God and then to spread it. As ambassadors of God, we bring the good news of salvation wherever we are and in whatever we do. Called by God, we now begin to live in a totally different way, guided by the values of the reign of God rather than those of the world that is passing away. **Dianne Bergant CSS**



Use the words in the fish to complete the sentence below...



_____ and I will _____
_____ to _____ for _____.

Quick and Easy Creamy Herb Chicken with Sun-Dried Tomatoes Servings: 4 servings

Ingredients For The Chicken: 3-4 Chicken Breasts Boneless Skinless 2 Teaspoons Salt 2 Teaspoons Garlic Powder 2 Teaspoons Italian Seasoning 1 Teaspoon Parsley Dried **For The Sauce:** 1 Tablespoon Butter 1/2 Cup Tomatoes Oil Packed Sun-Dried 4 cloves garlic minced 1 Cup Mushrooms Sliced 1 Teaspoon Italian Seasoning 1 Cup Cream 1/4 Cup Parmesan Cheese Freshly Grated Salt and Pepper to taste 1 Teaspoon Cornflour 1 Tablespoon Water **Method:** Coat chicken breasts with the salt, onion and garlic powders and Italian herbs. Heat a **Cast Iron Skillet** over medium high heat with a drizzle of olive oil. Place chicken, breast side down in the pan. Cook chicken breasts until opaque and no longer pink inside (about 5-7 minutes each side). Transfer to a plate. In the same skillet, heat the butter and pour off some of the oil from the sun-dried tomatoes, about 2 teaspoons, adding extra olive oil if you don't have enough. Add the mushrooms and sauté for 3 minutes. Add the garlic, with seasonings and a dash of salt, for about 1 minute, or until fragrant. Add the sun-dried tomatoes and stir quickly. Stir in cream and cheese; season with salt and pepper, to taste. Bring to a boil and while whisking, add the cornflour mixture to the centre of the pan until sauce has thickened slightly. Reduce heat, add the chicken and simmer gently while the sauce thickens. Sprinkle the chicken with parsley or dried parsley if desired, spooning the sauce over the breasts. Serve with mash, steamed rice or your favorite pasta.

A PRAYER FOR AUSTRALIA

Let's thank our God for the gift of this hot, dry continent, a land glorious with the blessing of light and sun, yet wondrously cooled by a gentle Freo doctor or a southerly wind coming after days of scorching heat. We thank God for this strange, mystical terrain surrounded by mighty oceans where water is sacred and rainfall is sparse, yet floods can inundate and destroy. This relentless land of bush fire, drought and flooding rain. A land which chooses its gifts and gives them in its own time as a surprise – a moon dancing over King's Park, a river gum standing proudly in a creek bed, dry as a chip, majestic waves from a southern sea crashing against Rottne Island. Let's thank God for its people, those who seek refuge from a broken world, those who hold the dreamtime in their memory and those of us scattered through this continent who simply cherish and delight in that name, Australian, a people who often feel impelled to respond with a joke when facing life's most serious challenges. We live in cities that can be tough as teak on those who lead broken lives. We live in rural country sides crackling with drought and fire, mind-sapping erosion and bursting fertility. Yet may we be a people who never forget our fortunate life and who quietly share our gifts with compassion and an ever-deepening humanity. This day especially let us be moved by this majestic island we call our home, its beauty and its humanity. its play and its story, its mystery and its peace and help us all to understand our place within its miracle.

Amen.

- Tony Doherty



From my Window.... Dear Parish Family, this week has been both a joy with having my family here with me, but also a week of feeling utterly terrible due to Chemo. I was hoping my body was getting used to the chemicals, but it's having a rough time of it. I said to my sister and niece I'd like one day where I don't feel like death. My sister and niece, in the spirit of optimism, said it will come, just keep slogging on. So slog on I will. You have all been so wonderful these past months and I want to thank you all for your continued support, prayers and love, and for welcoming both Fr Richard and Fr Greg into the family. I have an appointment on Monday with the specialist, so I am hoping there is good news. As always, I will keep you informed. Australia Day is here, so please celebrate this wonderful land we call home. School is not far off either, and it will be wonderful to welcome the children and staff back for 2024. May you all be well. Keep me in your prayers as you are all in mine. Love. **Fr Wayne**



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



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 Jonah

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least. God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour. And God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm: (R.) Teach me your ways, O Lord.

1. Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**
2. Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**



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

Brothers and sisters, our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.' As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him. Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him. **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.**