



Thank you to the Very Reverend Fr Peter Whitely VG who has offered his time to our Parish these last few weekends.

This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;

Fr Wayne and Delia Bartlomei

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



THE ROSARY IS RECITED IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH at 12.00 noon each Wednesday. If you have a special intention, please phone Stephanie 0408 798 174. You are very welcome to come and join us in prayer to Our Lady.

THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB: Come & join us after the 12.30pm Mass on Wednesdays for a light lunch & friendly fellowship in the parish centre. All welcome



Our dear Fr Wayne is expected home sometime during the week. He will be recuperating in the care of Maureen (his sister). He is very frail and receiving treatment for Non Hodgekins Lymphoma. I am sure you understand he needs to be well rested for some time.

A Priest will be available for us each weekend. I am sure you will have Fr Wayne in your prayers. *Prue*

We welcome into the parish community through the Sacrament of Baptism this weekend:

Judd, Elliot and Olivia Foley

We ask for God's blessing upon them and their family as they journey through life, with Jesus beside them.



For Mass time in the neighborhood contact.

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Kids' Mass

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am,

Please note

there will not be MASS on

Saturday 9.00am or

Sunday 6.30pm also

NO RECONCILIATION:

Sat: 8.15-8.45am

until further notice

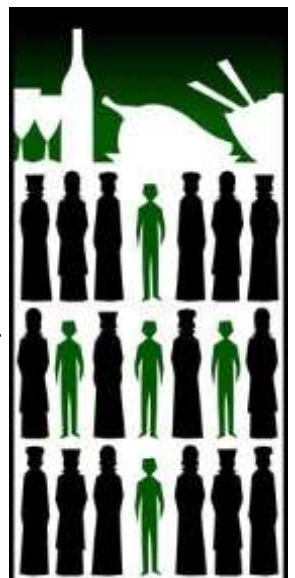
Tue: No 9.00am Mass

Wed: 12.30pm Com-
munion Service

Thu: No 9.00am Mass

Fri: No 9.00am Mass

Sat: 9.00am Mass



**28th Sunday Ordinary Time
Year A October 13-14 2023**

Next Weekend's Readings:

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A
Is 45:1, 4-6 1 Thes 1: 1-5 Matthew 22: 15-21

West Australian Catholic Migrant & Refugee Office (WACMRO) is seeking accommodation for a Ukrainian family (mother and young daughter). If you are able to assist or advise, please contact wacmro@perthcatholic.org.au or ring 0413 623 949. Many thanks, Dcn Greg Lowe.

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



Please keep taking precautions by washing your hands with the sanitizer provided in the church.



At present we are preparing toilet bags for Christmas as gifts to men, if you are able to donate appropriate products we will be most appreciative. (new only please)

THIS WEEKEND October 13-14

we have donation envelopes on the pews and invite you to take one so that you can make

a donation to this year's Catholic Mission Appeal. You will be helping our medical missionaries provide life-saving healthcare to vulnerable communities in East Timor & throughout the world. Please give generously by using the appeal envelope provided, or going online at www.catholicmission.org.au/timor.



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.**

THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW The Gospel of Matthew was written for a Jewish Christian community approximately CE 85. The author of Matthew wanted to spread the message of Jesus within and beyond his community. The author establishes Jesus' identity through prophecy, genealogy and ministry as signs of the Messiah; Jesus as the long-awaited fulfilment of all, bringing new and deeper meaning to Jewish traditions and law. At the time the gospel is written the author's community find themselves still in conflict with Jewish religious leaders. Hence in Matthew Jesus is often shown in conflict with Jewish authority to highlight a new context, a new way and understanding for the Jewish Christian community, that will lead to their salvation. The key theme in the Gospel of Matthew is the coming of the Kingdom of God.

WELCOME

The 2023-2024 Perth Archdiocesan Assembly is the first of its kind

for our Archdiocese. Announced by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB in April 2023, it was launched on Trinity Sunday 4 June 2023 at St Mary's Cathedral. **The Assembly will be held on 13 July 2024 with a day of formation being held on the 23 September 2023 in preparation for the Assembly.**

It will focus primarily on the establishment of a Diocesan Pastoral Council (DPC) and how a DPC can reflect the process of synodality asked for by Pope Francis. This will enable us to address one of the final decrees of the Fifth Plenary Council of the Catholic Church in Australia. Delegates were called from across the Archdiocese including priests, deacons, parishioners, representatives from Catholic Religious Western Australia and nominees from the many organisations and agencies involved in the work of the Church in Perth. I wish to express my gratitude to the many parishes, zones of priests, agencies and other groups in the archdiocese who have engaged in the selection of delegates. Your engagement is greatly appreciated by the Archbishop and the Diocesan Assembly Reference Group. I ask that within your agency you pray for all attending the Assembly in 2024.

A Perth Archdiocesan Assembly Prayer has been written. It is an adaptation of the Archdiocesan Prayer written by Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB a number of years ago. This prayer has been placed on prayer cards and printed copies have been disseminated across the Archdiocese.

Once again, thank you to all who have entered into this time within our archdiocese of ***Journeying Together Led by the Spirit.***

In Christ Jesus

Very Rev Fr Vincent Glynn EV

GOSPEL FOCUS

'How did you get in here?'

In light of the inclusive kingdom metaphor in this passage, the final portion of the gospel may be a bit troubling to readers. When a guest is not wearing a wedding garment he is cast out of the banquet. We might say that being invited at the last minute the guest was unable to find suitable clothing. It is a sign that although he has been an unlikely inclusion in the banquet, he has not made any effort to respond to the generosity of the king and take up one of the cloaks that would have been provided and thus give due honour to his host. This is symbolic of those who refuse to change their ways and do not live as followers of Jesus even when they have been included in the kingdom.

Catholic Archdiocese of Perth

Employment Opportunities

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has a number of employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details, refer to <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>.

Head, Mission Enhancement & Outreach - *Archdiocesan Agencies* – **Permanent, Full-Time** ([listed on SEEK](#))

Administration Officer, People & Culture – **Fixed Term (18 months), Full-Time** ([listed on SEEK](#))

Payroll Officer – **Fixed Term (12 months), Full-Time** ([listed on SEEK](#))

Officer, Digital Records Migration (Archives & Information Governance Office) – **Fixed Term (12 months), Full-Time** (apply direct to recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au)

In the footsteps of James the 2024 Pilgrimages.

Tuesday September 3—Wednesday September 25 Barcelona - Monsterrat-Camino Pilgrimage-Santiago de Compostela-Madrid.Toledo. Holy Land and Rome/Assisi pre tour available.

Paul Skippen, 0412 850883 infor@gpbs.com.au

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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.



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!

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.



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 Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: (R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. **(R.)**

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

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia.

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.'



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.**