

# **St. Thomas** THE **Apostle** CATHOLIC CHURCH

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## MASS TIMES THE WEEK 29/4/24 –5/5/24

Tue: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 12.30pm **Communion Service**

Thu: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass

Saturday Vigil Mass: 5.30pm Sausage Sizzle

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am

**RECONCILIATION:** Sat: 4:30pm

## MASS TIMES THE WEEK 6/5/24 –12/5/24

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This weeks Sanctuary  
Lamp burns for;  
**Liz Trevenen**

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 Richard in the collection or to the parish office or in the mail box.



**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!



## **The Fifth Sunday of Easter** **Year B April 27/28, 2024**

Next Weekend's Readings 6th Sunday of Easter  
Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48 1 John 4:4-8  
Gospel John 15: 9-17

*St. Thomas*  
**PARISH BULLETIN**



## MARRIAGES/BAPTISMS AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH:

Marriages by appointment: 6 months' notice required.

Baptisms: usually 10.00am each Saturday, Baptisms are held after the 9.00am Mass on Saturday. Contact Fr Richard or Prue (Parish Office) for more details. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Catholic Church requires that baptismal godparents have been baptised in the Catholic faith as they are required to make a promise that they believe in God. People who belong to other Christian faiths can also be godparents, but one must be Catholic. **Unbaptised people cannot be God parents.**

## LIVING gospel

### Bearing fruit

*The vinedresser of this passage cuts away the dead branches and prunes back those that are not bearing fruit. In what way do we bear fruit? When we strive to reach our fullest potential in whatever we do, we bear fruit. When we act out of motivation for the other person rather than ourselves, we bear fruit. When we strive to bring about the reign of God in our small part of the world, we bear fruit. Sometimes we too need to have some of our thoughts and actions pruned so that we might better bear the fruit that we are truly capable of producing.*



Thank you all for your donations to SVDP of food etc for the poor and hungry. The donation box is always at the entrance of the church.

Contact Henry on: 0417 985 992. Thank you.  
**God bless from your local Vinnies Team**

## 03 May - 05 May THE SONG OF SONGS - THE SONG OF THE SOUL IN LOVE WITH GOD

Despite its short length, the Song of Songs is one of the most beautiful and intriguing books of the entire Bible and occupies a central role in monastic *lectio divina*. This weekend, which is both a study opportunity and a retreat, will examine the origins of this book and its inclusion within the canon. It will also explore the many and varied interpretations of the book which saints and scholars have advanced over the centuries. Presenter, Fr. Robert Nixon, OSB. Please visit New Norcia's web-shop to book: <https://shop.newnorcia.com.au>



**THE ROSARY IS RECITED IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH** at 12.00noon before the 12.30pm mass each Wednesday. If you have a special intention, please phone Stephanie 0408 798 174. You are welcome to come & join us in prayer to Our Lady. Followed by;  
**THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB** held in the Parish meeting room, after the 12.30 pm Mass, you are all welcome. Please bring a plate to share. **See you there.**

**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.

#### 04 May **ALBUM LAUNCH CONCERT**

Fr Mark Baumgarten will be launching a new album of original songs with a concert on Saturday 4 May 7pm, St Francis Xavier, Armadale Parish Hall, 279 Forrest Road, (Hilbert). He will be joined by several accomplished musicians, including many who helped record the album. Tickets are \$10 standard, \$40 for a family pass, and children under 12 are free. Get tickets at <https://trybooking.com/CQTAN> or by calling 08 9399 2143. For more information visit <https://pianopriest.com>.

#### 08 May - 12 Jun **A JOURNEY THROUGH MODERN CHURCH HISTORY: FROM THE ENLIGHTENMENT TO VATICAN II**

Wednesdays, 10am to 11.30am (6 sessions) Newman Siena Centre (CLT) & LIVE-STREAMED Online. This course explores the Catholic Church's role within the modern world as it was confronted with the French Revolution, the Enlightenment, the totalitarian regimes of the 20th century and eventually opened the Second Vatican Council. The course considers the Church's response to the ideological currents of rationalism, socialism, and nationalism, before exploring the birth of the Church in Australia and key modern thinkers such as Saint John Henry Newman. *CEWA Ongoing Renewal, this course has been approved for Knowledge.* Cost: \$50.00. Presenter, Dr Marco Ceccarelli. *Further info or to register, [Click Here](#), email [cfe@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:cfe@perthcatholic.org.au), or call 08 278 0261.*

12 May **CATHOLIC MISSION'S MOTHER'S DAY EVENT** Lifted-Up: A violin and piano recital on the Feast of Our Lord's Ascension, Sunday 12 May 3pm in the Braham Auditorium, Trinity College, East Perth. After the Mother's Day lunch or before the Mother's Day dinner, your mum and grand mum are sure to be lifted up by an hour of beautiful music from two highly regarded classical musicians in Daniel Carney on violin and Tommy Seah on piano. Tickets are available online for a donation to Catholic Mission in support of a refuge project for vulnerable mums and their children escaping domestic violence and homelessness in Mongolia. To book online visit <https://www.trybooking.com/CQFOU>. Online bookings are essential because seating is limited. For further details about this special Mother's Day event or the project it supports, contact Francis at [director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au)

**WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK** IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT YOU KEEP YOUR WORKING WITH CHILDREN CARD UP TO DATE. Please check your cards expiry date and renew if the date is soon or passed. Thank you.



**ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL - ENROLMENTS** St Thomas' Primary School is excited to offer families a holistic Catholic education in the heart of Claremont. Limited vacancies are available for 2025 enrolments. Please visit [stthomas.wa.edu.au/enrolment-form/](http://stthomas.wa.edu.au/enrolment-form/) for more information, or contact us to book a tour of the school on 9286 9500 or email [admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au). An application form can also be found at the back of the

**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.**

**Prayer to St Thomas the Apostle** Almighty and everlasting God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **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.

**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. **Please email me to forward one to you. Thanks Prue**

**First Reading:** A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (9:26-31)

When Saul got to Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him: they could not believe he was really a disciple. Barnabas, however, took charge of him, introduced him to the apostles, and explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul and spoken to him on his journey, and how he had preached boldly at Damascus in the name of Jesus. Saul now started to go round with them in Jerusalem, preaching fearlessly in the name of the Lord. But after he had spoken to the Hellenists, and argued with them, they became determined to kill him. When the brothers knew, they took him to Caesarea, and sent him off from there to Tarsus. The churches throughout Judea Galile and Samaria were now left in peace, building themselves up, living in the fear of the Lord, and filled with the consolation of the Holy Spirit.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 21:26-28. 30-32. R. v.26

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

1. My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)
2. All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)
3. And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

**Second Reading:** A reading from the first letter of John (3:18-24)

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are the children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

**The Word of the Lord**

**Gospel Acclamation:** John 15:4-5      **Alleluia, alleluia!**

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel:** A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away -he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

**The Gospel of the Lord**

