



The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B: 17/18 AUGUST 2024

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MASS:
 Tue: 9.00am
 Wed: 12.30pm
 Thu: 9.00am
 Fri: 9.00am
 Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm
 Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am
RECONCILIATION: Sat: 4:30pm



Next Weekend's Readings
 21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY
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Joshua 24:1-2. 15-18
Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9
Ephesians 5:21-32
John 6:60-69



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!



This weeks Sanctuary Lamp burns for;

Our Parishioners

If you would like to have the lamp burn for a week, please put the collection or to the parish office or in the mail box.

We welcome into God's family through the Sacraments of Baptism and First Holy Communion

Frankie Pepper

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

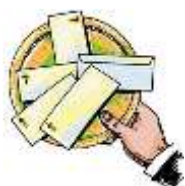


HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC SOMEDAY? COME ALONG ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:15PM IN THE PARISH CENTRE.

To become a Catholic is to take a firm stance about one's beliefs, one's practices, and one's way of life. It is even more than that, actually. Becoming a Catholic means encountering and embracing Jesus Christ in the fullness of His teaching and presence. Therefore, the choice to become a Baptised and Confirmed believer united to Jesus by the gift of the Holy Eucharist, can only be made after careful preparation and spiritual strengthening. The process is called the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults," or R.C.I.A. **PLEASE CONTACT FR RICHARD THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION.**

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:

You are invited to join St Thomas' Parish Planned Giving Program? You can contribute Direct Debit or through the weekly envelope system. When joining the Programme the Finance Committee can plan 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**
Just a reminder the first collection is for the Priests in the diocese including Fr Richard. The second collection is for our Parish upkeep and costs.





If you have any news to share please forward to Prue: Claremont@perthcatholic.org.au

• **COMMUNION AT HOME.** If you or someone you know are not able to church and would like a Eucharist Minister to visit each weekend please contact Fr Richard, Prue or Margaret Sweetman. Each month Fr Richard visits Montgomery House, Alfred Carson and Queenslea, in our area for Anointing and Communion. If you have friends or family members who reside in either of these care facilities please let them know.

Bishop of the Bush

The amazing story of Bishop Rosendo Salvado, founder of New Norcia. In words, pictures and gorgeous music. Perth Symphony Orchestra, with narrator **John Kinder** one of our talented parishioner. **Tickets online:** google '**Bishop of the Bush**'



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; **LUNCH** 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.**



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.

Vinnies Quiz Night Friday: 30/8/24 in St Thomas School Hall 7.00pm. Tables of 8-10. Our major fundraiser for the year. Donations of prizes welcome. Contact Henry: 0417 985 992.

Thank you. **God bless from your local Vinnies Team**



SAFEGUARDING LEVEL 1 INDUCTION TRAINING

The Safeguarding Level 1 Induction is now available as a Self-Paced Online Learning Module. This format offers greater flexibility and an easier, user-friendly experience. To complete the Safeguarding Level 1 Induction.

- Visit our [Training Page](#) the follow instructions

The Safeguarding Office will notify the Parish/Agency/Organisation of the attendance record.

Further info; safeguarding@perthcatholic.org.au or 09221 7762. this is not onerous at all.

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/ for more information, or contact us to book a tour of the school on 9286 9500 or email admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au. An application form can also be found at the back of the Church.



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.



THANK YOU for your prayers & generous response to this year's Catholic Mission Appeal. Your donations are helping our missionaries in Mongolia and around the world provide safe haven & support for vulnerable people escaping domestic violence & homelessness. If you have missed the opportunity to support this important missionary work, please go online at www.catholicmission.org.au/mongolia to make a donation. Should you be keen to support the work of Catholic Mission through a bequest, or as a volunteer, or in other ways, please email Francis Leong at director.cm@perthcatholic.org.au to explore the possibilities

The Catholic Archdiocese of Perth has 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>.

Administration Assistant, Daydawn Advocacy Centre – Permanent, Part-time

Administration Assistant, Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Administration Centre – Casual

Youth Ministry Worker, Catholic Youth Ministry – Casual

All positions apply to recruitment@perthcatholic.org.au



ART AND PRAYER—A retreat for artists. The Benedictine Community of New Norcia and The Mandoria Art Award Committee invite you to a gently weekend of quiet reflection and artistic exploration in the tranquil setting of Australia's only monastic town. Along with participating in the daily rhythm of monastic life, sessions will include talks on art and prayer, the interpretation of religious art, shared discussion... and time for silence and solitude to hear the still voice of God speaking to your creative spirit. Participants are asked to contribute \$360, which includes two nights accommodation, all meals, as well as admission to the Museum and Art Gallery. For those who can't afford it, participation by donation can be arranged by

contacting: john.herbert@newnorcia.com.au

Please note that the **Perth Launch** of the **2024-25 Social Justice Statement** is being held on **Thursday, 5th September 2024** (9:45am arrival for a **10:00am** start – *light refreshments will be available after the launch*); **VENUE**: John XXIII College (**Thomas More Exhibition Centre** – Parking at Main Carpark via John XXIII Avenue, Mount Claremont) The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference (**ACBC**) *Social Justice Statement for 2024-25* will be launched in Perth by Auxiliary Bishop, Don Sproston VG (other speakers are outlined in the Invitation). **RSVP** by Sunday, 1st September 2024. Kindly **RSVP** through **TryBooking** ASAP to ensure your seat is reserved (www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au) To assist with your preparation for **Social Justice Sunday** (25th of August) and beyond, the **OJEP** has **hard copy SJS resources** available for pre-order from the **ACBC Shop**. They include... [2024-25 Social Justice Statement \(Truth & Peace\)](#) [2024-25 SJS Prayer Card](#) (includes *A Gospel Word in a Violent World*) The **ACBC** Office for Social Justice (**OJEP**) website can be found here... www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED- SHOPFRONT The Shopfront is a small agency of the Perth Archdiocese providing hospitality and emergency food support to the homeless, the lonely and those in need. The Shopfront is open each weekday from 11am to 1pm. We need volunteers in two broad categories: (i) to help with driving our van, and to provide a shuttle service to allow people to access the Centre. (ii) to help with the hospitality to our visitors by serving the daily toasties/tea, coffee and lunch. The Shopfront is located at **59 John Street, Bentley**. **Further info**; www.shopfront.perthcatholic.org.au or Damian Walsh on 08 9371 9109.

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

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**

First Reading: A reading from the book of Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built herself a house, she has erected her seven pillars, she has slaughtered her beasts, prepared her wine, she has laid her table. She has despatched her maidservants and proclaimed from the city's heights: 'Who is ignorant? Let him step this way.' To the fool she says, 'Come and eat my bread, drink the wine I have prepared! Leave your folly and you will live, walk in the ways of perception.'

The Word of The Lord

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. R. v.9

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**

2. Revere the Lord, you his saints. They lack nothing, those who revere him. Strong lions suffer want and go hungry but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing. **(R.)**

3. Come children, and hear me that I may teach you the fear of the Lord. Who is he who longs for life and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? **(R.)**

4. Then keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit. Turn aside from evil and do good; seek and strive after peace. **(R.)**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians 5:15-29

Be very careful about the sort of lives you lead, like intelligent and not like senseless people. This may be a wicked age, but your lives should redeem it. And do not be thoughtless but recognise what is the will of the Lord. Do not drug yourselves with wine, this is simply dissipation; be filled with the Spirit. Sing the words and tunes of the psalms and hymns when you are together, and go on singing and chanting to the Lord in your hearts, so that always and everywhere you are giving thanks to God who is our Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Word of The Lord

Gospel Acclamation: John 6:56

Alleluia, alleluia!

All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John 6:51-58

Jesus said to the crowd: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.'

The Gospel of 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. **Amen.**