



The 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time
Year B: 15/16 June 2024

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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: [Job 38:1, 8-11](#)
[Ps 106:23-26, 28-31](#), [R. v.1](#) [2 Cor 5:14-17](#)
[Luke 7:16](#) [Mark 4:35-41](#)



This weeks Sanctuary Lamp burns for;

Margaret Noonan and

Maureen Ballantine

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.



MODERN SLAVERY

The types of crimes that come under human trafficking or modern day slavery in Australia include forced marriage, domestic and sexual servitude, forced labour, deceptive recruiting and debt bondage. Forced marriage is the most common type of human trafficking reported.

Contributing factors to the increase in human trafficking are climate change/natural disasters, wars and civil unrest. These factors see vast numbers of people displaced both internally and between countries. This movement exposes people to unscrupulous traffickers "offering" a better life, job opportunities, accommodation. Those most affected are children and women. It is estimated that there are 50 million people worldwide who are in modern slavery, and 41,000 in Australia.

So what can we do about it? There are a number of organisations that work for the elimination of slavery including ACRATH. Do check the website <https://acrath.org.au> and next week we will look at the work of ACRATH

EVERY THURSDAY - MUSIC AT ST MARY'S CATHEDRAL

Join us every Thursday for a half-hour music recital – a perfect opportunity to escape the busyness of the day for half an hour for some prayerful, reflective music. Admission free, all welcome. For information and further details please contact Jacinta (Music Director) mu-sic.cathedral@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9223 1377.



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





If you have any news to share please forward to Prue:- laremont@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 in our area for a service and Communion. If you have friends or family members who reside in either of these care facilities please let them know.



Circle of Friends. Our next event this month is **Friday 28 JUNE at 6.30pm until 8.30pm**

We will be having supper, games etc. **all welcome.**

PARISH RECORDS: We like to keep our parish records up to date so please let us know if your details have changed. Please email or post us any changes. claremont@perthcatholic.org.au



Our Parish no longer has **Safeguarding Officers** and we are in need of two parishioners to volunteer their services. Please speak to Fr Richard for more information.

NANO NAGLE CENTRE - COME TO THE WATERS OF GRACE: Wednesday 19 June 9am to 3pm, Nano Nagle, 6 Reserve Street, Claremont. Morning tea and a light lunch provided. Cost, \$50.00/or donation (includes handouts morning tea and lunch). Presenter: Geraldine Taylor. To register, email: Sr Catherine Warner pbvm, nncperth@gmail.com or 08 9385 0684.



Thank you to all our wonderful volunteers, your work is greatly appreciated by Fr Richard and Parish members. If you would like to volunteer in any capacity please speak with Fr Richard or contact the office. Email claremont@perthcatholic.org.au

We are very short of people to go on the flower roster, and would appreciate a few more people on the flower roster. Training provided.



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

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.

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.**



Divine Heart of Jesus,

I offer you through the Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mother of the Church, in union with the Eucharistic Sacrifice, my prayers, actions, joys and sufferings of this day in reparation for sins and for the salvation of all people, in the grace of the Holy Spirit and for the glory of the Heavenly Father. Amen.

The Holy Father is soon to release a document on the importance of understanding the Sacred Heart of Jesus, in our times.



**CATHOLIC YOUTH
MINISTRY • PERTH**

Embark on a transformative journey with Catholic Youth Ministry at our Getaway Weekend Retreat, tailored for young adults aged 18-30. Getaway Weekend is a time to get away from the busyness of life and to reconnect with your faith.

The Weekend's theme is '**Consumed by Grace**', drawing inspiration from **John 1:16-17**, "*From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace.*"

Through heartfelt testimonies, insightful discussions, and reflective activities, immerse yourself in the transformative power of grace.

Join us for a weekend of spiritual rejuvenation, community bonding, and personal growth!

Date: Friday July 5 - Sunday July 7, Location: Manjedal Activity Centre

Register at: bit.ly/getaway_grace

Registration closes on Thursday June 20th.



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.



There are colds and viruses as well as covid going around the community so please use the hand sanitizer. You are welcome to wear a mask.



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



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

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.**

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 prophet Ezekiel (17:22-24)

The Lord says this: 'From the top of the cedar, from the highest branch I will take a shoot and plant it myself on a very high mountain. I will plant it on the high mountain of Israel. It will sprout branches and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Every kind of bird will live beneath it, every winged creature rest in the shade of its branches. And every tree of the field will learn that I, the Lord, am the one who stunts tall trees and makes the low ones grow, who withers green trees and makes the withered green. I, the Lord, have spoken, and I will do it.' **The Word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm: (Ps 91:2-3. 13-16. R.)

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading: A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the 2 Corinthians 5:6-10)

We are always full of confidence when we remember that to live in the body means to be exiled from the Lord, going as we do by faith and not by sight – we are full of confidence, I say, and actually want to be exiled from the body and make our home with the Lord. Whether we are living in the body or exiled from it, we are intent on pleasing him. For all the truth about us will be brought out in the law court of Christ, and each of us will get what he deserves for the things he did in the body, good or bad.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mark 4:26-34



Jesus said to the crowds, 'This is what the kingdom of God is like. A man throws seed on the land. Night and day, while he sleeps, when he is awake, the seed is sprouting and growing; how, he does not know. Of its own accord the land produces first the shoot, then the ear, then the full grain in the ear. And when the crop is ready, he loses no time; he starts to reap because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'What can we say the kingdom of God is like? What parable can we find for it? It is like a mustard seed which at the time of its sowing in the soil is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet once it is sown it grows into the biggest shrub of them all and puts out big branches so that the birds of the air can shelter in its shade.' Using many parables like these, he spoke the word to them, so far as they were

capable of understanding it. He would not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything to his disciples when they were alone.

The Gospel of the Lord

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**

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.**