



CLAREMONT WA

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Tue: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 12.30pm Mass

Thu: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Kids' Mass

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am

RECONCILIATION:

Sat: 4.30-5.00pm



Fr Richard has now been appointed as our Parish Priest at St Thomas the Apostle, Claremont. Some of you have come to know Fr Richard after a few months as our relieving priest. He comes to us from the Cathedral where he has been for the last four years. Since his ordination (36 years ago), he has been Parish Priest at various city and country parishes. Included during that time was his ministry as hospital chaplain at St John of God Murdoch Hospital, for six years. Fr Richard is Perth born and bred, growing up in the northern suburbs and completing his education at St Francis Xavier's Seminary in Adelaide. His father [dec.] was a post WWII refugee from Lithuania and his mother is a third generation Australian of Irish and Finnish heritage.

THE ROSARY IS RECITED IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH 12.00noon, followed by 12.30 Mass, each Wednesday. If you have a special intention, please phone Stephanie on 0408 798 174. You are most welcome to come join us in prayer.



THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB: Come join us after the 12.30pm Mass on Wednesdays for a light lunch and friendly fellowship in the parish centre. **All welcome.** See you there!



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;
Our loved ones who are sick and those whose anniversary occur at this time.
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 Parish Office or in the mail box.

EASTER TIMETABLE 2024

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, CLAREMONT

March 28: Holy Thursday Mass of the Last Supper 7.00pm

March 29: Good Friday Stations of the Cross 10.00am
Solemn Liturgy 3.00pm

March 30 Easter Vigil Mass—Saturday: 6.30pm

March 31 Easter Sunday Masses: 7.30am & 9.30am

NO 5.30pm Saturday Mass NO 6.30pm Sunday Evening Mass



5th Sunday in LENT year B
March 16/17 2024

Next Weekend's Readings:

PALM SUNDAY Year B

Is: 50:4-7, Ps 21:8-9, 17-20 23-24 Phil 2:8-9 Gosp Mark 14:1-15:47

WELCOME! We take this opportunity to welcome all who enter St Thomas'. We invite you to become 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!



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.

EASTER EGGS FOR ROMILY HOUSE....

It is time again to start donating Easter Eggs for the residents of Romily House. There will be a box at the back of the Church, which is checked regularly. Many thanks on behalf of the residents. **Maureen Gardner: 9389 8289**



ST THOMAS PRIMARY SCHOOL welcomes families to enrol their children in our beautiful nurturing school. Please email the school: admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au - For more information also refer to the school website www.stthomas.wa.edu.au



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind the scenes every day to create a better future for their communities. Please donate to Project Compassion 2024. Together we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through



Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting: caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800024413

LENT IS HERE! It is a time for us to go deeper in our walk with God.

At Holy Rosary Parish 46 Thomas St Nedlands we have **Eucharistic Adoration** every Tuesday 9am – 10pm and every Thursday 4pm—7pm in Holy Rosary church. On other days the church is always open by the side door. At the Carmelite Monastery, every first Friday of the month from after the 7am Mass 7.30 am till 1 pm. All are welcome to 'come and see'. If you'd like to take a regular holy hour at Holy Rosary Adoration please call Juliana 0423 864 054. For four years we have had faithful weekly adorers who 'watch and pray' for an hour each week; your commitment will keep it going strong. You can also just pay a visit.

OUR TRIBUTE COLLECTION IN HONOUR OF FR WAYNE: Thank you for your generosity towards the parish donation to Lymphoma Australia. We will be forwarding the donation very soon. You still have a little time to have your donation included. Please place in an envelope marked Fr Wayne.



Many thanks, Fr Richard.



PALM SUNDAY 24th March: Please bring along your palms or olive branches – NEXT WEEKEND



PARISH BUSY BEE SATURDAY MARCH 23

We need as many volunteers as possible please to come along to the parish bi annual clean up, the floors and pews need cleaning also the flower room and Fr's sacristy. The church needs to be cleaned to the best you can do also the church yard needs sweeping and tidying up. Please bring along your garden tools blower vac and sucker vac for the outside. *Thank you all for your kind help.*



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.



WORKING WITH CHILDREN

Looking through our working with children file I find there are many of you who have not renewed your card. If your card is connected to a different organization and you are volunteering with us we require a copy of your card. This year the WWC Safeguarding will be auditing Parishes and if we are negligent in our recording we will incur a large fine \$\$\$.

Please check your card and let me know when the expired date is. You could email me a copy.

With thanks. Prue **SEE BELOW**

NCSS Audit Project *Vital work of Safeguarding to take a renewed focus*

The Archdiocese is preparing for an inaugural audit in 2024 to review its implementation of the National Catholic Safeguarding Standard (NCSS).

Working in partnership with **Australian Catholic Safeguarding Limited (ACSL)**, the audit will consist of three phases. An online self-assessment to be completed by the Safeguarding Program Office, site visits to selected Archdiocesan parishes, agencies, chaplaincies, communities and offices by the audit team, and the findings report and a commitment by the Archdiocese to act on the recommendations.

The audit will not cover every Archdiocesan location. Instead, a sample of parishes, agencies, chaplaincies and communities will be chosen. The Safeguarding Program Office will work closely with all nominated sites and participants to support them in the lead up to and during the audit process.

We are approaching the audit in a positive, constructive and collaborative way, knowing that significant work has already been achieved over the past decade. At the same time, we recognise the need for the ongoing development of our efforts. Anthony Coyte is the Project Lead for the NCSS Audit.

THE SECOND RITE OF RECONCILIATION

Next Thursday at 7:00pm, join me at Holy Rosary Church, Nedlands for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The Sacrament of Penance is part of our preparation for Lent and the Easter Season. Confession is important because it allows us to progress in our faith, as authentic sons and daughters of God and to be brothers and sisters to each other.

See you there! Fr Richard



LIFELINK

As at February 2024 the LifeLink office received and receipted donation \$721,189.

Congratulations, this is a new record. The total amount for Claremont was \$11,925.

Archbishop Costelloe SDB and Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproston send their sincere and heartfelt thanks.



Do we have your email address? If you have changed your email address, please let us know by contacting us at 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.



PLEASE remember to turn your phone off or put 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 Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, 'Learn to know the Lord!' No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: (R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness. In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt, and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
3. Give me again the joy of your help; with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways and sinners may return to you. **(R.)**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard. Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord;
and where I am, my servant will also be. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, 'Sir, we should like to see Jesus.' Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them:

'Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!' A voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, 'It was an angel speaking to him.' Jesus answered, 'It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours. 'Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.' By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

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.**