



To the Parish. I just wanted to say goodbye to you all from myself and my family. I know its been a sad time for us all. You have all been so wonderful in many ways. Fr Wayne will always be with you. Now its time to welcome your new Parish Priest and look after him as Fr Wayne would want you to.

Be strong as a Parish. I wont forget you

all and I will come back for his first anniversary next year.

God Bless you all Maureen XX

## 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. Your could email me a copy. With thanks. Prue



## 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!



We are looking for Eucharist ministers to minister to people living in nursing Homes in our area and people who are house bound. Please contact Margaret Sweetman or the office.



**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** See you there.

## THE ROSARY IS RECITED IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH

12.00noon followed with Mass 12.30 mass each Wednesday. If you have a special intention, please phone Stephanie 0408 798 174. You are welcome to come & join us in prayer.



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;  
**John Palermo**

If your 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.

## Next Weekend's Readings:

### 5th Sunday of LENT Year B

**Jer 31: 31-34, 19-23 Psalm 50:3-4, 12-15 Heb 5:7-9 John 12:20-33**



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**MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:**

**NO MASS Tue: 9.00am**

**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**



**4th Sunday in LENT year B**  
**March 9/10 2024**



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 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 enroll their children in our beautiful nurturing school. Please email the school admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au for more information also refer to the web site [www.stthomas.wa.edu.au](http://www.stthomas.wa.edu.au)



As the eldest child on a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village. 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](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling 1800024413



## GOSPEL FOCUS

### Not to condemn ...

*The gospel passage tells us that God's Son was not sent into the world to condemn it, but rather, "so that through him the world might be saved." It also tells us that whoever refuses to believe "is already condemned." God does not condemn the world, nor individuals within it. Indeed, God is absolutely determined to save the world. However, we do sometimes condemn ourselves. When we turn our back on love; when we hide from relationships; when we wallow in selfishness – we shut ourselves off from relationship with God and condemn ourselves. We only have to open our eyes to see the alternative!*

#### Presentations on Synodality by Dr Sandie Cornish

**1. "Walking and growing together"- What does it mean for us and the Church today?** **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 2-4pm** at the Redemptorist Retreat House, 190 Vincent St, North Perth, **RSVP:** to [ignatianspiritwa@gmail.com](mailto:ignatianspiritwa@gmail.com) This event is sponsored by: **ISWA** (Ignatian Spirituality WA) [www.ignatianspiritualitywa.com.au](http://www.ignatianspiritualitywa.com.au) and **JEDO** (Justice, Ecology & Development Office)

**2. "How does Ignatian Spirituality inform our understanding of Synodality?"** **Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup> 2-4 pm** at the Holy Rosary Parish Community Centre, 45-47 Tyrell St, Nedlands **RSVP:** to [rciril-lo@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rciril-lo@bigpond.net.au) by March 10.

This event is sponsored by **CLC** (Christian Life Community – Australia) and the event will be followed by a celebration of World CLC Day (March 25<sup>th</sup>) with afternoon tea supplied. A small donation would be appreciated to help defray costs.



#### PARISH SAUSAGE SIZZLE MARCH 16

St Thomas Primary school will be involved in the children's Mass on Saturday will be Parish sausage sizzle **SATURDAY MARCH 16**. The children will be singing, reading. Please come along to welcome the children and their families.



**We have a wheelchair and a walker in the office for anyone who requires either or them. Both in good condition. OR does anyone know where they can find a new home for them please.**

#### 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.



# THE EASTER TRIDUUM



## 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



OUR TRIBUTE COLLECTION IN HONOUR OF FR WAYNE

This weekend, we will have a retiring collection (as you leave the church), which will become our parish community donation to *Lymphoma Australia*: the only charity in Australia dedicated to providing free support for lymphoma patients. This is a heartfelt display of admiration and gratitude from the community Fr Wayne has served for many years. *Many thanks, Fr Richard. Thankyou who have donated thus far to this cause*

**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 4-7pm 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.

**Tommy More COMMUNITY MARKET DAY**  
PLANTS | BAKE SALE | CRAFT STALLS | OP SHOP | COFFEE | SAUSAGE SIZZLE | & MUCH MORE

**Sunday 17 March, 10am to 2pm**  
48 Mounts Bay Road, Crawley

ALL FUNDS RAISED WILL SUPPORT VULNERABLE CHILDREN IN CAMBODIA

St Thomas More College  
CLAREMONT WESTERN AUSTRALIA



**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](mailto: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 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 second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through **Jeremiah**, **'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'** And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a **proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."**' The Word of the Lord

*Responsorial Psalm:* (R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy.  
**'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.'** (R.)
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R.)
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R.)

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

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but **by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created** in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it. The Word of the Lord

*Gospel Acclamation:* Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

*Gospel:* A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*God sent his Son into the world that we might be saved through him.* Jesus said to **Nicodemus:** **'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him .Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'** 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.**