



CLAREMONT WA PARISH BULLETIN

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Tue: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 12.30pm Mass

Thu: 9.00am Mass

Fri: No 9.00am Mass

Sat: 9.00am Mass

Saturday: 5.30pm Family Mass

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am and 6.30pm Mass

RECONCILIATION: Saturday 8.15-8.45am



**17th Sunday ordinary Time Year A
29-30 July 2023**

This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

Anne Cannone



If you wish to dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp for a week, please put the details and \$10 in an envelope and place it in the collection basket.

THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB: Come and join us after the 12.30pm Mass each Wednesday for a light lunch and friendly fellowship in the parish centre. All welcome to come along. See you there. **Fr Wayne**



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

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.



Circle of Friends is up and running again. Our next event this month is **Friday 1st September @ 6.30pm until 8.30pm**. We will be having supper, games etc and **all welcome**.



We welcome Father Philip this weekend, who is celebrating all the Sunday masses for us to allow Fr Wayne to have a bit of a rest and get over his cold. Please make him welcome and say hello.

If your working with children card is out of date will you please update and forward us a copy. If you are volunteering with St Thomas it is our responsibility to keep an updated record to avoid a sizable fine. Thank you for your consideration.



Next Week's Readings:

18th Sunday Ordinary Time Yr A

1 Kgs 3:5,7-12 Rom 8:28-30 Mt 13: 44-52

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ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM You might like to give some thought in making your weekly donation to the Parish via Planned Giving Envelopes placed into the 2nd collection or via Direct Debit. If you would like to make your donation through the Direct Debit please complete the form opposite and return to the office or you give it to Fr Wayne or place in the letterbox. Contact Prue at the Parish Office on 9384 0598 if you need any more information. *Thank you.*



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.**

Dear Parishioners, 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 to : claremont@perthcatholic.org.au
Please complete the Census Form found at the entrance to the church and place it in the collection plate or the letterbox. Your information is confidential. If you would like the bulletin as well as the latest Archdiocesan information emailed out each Friday let us know. Thank you to those who have submitted new Census forms of updated their details. *Fr Wayne.*

WHILST IN THE CHURCH use the sanitiser at all time. Thank you for keeping everyone safe. Its appreciated. **PLEASE** remember to turn your phone off or on silent when in the church. Thanks

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.

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others. The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its fullest delight draws us into the future. The reign of God is the fulfilment of our deepest desires and our fondest hopes. Nothing in the world can compare with it, and that is why we are willing to sacrifice everything to attain it. The treasure that we find is really a gift that is given. We need not work to attain the kingdom, nor can we earn it in any way. It is given to us by God. All we have to do is accept it. Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.



What did the man do after he found the treasure hidden in the field? Use the key below to decipher the code.



Neighbours helping neighbours

We are holding our annual fundraising Quiznight at Holy Rosary, Nedlands on Friday 1/9/23 for those interested in supporting our work. We also request prize items for gourmet/Australian/wine hampers. Ticket inquiries to Henry Simmons 0417985992.

QUICK AND EASY BACON AND BEAN SOUP

Ingredients: 150g smoked streaky bacon, cut into 1cm wide pieces 2 garlic cloves, finely chopped
2 x 400g tins cannellini beans, drained and rinsed 1.2 litres hot chicken stock 200g shredded greens

Method: Fry the bacon and garlic together in a large saucepan for 5 minutes until the bacon has started to crisp. Add the beans and stock and simmer for 10 minutes. Using a potato masher, crush the beans lightly, ensuring some remain whole. Add the greens and cook for a further 3–4 minutes before ladling into serving bowls. Serve immediately. **NB:** Try adding other ingredients to the soup depending on what you have in the fridge. Diced carrots and potatoes work well or swap the greens for green beans that have been cut into 2cm/¾in lengths. To boost the flavours, add dried rosemary, a pinch of chilli flakes or sprinkle some grated Parmesan over each bowl.



From my window

Dear Parishioners, I have been informed by several parishioners, and Fr Philip that I am not looking to well. I must admit I am very tired and suffering from a cold and chest infection that has knocked me for six. Fr Philip has said its time to take a break. I haven't had a decent holiday since the Covid pandemic began, some 4 years ago. So I am in the process of looking of where to go, and when. Fr Philip will look after you all when I am away. I am thinking of heading over to see my sister, or my niece. I'll keep you informed of what happens. I must admit looking at booking hotels, Band B,s and cottages down south is an expensive proposition, I wonder how families can afford it. Why do people rip people off. Anyway, I just want to thank all of you for saying something to me last weekend, I greatly appreciate your care and concern for me. I'm trying to get better. As Fr Philip reminded me last weekend, you have to care for you sometimes too. Fr Wayne

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS....

First Reading: A reading from the first book of the Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm: (R.) Lord, I love your commands.

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold. (R.)
2. Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight. (R.)
3. That is why I love your commands more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways. (R.)
4. Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple. (R.)

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

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory. **The Word of the Lord**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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.**

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.**