

This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;
All parishioners for the New Year of 2024
 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 Wayne in the Parish Office or in the mail box.



PLEASE NOTE: The Wednesday weekday mass will be at **9.00am** not 12.30pm. This will be in place until early February 2021



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!



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



**NEW YEARS DAY
 MASS WILL BE
 CELEBRATED AT
 8.00AM MASS
 ON MONDAY
 1ST JANUARY 2024.
 SEE YOU THERE**

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



A Prayer for New Beginnings

Consult not your fears, but your hopes and your dreams. Think not about your frustrations, but about your unfulfilled potential. Concern not yourself with what you tried and failed in, but what it is still possible to do. Now is the time to put aside past and present setbacks and failures and look with confidence to the new day called tomorrow.
 —Pope John XXIII

The Holy Family of Jesus Mary and Joseph

December 30-31 2023



CLAREMONT WA

Parish Priest: Fr Wayne Davis

Priest Administrator:

Fr Richard Rutkauskas

Secretary: Prue Pupazzoni

Address: 2 College Road
 Claremont WA 6010

Telephone: 9384 0598

Email: claremont@perthcatholic.org.au

Web: www.claremontparish.com.au

Office Hours: Tue, Wed, Fri 9.00am-2.00pm

Safeguarding Officers—Contact Nos:

Mr Ralph Goodman: 0419 740 443

Ms Janet Payton: 0438 212 053

MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Mon: New Years Day 8.00am Mass

Tue: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 9.00am Mass [please note change]

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



Next Weekend's Readings: The Epiphany of the Lord

Is 60:1-6; Eph 3:2-3, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

In an era when so much talk is devoted to the discussion of family values, the readings for this feast offer significant challenge. Those who believe in Christ, while still adhering to certain cultural codes of conduct, are asked to consider new and ever more balanced ways of relating. In view of their lives as Christians, parents and children, husbands and wives, brothers and sisters must all be embraced as equal members of the household of God. While it is important that children of all ages honour their parents, the caring relationship of adult children for aging parents is vital in a time of mobility, nursing homes, and the lack of extended families. From God's perspective, loving care of aged members is non-negotiable. It is a family virtue that is to be kept sacred.

Wisdom comes with time and experience. Such wisdom is a source of blessing, for it provides insight and a perspective that allows the community to know the mystery and the presence of God. When the wisdom of the elderly is respected, the young are enriched by the stories of the past. Wisdom figures can point the community to places where God is working and where the divine can be found. It is their respect for tradition that allows the elderly to speak the prophetic words that can change the course of the future and inspire noble deeds of courage in the face of great pain. In reverencing the elderly and their wisdom, the community of believers receive Christ.



On behalf of the parish family, I would like to thank all those who made our Christmas masses such wonderful sacred and holy moments for us all. The choirs, musicians, readers, acolytes, special ministers, collectors. The florist, the people at the doors making sure we were in accordance with Covid19 regulations. A very special thank you to the cleaning elves who came in 2 mornings to clean and dust the church. A special thank you to Fr Richard and to you the parishioners, for sharing Christmas with each other and me. *Fr Wayne*



FOR THE CHILDREN TO COLOUR IN

Prayer for the Family

God, Our Father, loving and merciful, bring together and keep all families in perfect unity of love and mutual support. Instill in each member the spirit of understanding and affection for each other. Keep quarrels and bitterness far from them, and for their occasional failures. Instil forgiveness and peace. May the mutual love and affection of parents set a good example. Instill in children self-respect that they may respect others and grow in mature independence. May the mutual affection and respect of families be a sign of Christian life here and hereafter, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

NEW PARISHIONERS, and those not so new, please complete the Census Cards which are available in the back of the Church (one for each member of your family) and hand the completed cards to Fr Wayne or one of the acolytes after Mass. It is very important for all new parishioners to register with the Parish and for existing parishioners to update their registration details so that the Parish Office is able to keep accurate records. Please be assured that **ALL INFORMATION WHICH YOU SUPPLY IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND FOR PARISH USE ONLY** in accordance with the Privacy Act of Australia 1997. **Please Note: That no phone numbers or personal details can be given out to any person ringing the parish office. It is against the law. Please do not ask, as refusal may offend.** Fr Wayne

PS please be sure to include your email address



Christmas offering envelopes are available at the entrances to the church. On the back table and the side tables.

WISHING ALL PARISHIONERS A BLESSED 2024, A YEAR FULL OF HAPPINESS, GOOD HEALTH AND PEACE. FATHER WAYNE & FR RICHARD



My dear Parish Family. This weekend in the life of the church we celebrate the Holy Family, and in doing so we celebrate our own families, we also celebrate that we are a part of God's family, and I think better still this our Parish Family of St Thomas's a family I am very proud to belong to. Over the past months I have experienced the love of "family". My dear sister Maureen who came to be with me for 6 weeks, my niece and nephews and their families in constant touch sending love, hugs and prayers to me. They were special moments that showed me that the love of family reaches across miles.

Now, to you the parish family of St Thomas's, how wonderful and blest are you. Not only have you shown your love and care to me in so many ways these past months, but you are living out what it means to be a 'family' to each other. For that I praise God the Divine One. I am looking forward to my sister, my brother-in-law and my niece coming in the next 2 weeks to be with me. To once again be 'family' to each other. The past few days have not been easy ones health wise, the last dose of chemo knocked me about more than the others. I see my hematologist next week to see how things are going. I'll let you know the results. As we celebrate families, I pray for each and everyone of yours that you experience the love the Holy Family brings to the world. May the new year of 2024, bring many blessings to you all. May you all be safe, be patient with each other, love each other and care for each other. Blessings Fr Wayne



Whilst Prue is off on holidays, **Rossana** our previous secretary is going to look after the office for us and me. She will be in the office on Wednesday and Friday on 10th—19th January 2024. From 10.00am until 2.00pm. I know that you will make her welcome again into the parish. Her presence will make my life easier.

Christmas ham and Cheese Quiche

Ingredients: 1 ready made frozen pie crust 4 large eggs

½ cup cream

½ cup milk

1 tbsp. chopped fresh parsley, plus more for serving

1 tbsp. Dijon mustard

1 1/2 tbsp plain flour

1/4 tsp. salt

1 tsp. pepper

1 ½ cups diced left over Christmas ham

1 cup shredded sharp cheddar cheese

1 small spring onion, finely chopped

Directions Preheat the oven to 180°. Place pie crust onto a oven tray. Whisk together the eggs, cream and milk, parsley, mustard, flour, salt and pepper in a large bowl. Sprinkle the ham, cheddar cheese, and spring onion in the bottom of the chilled pie crust. Pour in the egg mixture. Place the quiche in the oven and bake for 40 to 45 minutes until puffed around the edges and the center is set. Let cool on the sheet tray for at least 30 minutes, before slicing and serving. Top with more fresh parsley, if you like. NB: If you like a bit of spice, add a finely chopped chilli. You could also add 1/2 cup of mushrooms.



If any child is collecting cans etc for cash, come and see Fr Wayne as he has a bag of them. First in best dressed.



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: Feast of the Holy Family

First Reading: A reading from the book of Genesis

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'. 'My Lord', Abram replied, 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...' Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm (R.) *Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.*

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways! By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion all the days of your life! **(R.)**

Second Reading: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets; now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord. When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

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.**