

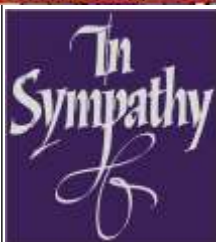


This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;
**Sr Eileen Tinning [Presentation Sister] and
 Allen Emanuel and Pat Perkins and Jacob Brogan**
 If you would like to have the lamp burn for a
 week, please put the details and \$10 in an
 envelope and hand to Fr Wayne in the Parish
 Office or in the mail box.



We welcome back all the children,
 families, teachers and staff for the
 new school year of 2024. Great to
 have you all back again.

**Please be aware of traffic and
 children when driving in the
 vicinity of the church and
 school.**



We offer our sympathies and
 condolences to **the Presentation Sisters**
 on the sad passing of **Sr Eileen** last
 Saturday. She was a beloved member of
 our parish family. Our prayers and
 thoughts are with you all at this time.

Funeral arrangements are:

Rosary Tuesday January 30 at 6.00pm at Bowra & O'Dea, South
 Street, Hilton.

Mass Wednesday January 31 at Star of the Sea Cottesloe Church
 Cottesloe at 1.00pm followed by a burial at Karrakatta at 2.30



Our dear Pat Perkins passed away on
 Tuesday January 23th after a long and
 adventurous life. She was loved by many
 especially the Wednesday lunch ladies.
 Pat had been in care for a number of years,
 but still came for lunch on Wednesdays.

Pat was 103.



St Thomas Parish Sacramental Enrolment 2024...

Enrolments are now open for the
 sacraments of First Reconciliation, First Eucharist and
 Confirmation. To attend preparation classes for these
 sacraments (this applies to students not attending a Catholic
 school) or to receive a sacrament in the Parish (for students
 being prepared at a Catholic school) please contact Silvia
 Kinder for a registration form. **Enrolments close on
 February 29.** silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au

**Next Weekend's Readings: 5th Sunday Ordinary Time
 Year B**
Job 7:1-4,6-7; 1Cor 9:16-19. 22-23; Mk 1:29-39



CLAREMONT WA

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Tue: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 9.00am 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 Ordinary Time year B
 January 27-28 2024**

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.

REQUEST. *Direct Debit Forms are available from the parish office, or the back of the church. Please email me to forward one to you. Thanks Prue*

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 Richard 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.**

Jesus showed that he is the one to be listened to. What are some things people would have heard Jesus say?



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

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



Somebody kindly donated 5 x \$50 vouchers for "Everything Apple" to us. These would not be appropriate for our clients' needs. Could

anyone make us an offer for some or all of these vouchers so we can put the money to other purchases? Please contact: Henry 0417 985 992. Thank you.



WELCOME TO OUR CHURCH

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!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE



Ash Wednesday falls on February 14th this year. We will have the following services:

7am mass for the early birds and the workers

12.30pm mass with the Parish School Community.

We are receiving Planned Giving Envelope number 54 which is not in use as it was last financial years envelope. Will you please contact Prue in the office. Email or phone.

THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB:

Resumes on Wednesday 7th, February 2024. Come & join us after the 12.30pm Mass on Wednesdays for a light lunch & friendly fellowship in the parish centre. **All welcome** to come along. 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.

LEEK AND MUSHROOM RISOTTO SERVES 2

Ingredients: 50g dried porcini mushrooms 1.5 litres vegetable stock 1 tsp olive oil 1 leek or onion, finely chopped 3 large garlic cloves, finely chopped 150g mixed fresh mushrooms (oyster, shiitake and chestnut) 2 tbsps butter 1 tbsps soy sauce 3 fresh thyme sprigs, leaves only 200g arborio rice 125ml white wine ½ tsp sea salt ½ tsp cracked black pepper

Method: Put the porcini mushrooms in a bowl, add the hot vegetable stock and leave to soak for 10 minutes. Meanwhile, heat the oil in a large frying pan, add the leek, and fry for 5–6 minutes or until beginning to soften. Add the garlic, mushrooms, butter, soy sauce and thyme and fry for 5 minutes. Add the rice to the pan and stir for a few minutes. Add the wine, turn the heat up slightly and let the alcohol cook off for about 2 minutes. Slowly pour in around one-third of the porcini stock, and the porcini mushrooms, allowing the rice to absorb the stock before adding more. Repeat until most of the stock has been absorbed (this should take 15–20 minutes). Add the salt and pepper, taste and add a little more seasoning if you prefer. If using asparagus, place it on top of the risotto and cover the pan with a lid; cook for a further 3–4 minutes. Serve with an extra sprinkling of cracked black pepper

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.

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie According to Pope Francis, ‘Jesus did not mince words’. Any way you look at it, Christ’s proclamation was a turning point in history with phenomenal ramifications. The moment has arrived! The Kingdom of God is close! There is Good News to be heard! This was Jesus’ message about himself. ‘He was the salvation,’ the Pope notes, who entered human history in a powerfully new way. When we look at this Gospel, Jesus also had another component of his message: the way of discipleship. Its elements are straightforward: repent, believe, follow. As the Pope elaborates, Jesus ‘invites us to recognise ourselves as in need of God and his grace; to have a balanced attitude with regard to earthly goods; to be welcoming and humble toward everyone; to know and fulfil ourselves in the encounter with and service of others.’ This is how we can change our lives to follow more closely the one in whom we believe. And, as the Pope further suggests, each phase of our life ‘has its own value, and can be a privileged moment of encounter with the Lord.’ Therefore, we should be open to welcoming Jesus again and again in new places and situations. Whether in our parishes, homes or workplaces, our lives are full of encounters that can change us and those we meet. This is the way.

At our beautiful Cathedral, St Mary’s, we have a very enthusiastic band of volunteers who conduct tours to schools, public and private organizations as well as the general public. This voluntary Ministry was founded in February 2011 and has grown over the years from two to eight tour guides; however, we are looking to increase our numbers. On Tuesday 20th February at 10.30 am we will be conducting a tour followed by a light morning tea in the Cathedral’s Parish Centre. The aim of this “Open Day” is for those individuals who are perhaps retired or are available during the week and would like to find out more of what is involved, to come along to the fact-finding event. You will be able to ask questions, meet the other guides and perhaps decide to join us. Your commitment would only be determined by your availability and may be just one tour every month or so for approximately 1½ hours. Of course, all necessary training and resources are provided. To register your attendance, or for more information, please call Carol Wright, Tour Guide Co Ordinator on 0419 948 411 Email: clwwright@bigpond.net.au.

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 book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm (R.) If today, you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in, let us kneel and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. **O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,**
as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.' (R.)

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

I would like to see you free from all worry. An unmarried man can devote himself to the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is pleasing the Lord; but a married man has to bother about the world's affairs and devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is torn two ways. In the same way an unmarried woman, like a young girl, can devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she need worry about is being holy in body and spirit. The married woman, on the other hand, has to worry about the world's affairs and devote herself to pleasing her husband. I say this only to help you, not to put a halter round your necks, but simply to make sure that everything is as it should be, and that you give your undivided attention to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation Alleluia, alleluia!

A people in darkness have seen a great light:
a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death.
Alleluia!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Jesus and his followers went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the Sabbath came Jesus went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority. In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit, and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into

convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

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.**