



It is with great sadness that we farewell our dear Fr Wayne.

Fr Wayne went to God (as he would say) on Saturday February 11, 12.45 pm

Fr Wayne was ordained at St Mary's Cathedral over 30 years ago

and will be farewelled from St Mary's on Wednesday February 21 at 2.00pm followed by a private cremation.

Dear Parish Family, I wanted to write to you all to thank you for the love, support and all the prayers that you have given to my brother Fr Wayne and myself. He called you all his Parish family and I can understand why I felt I have also gained you all as family. It has been a comfort to him that Fr Richard is looking after the Parish and Prue running things also. My brother meant the world to me as he was truly a special person. Continue your prayers and stay strong as a Parish, I know he would want this. *God Bless you all Maureen*

Thank you to all who have sent thoughtful messages of love and loss of Fr Wayne. We all had your own relationship with Fr Wayne and will miss him dearly. *Prue*



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;
Fr Wayne and Pamela Woodford

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.

A retreat into a wild and lonely place can mean both death and a threat: even small creatures like this gecko can be classed as 'wild beasts'. But when we become familiar with geckoes – if we have lived with them and really looked at them – the threat fades. The same goes for Mark's 'wild beasts', i.e. demons, which 'the Spirit drove' Jesus to face. They were inner demons that confronted Jesus and they posed no mortal threat once he had lived with them and faced up to them. The vital ingredients in this situation are time, courage and a little help from God. Lent is a time for us to face our personal demons and, if we are courageous and rely on divine help, then death will lead to renewal and crisis to opportunity.

Next Weekend's Readings:

2nd Sunday of LENT Year B

Genesis 22:1-2 9-13 15-18 Psalm 15:1-19 Romans 8:31-34

Mark 9 : 2-10



CLAREMONT WA

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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Tue: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 12.30pm Mass CANCELLED 21st Feb

Thu: 9.00am Mass

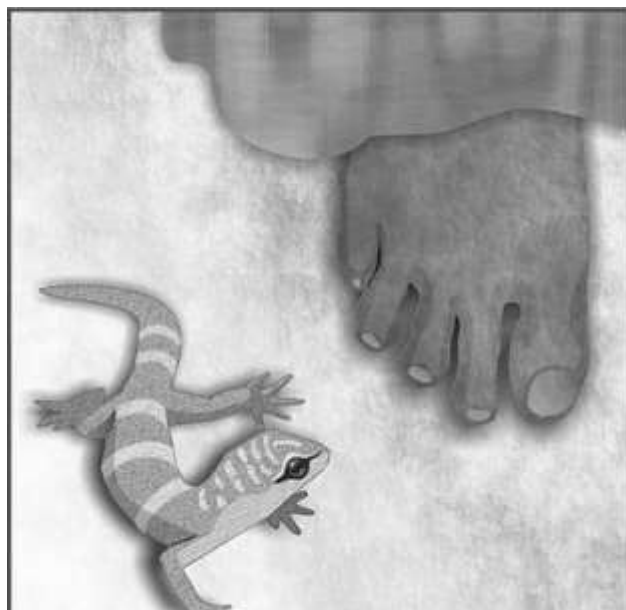
Fri: 9.00am Mass

Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm Kids' Mass

Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am

RECONCILIATION:

Sat: 4.30-5.00pm




1st Sunday in LENT year B
February 17/18 2024



Become Part of Our Church Family

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!



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.

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.

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



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.

THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH
& join us after the Mass on Wednesday for a light lunch & fellowship in the parish centre. **All welcome to come along. See you**

CLUB: Come 12.30pm Wednesdays friendly parish centre. come along. See you

No Mass or lunch on Wednesday 21st due to Fr Wayne's funeral.



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



The Shenton Christian YouthCARE Council is having its first Movie film fundraiser at the Windsor on Friday, 8th March at 6 for 6.30pm. The Great Escaper (M) starring Sir Michael Cain and the late Glenda Jackson. At the Windsor Theatre Pre purchase your ticket and help support our Chaplains contact Catherine 0429 307 445.

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**



This is one of Fr Wayne favorite recipes. Chocolate Sponge Makes one large cake

Ingredients
50g cocoa, 100ml boiling water, 3 tsp vanilla extract, 200g unsalted butter, softened 300g dark soft brown sugar, 50g dark chocolate, melted, 5 medium eggs, 275g plain flour, 2 tsp baking powder, 100g chocolate chips

For the icing

75g melted butter, 75ml boiling water, 50g cocoa, 3 tsp vanilla extract, 600g icing sugar

Method: Put the cocoa in a small bowl, pour on the boiling then stir like crazy until smooth. Mix in the vanilla. Beat the butter and brown sugar until light and fluffy, then beat in the cocoa mixture and melted chocolate. Next beat in the eggs, one at a time. Sift in the flour and baking powder, fold in until smooth, then stir in the chocolate chips. Divide between two deep (or three shallow) Victoria sandwich tins lined in the base with discs of nonstick paper and bake for about 40 minutes at 170C/150C fan, or until a skewer poked in comes out clean. Cool in the tin, then remove and peel the paper off the base. For the icing, pour the butter and water into a large mixing bowl and stir in the cocoa and vanilla until smooth. Evenly mix in the icing sugar, then sandwich and top with chocolate icing to serve. If the icing thickens while you're spreading it, a few 5-second blasts on low in the microwave, checking each time, will make it spreadable again.





NEWMAN COLLEGE Applications now open – Kindy 2026 and Year 7 2027

Enrolments are now open for our two major intake years - Kindy and Year 7. Now is the time to submit your child's application should you wish for them to join Newman College. Interviews will take place over the coming months and we encourage all families who are yet to submit their applications to do so as soon as possible. If you have any queries regarding enrolment, would like to request a copy of the Application for Enrolment form or would like further information on the College please contact registrar@newman.wa.edu.au



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



Project Compassion Sunday 17 & 18 February 1st Sunday in Lent

This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.



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.*

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

Please use only RED Planned Giving Envelopes they run from November 2023. If you are using Green envelopes please contact me.

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 Genesis

God spoke to Noah and his sons, 'See, I establish my Covenant with you, and with your descendants after you; also with every living creature to be found with you, birds, cattle and every wild beast with you: everything that came out of the ark, everything that lives on the earth. I establish my Covenant with you: no thing of flesh shall be swept away again by the waters of the flood. There shall be no flood to destroy the earth again.' God said, 'Here is the sign of the Covenant I make between myself and you and every living creature with you for all generations: I set my bow in the clouds and it shall be a sign of the Covenant between me and the earth. When I gather the clouds over the earth and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the Covenant between myself and you and every living creature of every kind. And so the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all things of flesh.' **The Word of the Lord**

Responsorial Psalm: (R.) Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

1. Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my savior. (R.)
2. Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old.
In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)
3. The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Second Reading: A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Christ himself, innocent though he was, died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life, and, in the spirit, he went to preach to the spirits in prison. Now it was long ago, when Noah was still building that ark which saved only a small group of eight people 'by water', and when God was still waiting patiently, that these spirits refused to believe. That water is a type of the baptism which saves you now, and which is not the washing off of physical dirt but a pledge made to God from a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has entered heaven and is at God's right hand, now that he has made the angels and Dominations and Powers his subjects.

Gospel Acclamation:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the wilderness and he remained there for forty days, and was tempted by Satan. He was with the wild beasts, and the angels looked after him.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.

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.**