



## **The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary**

### **Time**

**Year B: Sept 7-8 2024**

**Parish Priest:** Fr Richard Rutkauskas

**Secretary:** Prue Pupazzoni

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**Office Hours:** Tue, 8.30 - 12.30  
Wed & Fri 8.30 - 2.00

<b>MASS</b>	Tues	9.00am
	Wed	12.30pm
	Thurs	9.00am
	Fri	9.00am

**Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm**

**Sunday: 7.30am, 9.30am**

**RECONCILIATION: Sat: 4:30pm**

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**Safeguarding Officer:** Jenni Hutton



Next Weekend's  
Readings  
24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY  
TIME YEAR B

Isaiah 50:5-9  
Ps 114:1-6,8-9  
James 2:14-18



### **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!

## **Fr Richard Holidays**

Fr Richard will be away from Monday 9th September until Sunday 29th September on annual leave. Masses and Confessions will continue as normal as we welcome Fr Greg Donovan to the parish during that time.



We welcome  
into the parish community  
through the Sacrament of  
Baptism

**Harriet Rose  
DAVIDSON**

We ask for God's blessing upon her and her family as they journey through life, with Jesus beside them.



Congratulations to  
**Arazi Lapworth**  
on receiving his First Communion this weekend.



### **INVITATION TO THE ROSARY WHICH IS**

**RECITED IN ST THOMAS' CHURCH at**

12.00noon before the 12.30pm mass each  
Wednesday. If you have a special intention,  
please phone Stephanie

0408 798 174.

You are most welcome to come  
and join us for a light lunch in the  
Parish Centre following Mass and





If you have any news to share please forward to Prue: [Claremont@perthcatholic.org.au](mailto:Claremont@perthcatholic.org.au)

•**COMMUNION AT HOME.** *If you or someone you know are not able to church and would like a Eucharist Minister to visit each weekend please contact Fr Richard, Prue or Margaret Sweetman. Each month Fr Richard visits Montgomery House, Alfred Carson and Queenslea, in our area for Anointing and Communion. If you have friends or family members who reside in either of these care facilities please let them know.*



**HAVE YOU BEEN THINKING ABOUT BECOMING A CATHOLIC SOMEDAY? COME ALONG ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS AT 7:15PM IN THE PARISH CENTRE.**

To become a Catholic is to take a firm stance about one's beliefs, one's practices, and one's way of life. It is even more than that, actually. Becoming a Catholic means encountering and embracing Jesus Christ in the fullness of His teaching and presence. Therefore, the choice to become a Baptised and Confirmed believer united to Jesus by the gift of the Holy Eucharist, can only be made after careful preparation and spiritual strengthening. The process is called the "Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults," or R.C.I.A. **PLEASE CONTACT FR RICHARD THROUGH THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION**



IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF  
**MARY  
MACKILLOP**

**PILGRIMAGE  
15th-26th  
October 2024**

**FIND OUT MORE PHONE: (02) 8912 4818  
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LINK: [www.marymackillopplace.org.au](http://www.marymackillopplace.org.au)**



**MARRIAGES/BAPTISMS AT ST THOMAS' CHURCH:** Marriages by appointment: 6 months' notice required. Baptisms: usually 10.00am each Saturday, Baptisms are held after the 9.00am Mass on Saturday. Contact Fr Richard or Prue (Parish Office) for more details. **PLEASE NOTE:** The Catholic Church requires that baptismal godparents **have been baptised in the Catholic faith** as they are required to make a promise that they believe in God. People who belong to other Christian faiths can also be godparents, **but one must be Catholic. Unbaptised people cannot be God parents.**



**ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:** You are invited to join St Thomas' Parish Planned Giving Program? You can contribute Direct Debit or through the weekly envelope system. When joining the Programme the Finance Committee can plan 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. **Please email me to forward one to you. Thanks Prue**

**Just a reminder the first collection is for the Priests in the diocese including Fr Richard. The second collection is for our Parish upkeep and costs.**

**New envelopes for the next 12 month will soon be available if you wish to change anything about your Direct Debit especially now is the time to let me know. If you wish to join the Planned Giving Programme using the envelopes each week in the collection now is the time to join the programme.**

**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.

ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PROUDLY INVITES YOU TO

# 'AROUND The WORLD'

A celebration of student art, music and performance.



Thursday  
12th September 2024  
1pm - 4pm



For catering purposes, please scan the QR Code  
with your mobile as a "RSVP Attending".  
Thank you and we look forward to seeing you.

Donations accepted at entry.

St Thomas' Primary School, 8 Warden Street, Claremont 6010.



You are invited to come along to see  
and hear.

## TROUBADOURS OF A GOLDEN AGE

Singer songwriters of the  
1960s and 1970s

Part one: North America

Presented by TIM BURROWS

St Thomas School Hall,  
College Road, Claremont

SUNDAY 15 SEPTEMBER 3 pm

Wounded by beauty: through art and  
music to the religious sense

Working  
with Children  
Check

Thank you to all who have  
recently updated your  
working with children  
card, it is most  
appreciated.



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



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.  
Thank you. **God bless from your local Vinnies Team**

**ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL - ENROLMENTS** St Thomas' Primary School is excited to  
offer families a holistic Catholic education in the heart of Claremont. Limited vacancies are  
available for 2025 enrolments. Please visit [stthomas.wa.edu.au/enrolment-form/](http://stthomas.wa.edu.au/enrolment-form/) for more  
information, or contact us to book a tour of the school on 9286 9500 or email  
[admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au). An application form can also be found at the back of the



**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.**

**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.**



**First Reading:** Isaiah 35:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

**Say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.'** Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy; for water gushes in the desert, streams in the wasteland, the scorched earth becomes a lake, the parched land springs of water.

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
  2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)
  3. The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked.
- The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)**

**Second Reading:** James 2:1-5

A reading from the letter of St James

My brothers, do not try to combine faith in Jesus Christ, our glorified Lord, with the making of distinctions between classes of people. Now suppose a man comes into your synagogue, beautifully dressed and with a gold ring on, and at the same time a poor man comes in, in shabby clothes, and you take notice of the well-dressed man, and say, 'Come this way to the best seats'; then you tell the poor man, 'Stand over there' or 'You can sit on the floor by my foot-rest.' Can't you see that you have used two different standards in your mind, and turned yourselves into judges, and corrupt judges at that? Listen, my dear brothers: it was those who are poor according to the world that God chose, to be rich in faith and to be the heirs to the kingdom which he promised to those who love him.

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation:** cf Matthew 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom  
and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Mark 7:31-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha,' that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

The Gospel of the Lord



**Prayer to St Thomas the Apostle** Almighty and everlasting God, who strengthened your apostle Thomas with sure and certain faith in your Son's resurrection: Grant us so perfectly and without doubt to believe in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, that our faith may never be found wanting in your sight; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**