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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

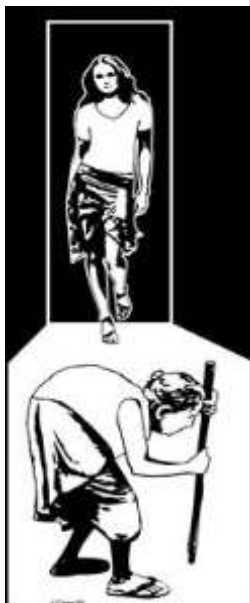
Saturday Vigil: 5.30pm

Childrens' Mass

Sunday: 7.30am and
9.30am

All other Masses and
Reconciliation have been
cancelled.

Wed: 12.30pm
Communion Service



**31st Sunday Ordinary Time
Year A October 28-29 2023**

Next Weekend's Readings:

32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A

**Wis 6: 12-16, 1 Thessalonians 4: 13-18 or
1 Thessalonians 4:13-14 Matt 25:1-13**

St. Thomas
PARISH BULLETIN



Dear Parish family, Life rolls on, and there are good days and not so good, but we go forward knowing that there is a whole host of people behind me, supporting me and praying for me. This Thursday and Friday I have round 2 of chemo. My dear friend Suzy is coming up

from Busselton to look after me for a few days, as my sister has returned to NSW. After the chemo, I will have to go into isolation for a week as my white blood cells are very low and I can be susceptible to bugs and virus's, so you won't see me for a little while.

The Bishop has appointed an administrator to the parish for the time being, whilst I am unable to care for you all.

Fr Richard Rukauskus has been a priest for many years, and I have known him since seminary days. He will take good care of you all and he will be here from the 28th November. Weekday masses will begin again, but the 9am mass on Saturday and the 6.30pm mass on Sunday evening will still be cancelled. More information to follow. Once again I thank you for your support and love at this time, it has helped me and my family get through some dark and scary times. You are a fantastic parish family, and I love you dearly. God bless. **Fr Wayne**

This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;
John Ryan and

For the Holy Souls during November

If you would like the lamp for a week, please put the details and \$10 in an envelope and hand to Prue in the Parish Office or in the mail box.



Please welcome this weekend Fr Stephen Truscott will be celebrating the Saturday Vigil Mass and the Sunday morning Masses.



THE WEDNESDAY LUNCH CLUB **this week will be on Melbourne cup day Tuesday November 7, our lunch is from 11.30am for a 12.00noon race.**

Communion and Rosary will commence at 10.30am. All welcome to come along. See you there.



Please keep taking precautions by washing your hands with the sanitizer provided in the church. If you are feeling unwell please wear a mask.



JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

If you humble yourself you will be honoured

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R R Z G O A H U M B L E Q O
K P H A R I S E E S I X R L
B B I M M T O Q D O W N T K
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F E O C L P K T G Z H E L P
A R Q T D U T E A C H E R I

Try to find these words:

above
banquet
best
do
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humble
Messiah
Moses
obey
Pharisees
teacher

Centre FOR FAITH ENRICHMENT.

Our term 4 brochures for 2023 is available for courses and events. Pathway Programme. We offer the Pathway Programme for Recognition of Theological studies. This collaboration with the University of Notre Dame Australia will allow students who undertake our courses and receive advanced standing to finish an Undergraduate Certificate of Theology or a Diploma of Theology at UNDA. We encourage you to visit our website www.cfe.org.au Pathway Programme for more info.

Hello everyone, Some of you may know Michael (23 years) who attends 9.30am mass. We are looking for a buddy/mentor to support him in the community every alternate Sunday. This paid role will ideally suit somebody of similar age to Michael. If you are interested in further details regarding the role, please contact Louise Davenport Tel: 0428 752 913. Thank you.

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 here!



Mass of Remembrance



NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BACK OF THE CHURCH AND AT THE SIDE ENTRANCES.... Please fill them out and put them in any of the collection baskets at the

weekend Masses, or hand to Fr Wayne. All Masses in November will be offered for the Holy Souls



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 note that the submission date for the **BJ Hickey Scholarship has been extended to Friday, 17 November, 5pm.** To access the scholarship application details and the new digital Scholarship Application Form, please visit the [Scholarships page](#) on the Centre for Faith Enrichment website. The scholarships are for Biblical studies of any length and at any level. You don't need to be an academic – just someone with a desire to further their knowledge of Scripture and to help others with that knowledge. For all related inquiries, please email cfe@perthcatholic.org.au or call 9278 0261
Kind regards, Dr Marco Ceccarelli Director - Centre for Faith Enrichment

Meatball Curry with Creamy Coconut Sauce

Ingredients 500 g Mince 1 Egg 25 g Panko breadcrumbs Salt and Pepper
2 tbsp Vegetable Oil 1 Red capsicum sliced 2 cloves Garlic crushed 1 onion sliced
2 tbsp Red Curry Paste 1 400g tin Coconut Milk Coriander to serve Rice to serve

Method: Heat the oven to 190°C. Mix the mince with the egg and panko and season well. Take tablespoons of the mixture and shape into meatballs. In an ovenproof casserole dish which has a lid heat the vegetable oil and fry the meatballs in batches until browned on all sides then place on a plate. Add the capsicum and onion and fry until softened then add the garlic, fry for a minute before adding the curry paste. Fry for 5 minutes then pour in the coconut milk. Add the meatballs back to the curry, place the lid on and put in the oven. Cook for 15-20 minutes. Serve with rice and topped with coriander

Holy Land Commissariat Franciscan Provincial Office • 47 Victoria Street • Waverley NSW 2024 • Australia

Tel (02) 9369 9300 • Email holyland@franciscans.org.au 25 October 2023 To our Catholic Communities in Australia
Dear friends, I'm sure October 7 is etched in our memories now as a day when once again the Middle East, and particularly the Holy Land, was devastated with a new wave of violence. The Franciscans have, for eight centuries, been responsible for the care of the many sacred places, as well as schools and parishes in Israel,

Gaza and the West Bank. It is difficult to not take sides in this conflict, but so far both sides have used extreme methods where many innocent people have been killed. With Hamas' initial attack on innocent Israeli citizens – infants, children, youth and the elderly – killing more than 1,000, wounding many others and taking 200 hostages, and Israel's response of blocking food, water, fuel, medical supplies and demanding that more than a million people leave their homes; are both acts of extremism and difficult for us in Australia to comprehend.

Pope Francis has called for peace: "Terrorism and extremism do not help reach a solution to the conflict between Israelis and Palestinians, but fuel hatred, violence, revenge and only cause each other to suffer. The Middle East does not need war, but peace, a peace built on dialogue and the courage of fraternity... Please do not shed any more innocent blood, neither in the holy land, nor in Ukraine, nor anywhere else! Enough! Wars are always a defeat, always!"

Besides looking after the pilgrims and pilgrimage sites, the Franciscans look after 15 schools in the Israel/Palestine area and offer wide-ranging housing and social support programmes. The Latin Patriarch looks after another 10 schools. There are two Catholic schools in the Gaza parish – they are part of the Holy Family Parish and part of the Latin Patriarchate. Both communities are currently sheltering families and will need help when the current violence stops. The Holy Child School in Bethlehem provides an intense therapeutic day treatment programme and alternative education for children in the Bethlehem region who suffer from untreated complex mental health issues and exposure to intergenerational trauma. At this time, I ask you on behalf of all those affected by this conflict to pray for peace. In the near future, I hope to have more information on how you can help but for now, prayer is the best answer.

Let us pray with Psalm 122, 6-9: Ask for peace for Jerusalem: may those who love you live in safety; let there be peace in your walls, safety in your palaces. For my brothers and my friends, I will say:

Upon you be peace! By the house of the Lord our God, I will ask good for you.

Sincerely, Fr Bernie Thomas OFM Commissary of the Holy Land, Australia



At present we are preparing toilet bags for Christmas as gifts to men, if you are able to donate appropriate products we will be most appreciative. (new only please)
Thank you to those who keep us supplied.' *Vinnies team*



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



New Planned Giving Envelope as from November can now be collected from the table at the entrance of the Church. Please let me know if you would like to change to Direct Debit.

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 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 prophet Malachi

I am a great king, says the Lord of hosts, and my name is feared throughout the nations. And now, priests, this warning is for you. If you do not listen, if you do not find it in your heart to glorify my name, says the Lord of hosts, I will send the curse on you and curse your very blessing. You have strayed from the way; you have caused many to stumble by your teaching. You have destroyed the covenant of **Levi**, says the Lord of hosts. And so I in my turn have made you contemptible and vile in the eyes of the whole people in repayment for the way you have not kept to my paths but have shown partiality in your administration. Have we not all one Father? Did not one God create us? Why, then, do we break faith with one another, profaning the covenant of our ancestors?

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm (R.) In you, Lord, I have found my peace.

1. O Lord, my heart is not proud nor haughty my eyes. I have not gone after things too great nor marvels beyond me. **(R.)**
2. Truly I have set my soul in silence and peace. A weaned child on its mother's breast, even so is my soul. **(R.)**
3. O Israel, hope in the Lord both now and for ever. **(R.)**

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

Like a mother feeding and looking after her own children, we felt so devoted and protective towards you, and had come to love you so much, that we were eager to hand over to you not only the Good News but our whole lives as well. Let me remind you, brothers, how hard we used to work, slaving night and day so as not to be a burden on any one of you while we were proclaiming God's Good News to you. Another reason why we constantly thank God for you is that as soon as you heard the message that we brought you as God's message, you accepted it for what it really is, God's message and not some human thinking; and it is still a living power among you who believe it.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
You have one Father, your Father in heaven; you have one teacher: the Lord Jesus Christ.
Alleluia!



Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Addressing the people and his disciples Jesus said, 'The scribes and the Pharisees occupy the chair of Moses. You must therefore do what they tell you and listen to what they say; but do not be guided by what they do: since they do not practise what they preach. They tie up heavy burdens and lay them on men's shoulders, but will they lift a finger to move them? Not they! Everything they do is done to attract attention, like wearing broader phylacteries and longer tassels, like wanting to take the place of honour at banquets and the front seats in the synagogues, being greeted obsequiously in the market squares and having people call them Rabbi. 'You, however, must not allow yourselves to be called Rabbi, since you have only one Master, and you are all brothers. You must call no one on earth your father, since you have only one Father, and he is in heaven. Nor must you allow yourselves to be called teachers, for you have only one Teacher, the Christ. The greatest among you must be your servant. Anyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and anyone who humbles himself will be exalted.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

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.**