

St. Thomas

THE Apostle
CATHOLIC CHURCH
PARISH OF CLAREMONT



8th Sunday in Ordinary Time **2 March 2025**

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Office Hours: closed at present

WEEKDAY MASSES:

Tues, Thurs, Fri: 9.00 am

Wed: 12 noon

WEEKEND MASSES:

Saturday Vigil: 5:30pm

Sunday: 7:30am, 9:30am

ASH WEDNESDAY

Mass: 9.00 am and 6.00 pm

Communion Service: 12 noon

RECONCILIATION:

Saturdays: 4:30pm

Safeguarding Officer: Jenni Hutton

PARISH COUNCIL

Fr Richard has begun the process of reestablishing a Parish Council. If you would like to be part of the new Council, please contact:

Michael Anderson: 0438899222.

A watch has been found in the Parish Meeting Room.

Entrance Antiphon (Ps 17:19-20)

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

Pray with Pope Francis.

[The holy father's prayer intention for March](#)

For families in crisis

Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences.

Let us all pray for the Holy Father, that he may know the loving closeness of the Lord in these times of trial, and may be restored to health as the Lord wishes. Let us pray as he has taught us, "May your will be done".



Fr Richard

We missed you!

This Sunday, the last Sunday before Lent, is **Project Compassion Sunday** – a time for us to reflect on our core Christian values, especially in this special year of Jubilee, to be *pilgrims of hope*.

As we approach the season of Lent, now is the perfect opportunity to prepare our hearts for the season of prayer, fasting, and almsgiving. The theme of Project Compassion this year is **Unite Against Poverty this Lent**.

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



Jubilee 2025
PILGRIMS OF HOPE

“ We must fan the flame of hope that has been given us, and help everyone to gain new strength and certainty by looking to the future with an open spirit, a trusting heart and far-sighted vision.”

POPE FRANCIS



IN THE PARISH

COMMUNION AT HOME. *If you or someone you know is not able to attend church and would like a Eucharist Minister to visit please contact Margaret Sweetman or claremont@perthcatholic.org.au.*

Each month Father visits Montgomery House, Alfred Carson and Queenslea, in our area, for Anointing and Communion. If you have friends or family members who reside in any of these care facilities please let them know.

WEEKLY ROSARY AND LUNCH

Wednesday rosary has resumed, followed by lunch. All are welcome. Bring a plate if you can.
Contact: Stephanie 0408798174



For **parish day to day business** please contact Leo McManus:
0417 414 951 OR leomcman@bigpond.net.au

For **sacramental preparation**, please see the notice below.



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for:

Deceased members of the parish



If you would like the lamp to burn for a week, for a special intention, please put the details and \$10 in an envelope and place in one of the collections.

PARISH SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENTS 2025

Enrolment is open for the sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist and Confirmation. Enrolments close at the end of March.

Students attending non Catholic schools can enrol for the Parish preparation classes. Students in this Parish, attending a Catholic school, can enrol to receive the sacrament in the Parish.

For an enrolment form please contact

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



<https://www.stthomas.wa.edu.au> for more information, or

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 to receive a set of planned giving envelopes to be issued to you, or this one to make your contributions by direct debit.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: You are invited to join St Thomas' Parish Planned Giving Program? You can contribute by Direct Debit or through the weekly envelope system. The Programme helps the Finance Committee plan for the Parish's future. If you would like to lend your support in this way, please fill in one of the direct debit forms available at the back of the church.
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. Thank you all.



Catholic Archdiocese of Perth — Employment Opportunities

The Archdiocese has employment opportunities for suitably qualified persons to join its team and continue the good work of the Church. For details and how to apply, refer to <https://www.perthcatholic.org.au/Employment.htm>.

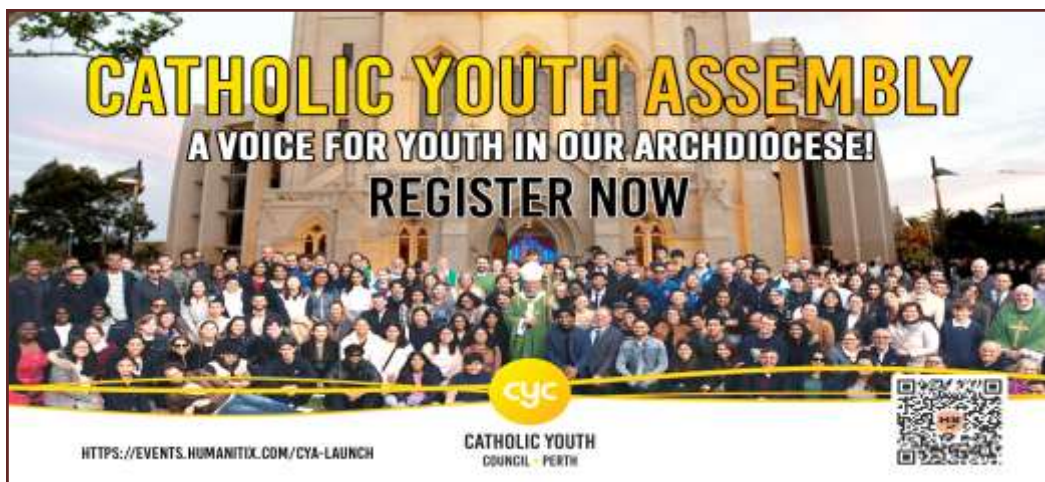
Administration Officer (Archives and Information Governance Office) – Permanent, Part-time

Support Officer, Episcopal Services (Office of the Archbishop) – Permanent, Full-time

Payroll Officer (Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Administration Centre) – Permanent, Full-time

Casual Administration Assistant (Catholic Archdiocese of Perth Administration Centre) – Casual)

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE



When:
Friday, 7th March
2025:
arrive 6:45pm for
7:00pm start,
Conclude 9:00pm

Where:
St Mary's Cathedral
Parish Centre, 41
Victoria Square,
Perth WA 6000

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER - FRIDAY 7 MARCH

Parishioners are invited to celebrate the World Day of Prayer next Friday 7 March, together with other Christians in our area.

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian initiative which commenced in the 1880s and is celebrated annually in over 170 countries on the first Friday in March. The theme this year has been developed by the women in the Cook Islands, based on Psalm 139 1-18. The 2025 program reminds us that each one of us was made with love and care, by God. This year the local western suburbs service is being hosted by the Christ Church Claremont Anglican Parish. The service will be held at:

Friday 7 March, 10.00 am, Christ Church - corner Queenslea Drive and Stirling Highway, Claremont.



4 - 25 March: Radically Transformed: Saint Paul's Life and Message

Tuesdays, 7:30pm – 8:30pm (4 sessions), Thornlie Parish - 50 Ovens Road, Thornlie. Cost: \$20.00. Presenter, Dr Peter Christofides.

5 March - 2 April: Catholic Social Teaching: An Introduction

Wednesdays, 7:30pm – 8:30pm (5 sessions), Kwinana Parish, 114 Parmelia Ave, Parmelia. Cost:

\$20.00. Presenter, Ms Natalie Thomas.

12 March – 9 April: Scripture and Morality: Living Life to the Full According to God's Word

Wednesdays, 10:00am – 11:30am (5 sessions), Newman Siena Centre (Clune LT).

The Church's teachings on morality suggest that God wants us to lead a life that is good. But what does a 'good life' look like and what role has Scripture played in the development of this teaching? \$30.00. Presenter, Joe Tedesco.

CARMELITE RETREAT DAY—Tuesday 4 March 9.30am to 3pm

DARK NIGHT OF THE SOUL: THE INFLOWING OF GOD IN THE SOUL

Join us for a Day Retreat where we will explore the meaning of the Dark Night of the Soul according to the teachings of the Carmelite mystic St John of the Cross. Come and learn how to experience the graces of the Dark Night of the Soul. Presenter, Fr Adalbert Imperial OCD. St Catherine's House of Hospitality, 113 Tyler Street, Tuart Hill. Cost \$30 pp including refreshments and lunch: register: stcatherines@westnet.com.au or 08 9443 9020.

"PRAISE, PRAYER & PAINT" - A WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN

Ladies come join Godly Women with Faith Catholic Ministry on Sunday 30 March from 11 am at Good Shepherd Parish Kiara, for a divine "Praise, Prayer & Paint" workshop—a sacred experience beyond a typical art class. In a peaceful setting, guided by the Holy Spirit, you will connect with your creativity and paint Psalm 23, allowing the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit to flow. Whether you are an experienced artist or a beginner, this session will deepen your connection with God, inspire your soul, and renew your spirit. Visit godlywomenwithfaith.com/eventstalkscourses/events/ to purchase your ticket.



Children's Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday 11 March – 6.30pm

Children's Liturgy of the Word is about Breaking Open the Word of God for children, from the Sunday Liturgy.

Centre for Christian Initiation and Liturgy
Archdiocese of Perth

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First Reading (Jeremiah 17:5-8)

Sirach 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind,
so too the defects of a man appear in his talk.
The kiln tests the work of the potter,
the test of a man is in his conversation.
The orchard where the tree grows is judged on
the quality of its fruit,
similarly a man's words betray what he feels.
Do not praise a man before he has spoken,
since this is the test of men.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 91)

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 15:54-58)

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Acclamation (Philippians 2:15-16)

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

Gospel (Luke 17:20-26)

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.
Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

Next Weekend's Readings

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Deuteronomy 26:4-10

Psalm 90

Romans 10:8-13

Luke 4:1-13