

St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

PARISH OF CLAREMONT



1st Sunday of Lent, Year C
9 March 2025

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MASSES AND DEVOTIONS

Sunday	7:30 am	Mass
	9:30 am	Mass
Monday	--	
Tuesday	9:00 am	Mass
Wednesday	12 noon	Rosary
	12:30 pm	Mass
Thursday	9:00 am	Mass
Friday	9:00 am	Mass
Saturday	4:30 pm	Reconciliation
	5:30 pm	Vigil Mass

CAN YOU HELP THE PARISH GET A NEW TABLE?

The Parish Meeting Room needs a new table. It will be used for coffee catchups, meals, meetings. If you are able to contribute in any way, **please contact Fr Richard.**



Entrance Antiphon (Ps 90:15-16)

When he calls on me, I will answer him;
 I will deliver him and give him glory,
 I will grant him length of days.

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".

OUR PARISH CATECHUMENS

A number of adults and children are preparing to be received into the Church at Easter. They are following the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults in the parish.

This week they will take an important step as they present themselves for the Rite of Election, in a ceremony in St Mary's Cathedral.

Let us all accompany them with our prayers.

PARISH SECRETARY

The parish is in need of a part time secretary (hours negotiable) Skills needed would be a knowledge of Windows Operating System, Microsoft Office, Basic Book Keeping and a basic understanding of the Catholic Archdiocese the Parish and its Mission . Also a knowledge of Sacraments and the data entry required for the recording of these. Coordinating volunteers and the data recording surrounding them. A Working With Children Card and a Police Clearance are Vital.

Contact Fr Richard for more details

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, 12 noon, before Mass.

Lunch after Mass. 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:
sylvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au

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.

To book a tour of the school contact us at 9286 9500 or admin@stthomas.wa.edu.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 to receive a set of planned giving envelopes to be issued to you, or this one to make your contributions by direct



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.

FREE CONCERT IN CHURCH

Saturday 15 March—10.00-10.30

A short recital of organ music will take place in the church, offered by the Royal School of Church Music. Musicians: Jacinta Jakovcevic (organ), Sholto Foss (baritone) and Bianca and Jade Vernie (violins), with a singalong hymn at the end! Following the recital, RSCM will be holding its AGM in the church.

All welcome to the concert!

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE

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



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.

19 March – Tough Questions for Young Adult Catholics: Building Faith and Understanding

Wednesdays 19 March, 16 April, 21 May, 18 June, 7:00pm – 8:00pm, Catholic Pastoral Centre - 40A Mary St, Highgate (enter through Harold St). . Presenter, Joe Tedesco

Further info or register, cfe@perthcatholic.org.au or 08 9278 0261.

“PRAISE, PRAYER & PAINT” - A WORKSHOP FOR WOMEN

Ladies come join Godly Women with Faith Catholic Ministry on Sunday 30 March from 11am 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 .



Explore the theology and mission of Paul, the Apostle of Hope, during this Jubilee Year pilgrimage in Kalgoorlie. Led by Fr Errol Lobo, this experience blends study, prayer and reflection with the local Catholic community. Optional daily Mass each day and stops at Merredin, Southern Cross and Coolgardie, and visits to the Super Pit, the Goldfields Museum, Mt Charlotte and Kalkurla Bushland Park.

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MARIAN PILGRIMAGE & ROME FOR THE JUBILEE YEAR

25 September 2025 - 20 October 2025

We will visit the Shrines of *Our Lady of Fatima*, *Our Lady of Garabandal*, *Our Lady of Lourdes*, the *Shrine of the Miraculous Medal* and *Our Lady of Medjugorje*. Other pilgrimage sites are the *Church of St. Anthony*, *Sanctuary of the Eucharistic Miracle of Santarem*, the *Cathedral of Santiago de Compostella*, the *Basilica of Sacré Coeur* and *Notre Dame*. We fly from Medjugorje to Rome. We will walk through the four Holy Doors of St. Peter’s Basilica, St. John Lateran, St Mary Major and St. Paul Outside the Walls to end our pilgrimage.

Spiritual Director - Father Jean-Noël Marie, Parish Priest of St. Emilie’s Canning Vale.

Pilgrimage Coordinator - Edman Anthony at 0424 437 251 / edmanpilgrimage@gmail.com



Children’s Liturgy of the Word

Tuesday 11 March – 6.30pm



Centre for Christian Initiation and Liturgy
Archdiocese of Perth

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Next Weekend’s Readings **2nd Sunday of Lent Year C**

Genesis: 15:5-18

Psalm 26

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28-36

1st Sunday of Lent, Year C

First Reading (Deuteronomy 26:4-10)

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 90)

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

Second Reading (Romans 10)

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 4:4)

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 (Luke 4:1-13)

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you,
and again:

They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.