

August Newsletter

ST THOMAS
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the Apostle
Claremont Parish



What's happening in our Parish?

As we move into the second half of the year, there is much to be grateful for in our parish community. Our parish fundraising campaign continues to make wonderful progress, with \$122,345 raised so far. We now need just \$22,655 to reach our goal of \$145,000. Thank you to everyone who has contributed so generously. If you have been considering purchasing an engraved paver, please note that the final order will be placed at the end of August. Be sure to submit your order before then so you don't miss out.

We are also pleased to advise that the long-awaited structural repairs to our church are expected to commence during August/September. While every effort will be made to minimise disruption, please keep an eye on the weekly parish bulletin for any changes to Mass arrangements while the works are underway.

During July, important works were completed in the sacristy and confessional. These improvements ensure our parish remains compliant with the Archdiocese's safeguarding requirements, helping us provide a safe and welcoming environment for all. On 25 July, we were delighted to welcome members of the Sullivan family as they celebrated the centenary of their family's arrival in Australia. It was a wonderful occasion, and we thank them for sharing this special milestone with our parish community.

Looking ahead, we warmly invite everyone to join us on Saturday, 22 August, when the St Thomas Year 4 students will celebrate Mass with our parish, followed by a sausage sizzle. It promises to be a lovely opportunity for fellowship and to support our young people as they continue to grow in faith.

Finally, a gentle reminder that Holy Hour is held every Friday. In the busyness of daily life, spending an hour in quiet prayer before the Blessed Sacrament is a beautiful opportunity to deepen our relationship with God. Whether you can stay for the whole hour or just a few moments, all are welcome.

Parish team



Little Sisters of the Poor Appeal

During the weekend of 25-26 July this year, the Little Sisters of the Poor at Glendalough visited our parish for their 2026 appeal. The Little Sisters of the Poor are dedicated to assisting the elderly with the hospitality and love of Christ.

This year our parish collected \$5254.25 to assist them in their mission.

If you missed them that weekend or feel called to donate further use the QR code to donate.



LAST CALL - Church Repairs Fundraising

We are getting close to our fundraising goal due to the generosity of our parishioners. Help us complete our goal ahead of our essential structural repairs.

Special Church Repair donation envelopes are available at all entrances. Donations can also be made by direct deposit to **BSB:086006 ACC: 458537432**. Please ensure that you label the deposit 'repairs'.

Engraved paver's can be purchased for \$200. Each paver can accommodate 3 lines of text, with up to 16 characters per line including spaces. Envelopes are available at the entrances to our church. To purchase online use the QR code. Pavers will be ordered at the end of August - DON'T MISS OUT!



St Thomas School Kids Mass & Sausage Sizzle- Sat 22nd August

Please join us for Mass on Saturday, 22 August, with the Year 4 students from St Thomas School leading us in the liturgy.

After Mass, stay and enjoy a sausage sizzle as we gather with the students and their families. Our strong connection with St Thomas School has always been a treasured part of our parish community. By coming together, getting to know one another, and supporting these opportunities, we can continue to strengthen this special relationship for generations to come.



Spend an Hour with the Lord - Fridays at 11.30am

Everyone is warmly invited to our weekly Eucharistic Holy Hour each Friday at 11.30am. Take time out from the busyness of the week to rest in the presence of Jesus through prayer, silence, Scripture, and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Whether you can stay for the whole hour or just a few minutes, all are welcome.

This months' theme:

BE ENCOURAGED

Each person who prays in the presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament attracts great Graces not only for themselves and their families but also on behalf of those who don't believe and don't adore God.

Events around the Archdiocese



Thurs 1 Oct

Kirup Camino

Join us for a 16km pilgrimage from the Church of St Therese, Balingup, to the Holy Family Church, Kirup, to launch World Mission Month in WA. Participants will receive a 'credencial' (pilgrim passport/booklet) to be stamped along the way of the 16km pilgrimage.

8.30am | Church of St Therese, Balingup |



Sun 20 Sept

St Mary's Organ Concert Series

Experience the magnificent sound of St Mary's Cathedral's historic pipe organ with this concert featuring Dominic Perissinotto (Master of Music - Pipe Organ) and Matthew Styles (WAAPA, Perth - Saxophone). For more info and to book, see the QR code.

Sun 20 Sept | 2.30pm | St Mary's Cathedral, Perth | \$40



Weds 23 Sept

Knights Leadership Breakfast

The Knights of the Southern Cross WA invite all men and women over 18 to join them for A Knights Leadership Breakfast with the Hon Kate Doust MLC, the Hon Maryka Groenewald MLC, and the Hon Nick Goiran MLC. Use the code FAITH1 for a special discount

7 - 9am | Weds 23 Sept | Frasers, Kings Park | \$65



Sat 31 Oct

Celebrating 30 Years of Pregnancy Assistance

Since 1996, Pregnancy Assistance has served women and their families by providing compassionate care, professional counselling, emotional and practical support to those impacted by pregnancy and pregnancy loss. Please join to celebrate three decades of hope, life and service. RSVP by 5 Sept.

Sat 31 Oct | 10.30am | Lunch Provided | All Saints Church | 7 Liwara Place Greenwood



28-30 Aug

menAlive New Norcia Retreat

reCHARGE your faith in the company of like-minded Catholic men and enjoy some Benedictine hospitality at historic New Norcia with this weekend retreat. Catholic men are invited to gather together to listen, learn and long for more of the 'fullness of life' God promises.

6.30pm Fri 28 Aug - 1.30pm Sun 30 Aug | New Norcia | All Meals Included | From \$200



4-8 Jan 2027

Bosco Youth Summer Camp

Super Early Bird Registrations NOW OPEN! Are you between 11½-15 yrs or starting Year 7 in 2027? Come and join us for this 5 day fun filled camp at Nanga Bush Camp, Dwellingup. For more info visit our website at

www.boscoyouth.com Super Early Bird prices end 31 August
4-8 Jan 2026 | Nanga Bush Camp, Dwellingup | 11.5-15yrs | From \$300



Sullivan Family Centenary

On Saturday, 25 July, St Thomas the Apostle Parish had the pleasure of welcoming members of the Sullivan family as they celebrated the centenary of their family's arrival in Australia.

A total of 55 adults and 10 children gathered for this special occasion, giving thanks for the journey of their family over the past 100 years and celebrating the legacy of those who came before them. Fr Garner was delighted to spend time meeting and chatting with family members before they continued on to their anniversary function.

We thank the Sullivan family for choosing to mark this significant milestone with our parish and wish them God's continued blessings as they celebrate their rich family heritage.



St Mary of the Cross MacKillop

On 8 August, we celebrate the feast of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, Australia's first saint. Mary devoted her life to serving God through education, caring for those in need, and bringing hope to those who were struggling. Despite many hardships, she remained steadfast in her faith and trusted always in God's providence.

As we celebrate her life and witness, let us pray for the grace to follow her example of faith, courage, and compassionate service.

Prayer inspired by St Mary MacKillop:

*Ever-generous God,
You inspired St Mary MacKillop to live her life faithful
to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and constant in bringing
hope and encouragement to those who were
disheartened, lonely or needy.
With confidence in your generous providence and
joining with St Mary MacKillop, we ask that you grant
our request...
We ask that our faith and hope be fired afresh by the
Holy Spirit so that we too, like Mary MacKillop, may live
with courage, trust, and openness.
Ever-generous God, hear our prayer.
We ask this through Jesus Christ.
Amen.*

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