

# St. Thomas

THE **Apostle**

CATHOLIC CHURCH



*At the 9.30am Mass we will remember parishioner Jasmine Lamb. A memorial bush will be planted in Jasmine's memory, and a special morning tea will follow.*



**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER,**  
**YEAR A**  
**26 April 2026**

**This Week's Feasts:**

- Mon 27<sup>th</sup> Apr **St Louis Grignon de Montfort**
- Tues 28<sup>th</sup> Apr **St Peter Chanel**
- Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Apr **St Catherine of Siena**
- Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> Apr **St Pius V**
- Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> May **St Athanasius**

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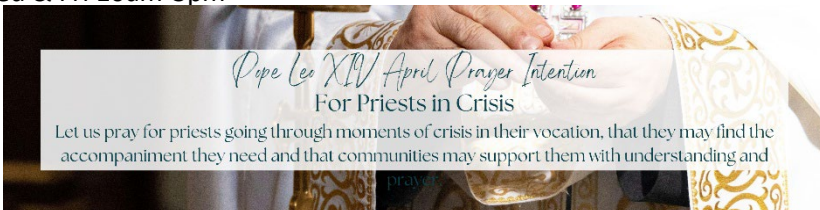
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<b>Masses and Devotions</b>		
Sunday	7.30am	Mass
	9.30am	Mass
Monday	--	
Tuesday	12.30pm	Mass
Wednesday	12.00pm	Rosary
	12.30pm	Mass (lunch in meeting room)
Thursday	12.30pm	Mass
Friday	11.30am	Eucharistic Adoration
	12.30pm	Mass
Saturday	5.00pm	Reconciliation
	5.30pm	Vigil Mass



*Pope Leo XIV April Prayer Intention*  
**For Priests in Crisis**

Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and

## **FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR A**

**Entrance Antiphon** (Cf Psalm 32:5-6)

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.*

**First Reading** (Acts of the Apostles 2:14,36-41)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

*God has made Jesus both Lord and Christ.*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number.

*The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

**Responsorial Psalm** (Psalm 15:1-2,5,7-11)

**(R.)** *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

1. The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**
2. He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

## **Second Reading** (1 Peter 2:20-25)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

*You had gone astray but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty.

This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

## **Gospel Acclamation** (John 10:14)

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;*

*I know my sheep, and mine know me.*

*Alleluia!*

## **Gospel** (John 10:1-10)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*I am the gate of the sheepfold.*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate, but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper lets him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.'

Jesus told them this parable but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them.

So Jesus spoke to them again:

'I tell you most solemnly,

I am the gate of the sheepfold.

All others who have come

are thieves and brigands;

but the sheep took no notice of them.

I am the gate.

Anyone who enters through me will be safe:

he will go freely in and out

and be sure of finding pasture.  
The thief comes  
only to steal and kill and destroy.  
I have come  
so that they may have life  
and have it to the full.'

*Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

**Communion Antiphon** (Cf John 10:11)

*The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.*

## **NEWS & EVENTS**

### **CHURCH REPAIRS – DONATIONS**

We are currently seeking donations to support essential structural repairs to our church, helping to preserve our sacred space for generations to come. Special Church Repair donation envelopes are available at all entrances. We kindly ask that you place your contribution in one of these envelopes so it can be kept separate from the usual collections and directed solely towards these important works. Donations can also be made by direct deposit to **BSB:086006 ACC: 458537432**. Please ensure that you label the deposit '*repairs*'. Thank you for your generosity and support.

### **CHURCH REPAIRS – ENGRAVED PAVER FUNDRAISER**

To help support our church repairs you can purchase a custom engraved paver for \$200. Each paver can accommodate 3 lines of text, up to 16 characters. Envelopes are available at the entrances to our church. An online option will also be provided next week.

### **LAUDATO SI PRESENTATION**

**Weds 11<sup>th</sup> May @ 7pm – St Thomas School Hall**

In this special Year of St Francis, you are most warmly invited to a presentation of this important document on the care of each other and our common home. Free event with registration via [silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au](mailto:silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au)

### **CARITAS AUSTRALIA – LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL**

Lebanon is facing a severe humanitarian crisis, with renewed violence forcing families to flee with nothing. Communities urgently need support.

Next weekend's readings **Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year A**

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7, Psalm 32, 1 Peter 2:4-9, John 14:6, John 14:1-12