

St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

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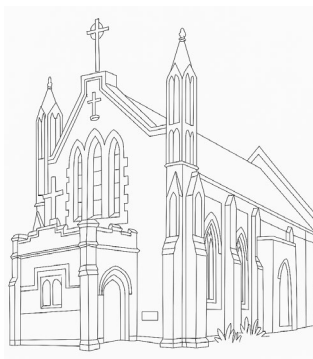
This Week's Feasts:

Weds 19th August **St John Eudes**

Thurs 20th August **St Bernard**

Fri 21st August **St Pius X**

Sat 22nd August **The Queenship of the BVM**



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Masses and Devotions

Sunday	7.30am	Mass
	9.30am	Mass
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 August Prayer Intention
For Evangelisation in the City

Let us pray that in large cities often marked by anonymity and loneliness we find new ways to proclaim the Gospel, discovering creative paths to build community.

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Entrance Antiphon(Psalm 83:10-11)

*Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.*

First Reading (Isaiah 56:1,6-7)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

I will lead the foreigners to my holy mountain.

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 66:2-3,5-6.8 R. v.4)

(R.) *O God, let all the nations praise you!*

1. O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon the earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**
2. Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With your fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**
3. Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Romans 11:13-15,29-32)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The gifts and call of God are irrevocable.

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make

my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them, Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 4:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 15:21-28)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Woman, you have great faith.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord

Communion Antiphon (Psalm 129:7)

With the Lord there is mercy;

In him is plentiful redemption..

NEWS & EVENTS

RCIA

Have you been thinking about becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who might be interested? Are you already a Catholic and would like to deepen your understanding of your Faith?

Please contact silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au

Church Repairs – Donations *Last Call*

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. Donations can also be made by direct deposit to **BSB:086006 ACC: 458537432 Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, Claremont Parish**. Please ensure that you label the deposit '*repairs*'. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Church Repairs – Engraved Paver Fundraiser *Last Call*

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. To purchase online use the QR code. Pavers will be ordered at the end of August, so please order now to avoid disappointment.

Next weekend's readings **Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**
Isaiah 22:19-23, Psalm 137, Romans 11:33-36, Matthew 16:18,
Matthew 16:13-20