

St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

2 August 2026

This Week's Feasts:

Mon 3rd August **St Dominic**

Tues 4th August **St John Vianney**

Thurs 6th August **Transfiguration of the Lord**

Fri 7th August **St Cajetan & St Sixtus II**

Sat 8th August **Saint Mary of the Cross**



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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 69:2,6)

O God, come to my assistance;

O Lord, make haste to help me!

You are my rescuer, my help;

O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading (Isaiah 55:1-3)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Hasten and eat.

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;

though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,

and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,

your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat

and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;

listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant

out of the favours promised to David.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 114:8-9,15-18 R. v.16)

(R.) *The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.*

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**
2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Romans 8:35,37-39)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

No creature can separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ.

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 4:4)

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 14:13-21)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

They all ate and were satisfied.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord

Communion Antiphon (Wisdom 16:20)

*You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.*

NEWS & EVENTS

BIOGRAPHY OF RAFAELLE MARTELLI INTERVIEW

Parishioner John Kinder will be interviewed about his biography of Fr Raffaele Martelli, an Italian priest who worked in Perth and Fremantle from 1853 to 1880. Lane Bookshop, Thursday 6 August, 6:00-7:00 pm. Free with online registration: www.lanebook.com.au/pages/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?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of Christian formation for adults who are seeking full communion with the Church.

If you are interested, please contact. silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au

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. 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

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.

Next weekend's readings **Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**
1 Kings 19:9,11-13, Psalm 84, Romans 9:1-5, Psalm 129:5,
Matthew 14:22-33