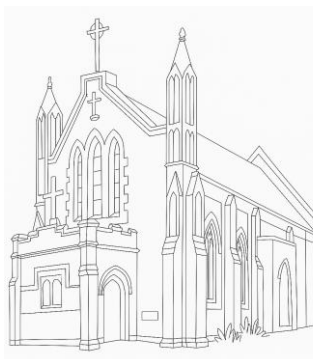




TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

30 August 2026

This Week's Feasts:

Thu 3rd September **St Gregory the Great, Pope**

Sat 5th September **St Teresa of Calcutta**

❖ *Our Sanctuary Lamp this week burns for:*
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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.

Entrance Antiphon Cf Psalm 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.

I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.

Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'

The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.

I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.

Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart,
imprisoned in my bones.

The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 62:2-6. 8-9. R. v.2

(R.) *My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.*

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.

My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.

For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading Romans 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do. *The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.*

Gospel Acclamation See Ephesians 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.*

Alleluia!

Gospel Matthew 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself.

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.' *The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.*

Communion Antiphon Psalms 30:20

*How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.*

NEWS & EVENTS

Apology

When distributing the parish bulletin by email last Friday I made the mistake of including the list of parishioners' email addresses which is a breach of privacy. My humble apologies. Dcn Paul

Sanctuary Lamp

If you would like the sanctuary 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.

Continuing Adult Faith Development

A group of parishioners have asked for continuing parish-based faith development. If you are wishing to deepen your knowledge of the faith or maybe have come from an RCIA process and would like to continue, please contact silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au We are looking at an early October start with regular meetings.

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.

Church Restoration Work

Our contractor K&S Restoration will start on the external work this week. Thank you once again for your understanding and patience while this work is going on.

Next weekend's readings **Twenty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**
Ezekial 33:7-9, Psalm 94:1-2.6-9. R.v.8, Romans 13:8-10,
Matthew 18:15-20