

St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

9 August 2026

This Week's Feasts:

Mon 10th August St Lawrence

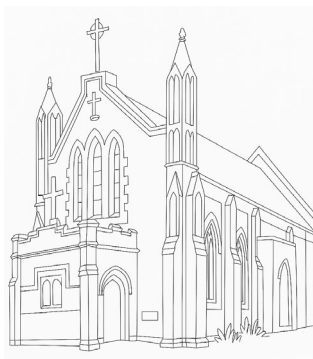
Tues 11th August St Clare

Weds 12th August St Jane Frances de Chantal

Thurs 13th August St Pontian & St Hippolytus

Fri 14th August St Maximilian Kolby

Sat 15th August *Assumption 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 73:20,19,22,23)

*Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.*

First Reading (1 Kings 19:9,11-13)

A reading from the first book of the Kings

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

(R.) *Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.*

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him

and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Romans 9:1-5)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Psalm 129:5)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 14:22-23)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Command me to come to you over the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord

Communion Antiphon (Cf John 6:51)

*The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.*

NEWS & EVENTS

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parishioners who are able to do so should be advised that:

1. They are required to participate in a Mass of the Solemnity of the Assumption (either the Vigil Mass on Friday evening or a Mass celebrated during Saturday, 15 August); and
2. They are also required to participate in a Mass for the Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Saturday evening Vigil Mass or Sunday Mass).

There will be an additional Mass for the Solemnity at 12.30pm on Saturday 15th

Vinnies Quiz Night – Friday 14 August @7pm, St Thomas School Hall

Please join us for the St Vincent de Paul Quiz night. Tables of 8—10, but singles can be accommodated. Also seeking auction donations, particularly a major item such as weekend getaway or holiday house etc. Inquiries Henry Simmons 0417 985 992 or Leo McManus 0417 414 951.

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

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 **Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**
Isaiah 56:1,6-7, Psalm 66, Romans 11:13-15,29-32, Matthew 4:23,
Matthew 15:21-28