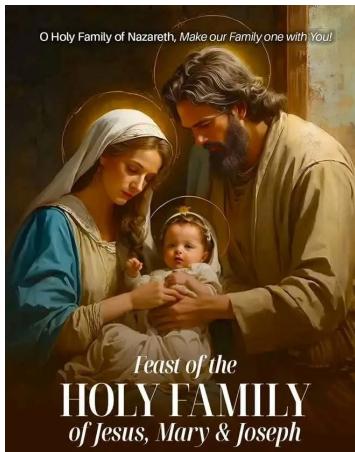


St. Thomas

THE
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CATHOLIC CHURCH



THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH, YEAR A

28 December 2025

NEW YEARS SERVICES

Mon 29 Dec: No Mass

Tues 30 Dec: 12.30pm Mass

New Years Eve: 9.00am Mass

New Years Day: 9.00am Mass

Fri 2 Jan: 12.30pm

Sat 3 Jan: 5.30pm Vigil Mass

Sun 4 Jan: 7.30am & 9.30am Mass

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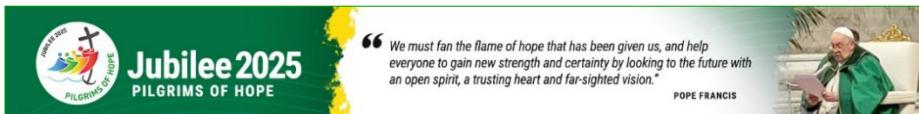
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Office Hours:

Tues & Thurs 9am-2pm

Masses and Devotions

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



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Entrance Antiphon (Luke 2:16)

*The shepherds went in haste,
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.*

First Reading (Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus

Whoever fears the Lord honours his parents.

The Lord honours the father in his children,
and upholds the rights of a mother over her sons.

Whoever respects his father is atoning for his sins,
he who honours his mother is like someone amassing a fortune.

Whoever respects his father will be happy with children of his own,
he shall be heard on the day when he prays.

Long life comes to him who honours his father,
he who sets his mother at ease is showing obedience to the Lord.

My son, support your father in his old age,
do not grieve him during his life.

Even if his mind should fail, show him sympathy,
do not despise him in your health and strength;
for kindness to a father shall not be forgotten
but will serve as reparation for your sins.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 127:1-5)

(R.) *Happy are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways.*

1. O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. **(R.)**
2. Your wife like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. **(R.)**
3. Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! **(R.)**

Second Reading (Colossians 3:12-21)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

Concerning the Christian life in the world.

You are God's chosen race, his saints; he loves you and you should be clothed in sincere compassion, in kindness and humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with one another; forgive each other as soon as a quarrel begins. The Lord has forgiven you; now you must do the same. Over all these clothes, to keep them together and complete them, put on love. And may the peace of Christ reign in your hearts, because it is for this that you were called together as parts of one body. Always be thankful.

Let the message of Christ, in all its richness, find a home with you. Teach each other, and advise each other, in all wisdom. With gratitude in your hearts sing psalms and hymns and inspired songs to God; and never say or do anything except in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Wives, give way to your husbands, as you should in the Lord. Husbands, love your wives and treat them with gentleness. Children, be obedient to your parents always, because that is what will please the Lord. Parents, never drive your children to resentment or you will make them feel frustrated.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Colossians 3:15,16)

Alleluia, alleluia!

*May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.*

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 2:13-15,19-23)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt.

After the wise men had left, the angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you, and escape into Egypt, and stay there until I tell you, because Herod intends to search for the child and do away with him.' So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, left that night for Egypt, where he stayed until Herod was dead. This was to fulfil what the Lord had spoken through the prophet:

I called my son out of Egypt.

After Herod's death, the angel of the Lord appeared in a dream to Joseph in Egypt and said, 'Get up, take the child and his mother with you and go back to the land of Israel, for those who wanted to kill the child are dead.'

So Joseph got up and, taking the child and his mother with him, went back to the land of Israel. But when he learnt that Archelaus had succeeded his father Herod as ruler of Judaea he was afraid to go there, and being warned in a dream he left for the region of Galilee. There he settled in a town called Nazareth. In this way the words spoken through the prophets were to be fulfilled:

He will be called a Nazarene.

Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon (Baruch 3:38)

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.;

NEWS & EVENTS

2026 SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Sacramental enrolments for Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation in 2026 are now open. Please contact Silvia (silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au) for the enrolment form.

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The parish office will be closed over Christmas from December 24 until January 4. Any queries received over this period will be attended to in January.

LIFELINK REMINDER

If you have not yet returned your LifeLink envelopes, please do so before the end of December. The envelopes will be delivered to the appeal office in the New Year. Envelopes are still available at the back of the church.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:

Our parish relies on your generosity. You're invited to join the St Thomas' Planned Giving Programme through: • Weekly envelopes • Direct debit • Bank transfer (BSB:086006 ACC:458537432)

The first collection supports the priests of the diocese, including our parish priest. The second collection supports parish upkeep and operating costs.

Next weekend's readings **The Epiphany of the Lord**

Isaiah 60:1-6,12-14 Psalm 71, Ephesians 3:2-3,4-6, Matthew 2:1-12