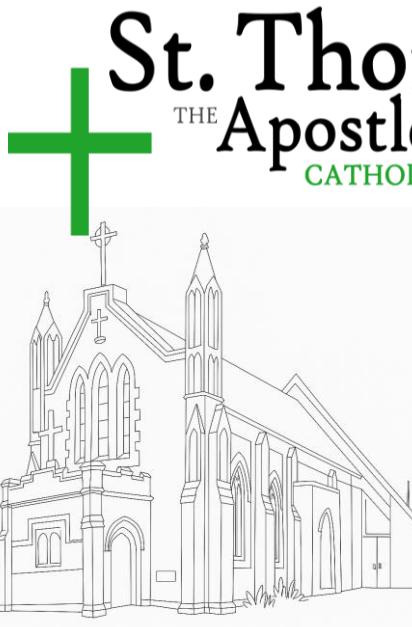


# St. Thomas

THE **Apostle** CATHOLIC CHURCH



## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

**1 February 2026**

*This week our sanctuary lamp burns for  
Ron Chapman*

### This Week's Feasts:

Mon 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb **Presentation of the Lord**  
Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb **St Ansgar & St Blase**  
Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Feb **St Agatha**  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Feb **St Paul Miki & Companions**  
Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Feb **The Blessed Virgin Mary**

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#### **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

*Pope Leo XIV February Prayer Intention*

**For children with incurable diseases**

Let us pray that children suffering from incurable diseases and their families receive the necessary medical care and support, never losing strength and hope.

## **FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A**

### **Entrance Antiphon (Psalm 105:47)**

*Save us, O Lord our God!*

*And gather us from the nations,  
to give thanks to your holy name,  
and make it our glory to praise you.*

### **First Reading (Zephaniah 2:3,3:12-13)**

A reading from the prophet Zephaniah

*In your midst I will leave a humble and a lowly people.*

Seek the Lord

all you, the humble of the earth,  
who obey his commands.

Seek integrity,

seek humility:

you may perhaps find shelter  
on the day of the anger of the Lord.

In your midst I will leave

a humble and lowly people,

and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord.

They will do no wrong,

will tell no lies;

and the perjured tongue will no longer  
be found in their mouths.

But they will be able to graze and rest  
with no one to disturb them.

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 145:7-10)**

**(R.) Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith forever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **(R.)**
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger  
and upholds the widow and orphan. **(R.)**

3. It is the Lord who loves the just  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

### **Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)

reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

*God has chosen what is weak by human reckoning.*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord.

*The word of the Lord*

**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Acclamation** (Matthew 5:12)

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Rejoice and be glad;**

**Your reward will be great in heaven.**

**Alleluia!**

### **Gospel** (Matthew 5:1-12)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

*Happy are the poor in spirit.*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:

they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:

they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:

they shall be satisfied.  
Happy the merciful:  
they shall have mercy shown them.  
Happy the pure in heart:  
they shall see God.  
Happy the peacemakers:  
they shall be called sons of God.  
Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:  
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.'

'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

*Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

**Communion Antiphon** (Matthew 5:3-4)

*Blessed are the poor in spirit,*

*for theirs is the Kingdom of Heaven.*

*Blessed are the meek, for they shall possess the land.*

## **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](mailto:silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au)) for the enrolment form. Please note that First Holy Communion will be held earlier in the year than usual so please enroll your child promptly.

### **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 (**First Collection:** BSB:086006 ACC:773078600, **Second Collection:** 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.

### **RCIA MEETINGS TO RECOMMENCE**

#### **Wednesday February 4 @ 7pm - Parish Meeting Room**

Our first RCIA session for the year will be on the Sacraments of Initiation. All enquiries; [silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au](mailto:silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au).

Next weekend's readings **Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

Isaiah 57:7-10, Psalm 111, 1 Corinthians 2:1-5, Matthew 5:13-16