

St. Thomas

THE **Apostle**

CATHOLIC CHURCH



**SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME,
YEAR A**

15 February 2026

This Week's Feasts:

Tues 17th Feb **Seven Founders of the
Order of Servites**

Weds 18th Feb **Ash Wednesday**

Sat 21st Feb **St Peter Damian**

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Masses and Devotions

Sunday	7.30am 9.30am	Mass Mass
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.

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Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 30:3-4)

*Be my protector, O God,
a mighty stronghold to save me.
For you are my rock, my stronghold!
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.*

First Reading (Sirach 15:15-20)

A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus
He never commanded anyone to be godless.
If you wish, you can keep the commandments,
to behave faithfully is within your power.
He has set fire and water before you;
put out your hand to whichever you prefer.
Man has life and death before him;
whichever a man likes better will be given him.
For vast is the wisdom of the Lord;
he is almighty and all-seeing.
His eyes are on those who fear him,
he notes every action of man.
He never commanded anyone to be godless,
he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 118:1-2,4-5,17-18,33-34)

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

1. They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **(R.)**
2. You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **(R.)**
3. Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law. **(R.)**
4. Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **(R.)**

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him.

These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (John 8:12)

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.*

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 5:20-22,27-28,33-34,37)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

Jesus said to his disciples: I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court.

'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.

'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon (John 3:16)

God so loved the world

that he gave his Only Begotten Son,

*so that all who believe in him may not perish,
but may have eternal life.*

NEWS & EVENTS

ASH WEDNESDAY- MASS TIMES

Weds 18th Feb

9am @ St Mary Star of the Sea, Cottesloe

12.30pm @ St Thomas the Apostle, Claremont

6pm @ Corpus Christi, Mosman Park

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Vinnies has recently expanded its service area to include North Fremantle and is experiencing a shortage of food pantry items. They would appreciate donations of non-perishable foods such as cereal, long-life milk, rice, jams, biscuits, sweets, tea and coffee, and tinned meals, fish, vegetables and soups. There is currently a surplus of pasta.

WORLD PRAYER DAY

Fri 6th Mar @ 10am- St Aidan's Uniting Church, Claremont

The World Day of Prayer is an international ecumenical Christian service held annually on the first Friday in March. Begun in 1887, it brings women together in prayer and action for women around the world. This year's service focuses on Nigeria—please join us.

BOOK LAUNCH – Pope Francis, the Disruptive Pilgrims Guide

Tues 24th Feb @ 4.30pm –Thomas Moore Exhibition Centre, John XXIII College

Fr Frank Brennan's fascinating new publication explores Pope Francis's impact as a 'disruptive pilgrim,' blending Jesuit insight with themes of mercy, justice, and inclusion. The launch will be officiated by Timothy Costelloe SDB, Archbishop of Perth, and Fr Frank Brennan SJ AO. RSVP via

www.trybooking.com/1514428

RCIA MEETING

Weds 18th Feb @ 7pm - Parish Meeting Room

Parishioners are warmly welcomed to come along and support those who are enquiring about the Faith. This week's session will be on the Order of the Mass. All enquiries; silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au

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)

Next weekend's readings **First Sunday of Lent, Year A**

Genesis 2:7-9, 3:1-7, Psalm 50, Romans 5:12, 17-19, Matthew 4:1-11