

St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH



FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME, YEAR A

8 February 2026

This Week's Feasts:

Tues 10^h Feb St Scholastica

Weds 11th Feb Our Lady of Lourdes

Sat 14th Feb St Cyril & St Methodius

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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 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 (Psalm 94:6-7)

*O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.*

First Reading (Isaiah 58:7-10)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah
Your light will shine like the dawn.

Thus says the Lord:

Share your bread with the hungry,
and shelter the homeless poor,
clothe the man you see to be naked
and turn not from your own kin.
Then will your light shine like the dawn
and your wound be quickly healed over.
Your integrity will go before you
and the glory of the Lord behind you.
Cry, and the Lord will answer;
call, and he will say, 'I am here.'
If you do away with the yoke,
the clenched fist, the wicked word,
if you give your bread to the hungry,
and relief to the oppressed,
your light will rise in the darkness,
and your shadows become like noon.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 111:4-9)

(R.) *A light rises in the darkness for the upright.*

1. He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. **(R.)**
2. The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **(R.)**
and the peoples with fairness. **(R.)**

3. With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)

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

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (John 8:12)

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the light of the world, says the Lord;

the man who follows me

will have the light of life.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 5:13-16)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

You are the light of the world.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden.

No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 106:8-9)

*Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.*

NEWS & EVENTS

ST VINCENT DE PAUL FOOD PANTRY DONATIONS

Vinnies have recently acquired North Fremantle to their service area. With a larger area to support they have a shortage of items in their food pantry. They would be grateful for donations of simple non-perishable food items like breakfast cereal, long-life milk, rice, jams, biscuits, sweets, tea & coffee, tins of stew, fish, vegetables and soups. There is currently a surplus of pasta so they don't require any more for now.

RCIA MEETING

Weds 11th 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 Sacraments of Healing. All enquiries; silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au

SACRAMENTAL PREPARATION CLASSES - FIRST COMMUNION

Thurs 12th Feb @ 4.15pm to 5pm – Parish Meeting Room

Our Sacramental preparation classes for First Communion kick off next week on Thursday. 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 Program 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.

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

Sirach 15:15-20 Psalm 118, 1 Corinthians 2:6-10,

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