

# St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH



## SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

### TIME, YEAR A

18 January 2026

### This Week's Feasts:

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> Jan **St Fabian & St Sebastian**

Tues 21<sup>st</sup> Jan **St Agnes**

Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan **St Vincent**

Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> Jan **St Timonhy & St Titus**

Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Jan **St Francis de Sales**

Sat 25<sup>th</sup> Jan **The Conversion of St Paul**

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### **Masses and Devotions**

Sunday	7.30am	Mass
	9.30am	Mass
Monday	--	
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

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

### **Entrance Antiphon** (Psalm 65:4)

*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,  
and shall sing to you,  
shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

### **First Reading** (Isaiah 49:3,5-6)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

*I will make you the light of the nations so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.*

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel,  
in whom I shall be glorified';

I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord,  
my God was my strength.

And now the Lord has spoken,  
he who formed me in the womb to be his servant,  
to bring Jacob back to him,  
to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,  
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back the survivors of Israel;  
I will make you the light of the nations  
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of the earth.'

*The word of the Lord.*

*Thanks be to God.*

### **Responsorial Psalm** (Psalm 39:2,4,7-10)

**(R.)** *Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.*

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord  
and he stooped down to me;  
he heard my cry.  
He put a new song into my mouth,  
praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,  
but an open ear.  
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.  
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written  
that I should do your will.  
My God, I delight in your law  
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**

4. Your justice I have proclaimed  
in the great assembly.  
My lips I have not sealed;  
you know it, O Lord. **(R.)**

**Second Reading** (1 Corinthians 1:1-3)

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

*The grace and peace of God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

*The word of the Lord*

*Thanks be to God.*

**Gospel Acclamation** (See Mark 9:8)

*Alleluia, alleluia!*

*The Word of God became flesh and dwelt among us.*

*He enabled those who accepted him*

*to become the children of God.*

*Alleluia!*

**Gospel** (John 1:29-34)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

*This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.*

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'

*Gospel of the Lord.*

*Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ*

## **Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 22:5)**

*You have prepared a table before me,  
and how precious is the chalice that quenches my thirst.*

## **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 (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.

### **COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS**

We still have 13 of the 2026 Columban Art Calendars available. They are \$11 each. Please let the parish office know if you would like one of them.



Next weekend's readings **Third Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**  
Isaiah 8:23-9:3, Psalm 26, 1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17, Matthew 4:12-23