

St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

19 July 2026

This Week's Feasts:

Mon 20th July **St Apollinaris**

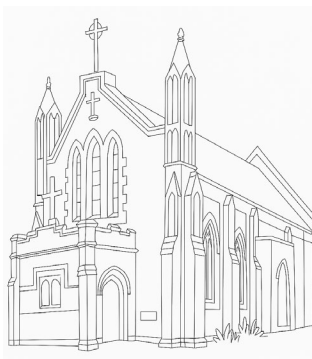
Tues 21st July **St Lawrence of Brindisi**

Weds 22nd July **St Mary Magdalene**

Thurs 23rd July **St Bridget**

Fri 24th July **St Sharbel Makhluuf**

Sat 25th July **St James**



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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



Our sanctuary lamp this week: Anniversary of death **Vincent Goerke** 22nd July

Pope Leo XIV July Prayer Intention
For the Respect for Human Life

Let us pray for the respect and protection of human life in all its stages, recognizing it as a gift from God.

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Entrance Antiphon(Cf Psalm 53:6,8)

See, I have God for my help.

The Lord sustains my soul.

*I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.*

First Reading (Wisdom 12:13,16-19)

A reading from the book of Wisdom

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly.

Your justice has its source in strength,
your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all.

You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned
and you expose the insolence of those who know it;
but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement,
you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.

By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope
that after sin you will grant repentance.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 85:5-6,9-10,15-16 R. v.5)

(R.) *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

1. O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice **(R.)**
2. All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **(R.)**
3. But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Romans 8:26-27)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could never be put into words.

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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 13:24-30)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Let them grow together until the harvest.

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord

Communion Antiphon (Psalm 110:4-5)

*The Lord, the gracious, the merciful,
has made a memorial of his wonders;
he gives food to those who fear him.*

NEWS & EVENTS

Funeral Mass

- A Funeral Mass for our long-term parishioner **Dr John Alvarez** will be celebrated at St Thomas Church this Friday 24th July at 10:00am.

Little Sisters of the Poor

The Little Sisters of the Poor at Glendalough Aged Care Home provide care for the elderly poor with minimal income. The Sisters will visit our parish 25th-26th July and humbly request your financial support. There will be a retiring collection at the end of each Mass.

RCIA

Have you been thinking about becoming a Catholic? Do you know someone who might be interested? Are you already a Catholic and would like to deepen your understanding of your Faith?

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is a process of Christian formation for adults who are seeking full communion with the Church.

If you are interested, please contact. silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au

Church Repairs – Donations

We are currently seeking donations to support essential structural repairs to our church, helping to preserve our sacred space for generations to come. Special Church Repair donation envelopes are available at all entrances. Donations can also be made by direct deposit to **BSB:086006 ACC: 458537432 Account Name: The Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Perth, Claremont Parish.** Please ensure that you label the deposit '*repairs*'. Thank you for your generosity and support.

Church Repairs – Engraved Paver Fundraiser

To help support our church repairs you can purchase a custom engraved paver for \$200. Each paver can accommodate 3 lines of text, up to 16 characters. Envelopes are available at the entrances to our church. To purchase online use the QR code.

Next weekend's readings **Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**
1 Kings 3:5,7-12, Psalm 118, Romans 8:28-30, See Matthew 11:25,
Matthew 13:44-46