

St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

26 July 2026

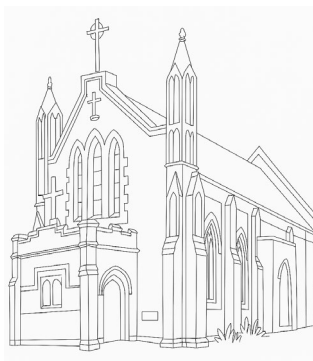
This Week's Feasts:

Weds 29th July **St Martha, St Mary & St Lazarus**

Thurs 30th July **St Peter Chrysologus**

Fri 31st July **St Ignatius of Loyola**

Sat 25th July **St Alphonsus Liguori**



Our sanctuary lamp this week:

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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 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 67:96-7,36)

God is in his holy place,

God who unites those who dwell in his house;

he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading (1 Kings 3:5,7-12)

A reading from the first book of the Kings

You have asked for wisdom.

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

(R.) *Lord, I love your commands.*

1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **(R.)**
2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **(R.)**
3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. **(R.)**

4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Romans 8:28-30)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

He predestined us to become true images of his Son.

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (See Matthew 11:25)

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 13:44-46)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He sells everything he owns and buys the field.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you Lord

Communion Antiphon (Psalm 102:2)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.*

NEWS & EVENTS

❖ Funeral Mass

A Funeral Mass for Gillian Mitchell will be celebrated at St Thomas Church this Wednesday 29th July at 1:30pm.

Sullivan Family Centenary Mass

The Sullivan family are celebrating 100 years since the arrival of the family in Australia on 26th July 1926, and will be joining us for a special Vigil Mass on Saturday.

Little Sisters of the Poor

The Sisters will visit our parish 25th-26th July and humbly request your financial support. There will be a retiring collection after each Mass.

Vinnies Quiz Night – Friday 14 August @7pm, St Thomas School Hall

Please join us for the St Vincent de Paul Quiz night. Tables of 8—10, but singles can be accommodated. Also seeking auction donations, particularly a major item such as a weekend getaway or holiday house etc. All Inquiries to Henry Simmons 0417 985 992 or Leo McManus 0417 414 951.

Archdiocesan Safeguarding Standards

To comply with Safeguarding standards, carpentry work is scheduled to start in the church this Monday 27th July. This will include the vestry, sacristy and confessional. Work should be completed by Friday 31st July.

RCIA

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 **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

Isaiah 55:1-3, Psalm 144, Romans 8:35,37-39, Matthew 4:4,

Matthew 14:13-21