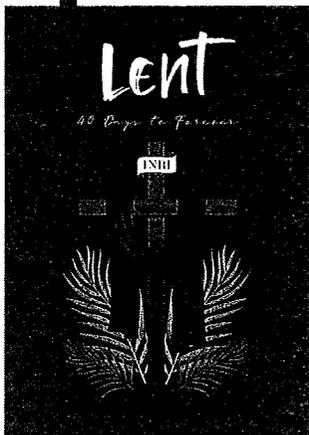


St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH



FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR A

22 March 2026

This Week's Feasts:

Mon 23rd Mar St Turibius de Mongrovejo
Weds 25th Mar The Annunciation of the Lord

Holy Week & Easter Services

Palm Sunday 29 Mar - 7.30am & 9.30am

Holy Thursday 2 Apr - 7.00pm

Good Friday 3 Apr - 10am Stations, 3pm Passion

Holy Saturday 4 Apr - 6.30pm Vigil Mass

Easter Sunday 5 Apr - 7.30am & 9.30am

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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 March Prayer Intention

For disarmament and peace

Let us pray that nations move toward effective disarmament, particularly nuclear disarmament, and that world leaders choose the path of dialogue and diplomacy instead of violence.

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Entrance Antiphon

(Cf Psalm 42:1-2)

Give me justice, O God,

and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless.

From the deceitful and cunning rescue me,

for you, O God, are my strength.

First Reading (Ezekiel 37:12-14)

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live.

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 129)

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy

and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,
Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive
to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,
Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness:
for this we revere you. **(R.)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord,
I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord
more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak
and Israel on the Lord.) **(R.)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy
and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem
from all its iniquity. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Romans 8:8-11)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he will give life to your own mortal bodies.

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to

God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The word of the Lord Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (John 11:25, 26)

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;

whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel (John 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33-45)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the resurrection and the life.

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.'

Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.'

On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said:

'I am the resurrection and the life.

If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live,
and whoever lives and believes in me
will never die.

Do you believe this?'

'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said:

'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer.

I knew indeed that you always hear me,
but I speak
for the sake of all these who stand round me,
so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.'

Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon (Cf John 11:26)

*Everyone who lives and believes in me
will not die for ever, says the Lord.*

NEWS & EVENTS

PARISH SECRETARY UPDATE

Deacon Paul has commenced part-time admin support on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please join us in welcoming him to this role. Jackie will continue on Tues & Thurs.

VINNIES FOOD PANTRY

Thank you for your generous pantry donations. Demand has doubled since taking on Palmyra's North Fremantle clients, leading to rapid turnover. We need simple, nutritious items like pasta, rice, cereals, canned foods, long-life milk, and instant meals. No Easter eggs needed as the girls from Iona have provided these.

PALMS FOR PALM SUNDAY

We are in need of palms, for palm Sunday. If you are able donate some please let Fr Garner or the parish office know.

CONFESSION BEFORE HOLY WEEK

St Thomas will have reconciliation on **Sat 28 Mar at 4.30pm-5pm**. Other nearby options include Holy Rosary, Nedlands on Thurs 19 Mar at 7pm, Star of the Sea, Cottesloe on Sat 28 Mar at 12.30pm & St Cecilia, Floreat on Sat 28 Mar at 8.30am.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays During Lent @ 7pm, St Thomas Church

Parishioners are warmly invited to pray the Stations of the Cross each Friday during Lent at 7pm. Come reflect, pray, and walk with Christ this Lenten season.

CORRECTION TO HOLY THURSDAY MASS TIME

There was a typo in the March Newsletter, parishioners are advised that the correct Holy Thursday Mass time is 7pm.

RCIA

Meetings for the current course are complete. Please pray for the catechumens and candidates to be received into the Church at the Easter Vigil. Details of the next RCIA course will be published later this year. Contact: silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au

Next weekend's readings **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord, Year A**
Ezekiel 37:12-14, Psalm 129, Romans 8:8-11, John 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45