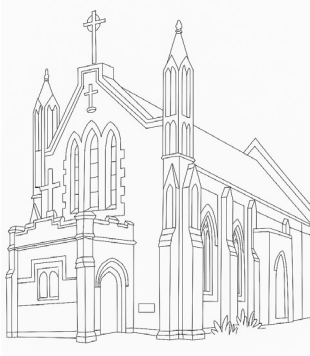


St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH



ASCENSION OF THE LORD YEAR A

17 May 2026

This Week's Feasts:

Mon 18th May **St John I**

Weds 20th May **St Bernadine**

Thurs 21st May **St Christopher Magallanes**

Fri 22nd May **St Rita of Cassia**

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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



VOLUNTEER

Pope Leo XIV May Prayer Intention
That Everyone Might Have Food

Let us pray that everyone, from large producers to small consumers, be committed to avoid wasting food, and to ensure that everyone has access to quality food.

ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR A

Entrance Antiphon(Acts of the Apostles 1:11)

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?

*This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.*

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.'

Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.'

As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 46)

(R.) *God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:
a blare of trumpets for the Lord.*

1. All peoples, clap your hands,
cry to God with shouts of joy!
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

2. God goes up with shouts of joy;
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.
Sing praise for God, sing praise,
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**
3. God is king of all the earth.
Sing praise with all your skill.
God is king over the nations;
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

Second Reading (Ephesians 1:17-23)

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named, not only in this age, but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet, and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 28:19,20)

Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world.

Alleluia!

Gospel (Matthew 28:16-20)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commandments I gave to you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon (Matthew 28:20)

*Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, alleluia.*

NEWS & EVENTS

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.

ST THOMAS SCHOOL YEAR 6 –SATURDAY 5.30pm MASS & SAUSAGE SIZZLE

A special thank you to the Year 6 students of St Thomas School for their wonderful contribution to this week's Children's Mass as they lead us in the readings. There will also be a sausage sizzle following Mass, so we warmly invite you to stay, enjoy some refreshments, and take the opportunity to meet and get to know the children and their families. We look forward to welcoming the other classes of St Thomas School as they host and participate in future Children's Masses over the coming months.

ROAD TO PENTECOST

Mon 18th – Fri 22nd May, 7.30pm, Integrity House, 67 Howe St, Osborne Park

The Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community invite you to attend a five-night preparation for Pentecost featuring Praise & Worship, preaching on the Holy Spirit, and fellowship. All are welcome.

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION RETREAT

Tues 19th May 9am-3.30pm, St Catherine's House of Hospitality, 113 Tyler St, Tuart Hill

The retreat day will offer its history, some of its benefits and how to practice this ancient art. You may care to learn about this simple quiet way to enhance and nourish the gift of silence. Facilitators: Stephanie Woods, John Coleman. Cost \$30 including morning tea and lunch. RSVP by Sunday 17 May to stcatherines@westnet.com.au.

Next weekend's readings **Pentecost Sunday, Year A**

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-11, Psalm 103, 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13,
John 20:19-23