

St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH



FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A

3 May 2026

Please give a warm welcome to Fr Francis Ughanze who will kindly be saying Mass for us for the month of May while Fr Garner is on leave

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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.

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Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 97:1-2)

*O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.*

First Reading (Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7)

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They elected seven men filled with the Spirit and wisdom.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 32)

(R.) *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

1. Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**
2. For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**
3. The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Second Reading (1 Peter 2:4-9)

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (John 14:6)

Alleluia, alleluia!

*I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.*

Alleluia!

Gospel (John 14:1-12)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I am the way, the truth, and the life.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father’s house;

if there were not, I should have told you.

I am now going to prepare a place for you,

and after I have gone and prepared you a place,

I shall return to take you with me;

so that where I am

you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.’

Thomas said, ‘Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?’ Jesus said:

‘I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.

No one can come to the Father except through me.

If you know me, you know my Father too.

From this moment you know him and have seen him.’

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father,
so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?
Do you not believe
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?
The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself:
it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work.
You must believe me when I say
that I am in the Father and the Father is in me;
believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason.
'I tell you most solemnly,
whoever believes in me
will perform the same works as I do myself,
he will perform even greater works,
because I am going to the Father.'

Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

Communion Antiphon (Cf John 15:1,5)

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.

Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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**. 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.



LAUDATO SI PRESENTATION

Weds 13th May @ 7pm – St Thomas School Hall

In this special Year of St Francis, you are most warmly invited to a presentation of this important document on the care of each other and our common home. Free event with registration via silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au

Next weekend's readings **Sixth Sunday of Easter, Year A**

Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8,14-17, Psalm 65, 1 Peter 3:15-18, John 14:15-21