

# June Newsletter

ST THOMAS  
♦  
the Apostle  
Claremont Parish



## What's happening in our Parish?

As we move into June, we reflect with gratitude on the many blessings within our parish community. During May, we launched our fundraising campaign for essential church repairs, and thanks to the extraordinary generosity of our parishioners and supporters, we have already raised \$103,500 towards our \$150,000 goal. The response has been both humbling and inspiring, and we thank everyone who has contributed so far.

On Saturday, 16 May, the Year 6 students from St Thomas School did a wonderful job leading us in the readings at Mass. We look forward to welcoming the Year 5 students on Saturday, 13 June. Please consider joining us for Mass and staying afterwards for the sausage sizzle—a great opportunity to meet the children and their families and strengthen the bonds within our parish community.

This month, the Year 4 students from St Thomas School will celebrate their First Holy Communion. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they prepare for and receive this important sacrament.

We will also celebrate the Festival of St Vincent on 28 June, with a morning tea following the 9:30am Mass. Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society will be joining us for this special occasion, and all parishioners are warmly invited to attend.

Finally, we extend our sincere thanks to Fr Francis Ughanze for celebrating Mass with us throughout May, and we warmly welcome Fr Garner back from his leave.

*Parish team*



## Caritas - Lebanon Appeal

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Communities are already pushed to the brink by years of economic collapse, poverty and failing essential services.

More than 2000 people have been killed and more than one million have been displaced nationwide.

Your support can help provide emergency support to vulnerable communities. Visit [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au) or use the QR code to donate now.



## Church Repairs Fundraising

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'.

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



## Laudato Si'



This year marks the 800th anniversary of the death of St Francis of Assisi. Pope Leo has declared a special year of St Francis. Recently, parishioner Eveline Masco, Sustainability Officer at the Catholic Education Office of WA, presented Pope Francis' encyclical letter Laudato Si - on the care of our Common Home to a group of parishioners.

Pope Francis named his encyclical after St Francis' famous prayer, known to us in English as the 'Brother Sun, Sister Moon' prayer.

Eveline gave an informative and thought provoking talk on how Laudato Si is an essential guide to our Christian responsibility towards each other and our common home.

The students of St Thomas School, guided by their Art teacher Kate Byrne, have illustrated the life and works of St Francis and their work accompanied Eveline's presentation.

The Parish has asked Eveline to speak again on Laudato Si later this year.

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## Events around the Archdiocese



12-14 June

### Monastic Wisdom for Everyday Life

This weekend retreat will explore how the principles of monastic living can be applied to everyday life, to harness your inner strength, and achieve resilience, success and contentment. Presented by Fr Robert Nixon OSB.

**Fri 12 June 7.30pm - Sun 14 June 11.30am | New Norcia Benedictine Community | \$360**



Weds 10 June

### Miracle Prayers Healing Service

Syona Fernandez will provide an insight into I Thirst: An evening with St Teresa of Calcutta and St Therese of Lisieux. Prayers for healing & other intentions, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available.

For info call 0404 028 298.  
**Wed 10 June | 7.30pm | 67 Howe St, Osborne Park**



Invitation to  
OUR MINO  
Sat 13 June

### Marriage Camino

Couples are invited to attend a Marriage Camino in the grounds of the Schoenstatt Shrine. Enjoy short reflections at pillars around the Shrine before having time to discuss what helps to grow and support your marriage. For further information click the QR code or contact Philomena Theseira on 0417 936 757

**Sat 13 June | 9.30am-4.30pm | Schoenstatt Shrine, Mt Richon | \$15 per couple**



19-20 June

### Mary Healy Conference

Catholic theologian Mary Healy, a leading figure in the Charismatic Renewal and one of the first women appointed by Pope Francis to the Pontifical Biblical Commission, will lead this day-and-a-half event. The program includes prayer, presentations, and Mass.

**9am-9pm Fri & 8.30am-12pm Sat | 67 Howe Street, Osborne Park | \$100**



11 June

### Men Alive Breakfast

Newly ordained Auxiliary Bishop Nelson Po will share his story at the menALIVE Catholic Man Breakfast Series hosted by Auxiliary Bishop Don Sproxtton. To register use the QR code. For further information, contact Ray Gourlay on 0408 923 068.

**7 - 9am | Thurs 11 June | Duxton Hotel, Perth | \$65**



10-12 July

### Illuminate Youth Camp

Get ready for an epic weekend with CYM at Eagles Nest in Gidgegannup! 🔥

Expect lots of games, big laughs, and plenty of time to chill with your friends (and meet new ones along the way). Step away from the usual routine and jump into something way more exciting.

**3pm 10 July - 3pm 12 July | Eagles Nest Youth Formation Centre | 1406 O'Brien Rd, Gidgegannup | \$120 | 12-17yrs**



## Deacon's Diary

Dear Parishioners

### **Magnifica Humanitas**

On 25 May 2026, Pope Leo released Magnifica Humanitas, his much-anticipated first encyclical as pontiff. In it, he takes aim straight at artificial intelligence. In these 40-something pages, Pope Leo makes the case, plain and clear, that AI is a threat to humanity and the planet. He also makes it clear that this technology is part of a long cycle of exploitation and destruction. Therefore, if we are going to contend with it, we must ground it in a framework of social justice.

Some have expressed surprise at Pope Leo's bluntness and boldness in taking on such a polarizing issue. But, to others, Magnifica Humanitas is picking up where Pope Francis' first encyclical, Laudato Si, naturally left off.

When Laudato Si was released in 2015, it, too, was lauded as a bold and welcome statement from the Vatican. In it, Pope Francis laid out a clear case for how a culture and economy of extraction, human exploitation, and blind faith in technology and finance has damaged creation. It called for an ecological conversion and illustrated that the "cry of the earth is the cry of the poor."

In Magnifica Humanitas, Pope Leo explicitly links the ecological damage from AI to that foretold by Pope Francis. He talks about the degradation of our common resources like land and water for technological consumption, the waste and pollution from technological development, and the negative impacts of rare earth mineral mining. He calls out the hypocritical slowness to adopt environmental commitments, compared to the race to develop AI.

Use the QR code for the complete encyclical.

Blessings

*Deacon Paul*

(Acknowledgement: Anthony Giancatarino)



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*Thank you for reading!*

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