

# May Newsletter

ST THOMAS  
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 the Apostle  
 Claremont Parish



## What's happening in our Parish?

During April, we launched our fundraising campaign to support the much-needed structural repairs of our church. While our goal of \$145,000 is significant, we remain hopeful that, through the generosity and support of our parish community, it can be achieved. In addition to direct donations, we are offering engraved pavers, providing parishioners with a meaningful way to leave a lasting legacy within our church grounds. If you have any ideas for more fundraising initiatives, please let us know!

We are pleased to share that our new Tap-and-Go donation points are now (finally!) installed and fully operational. In their very first weekend, over \$400 was generously donated through this system—an encouraging start.

April also saw us celebrate Easter, with our church beautifully filled as we gathered to rejoice in the Risen Christ. It was a joy to see so many parishioners come together for this most important celebration in our liturgical calendar.

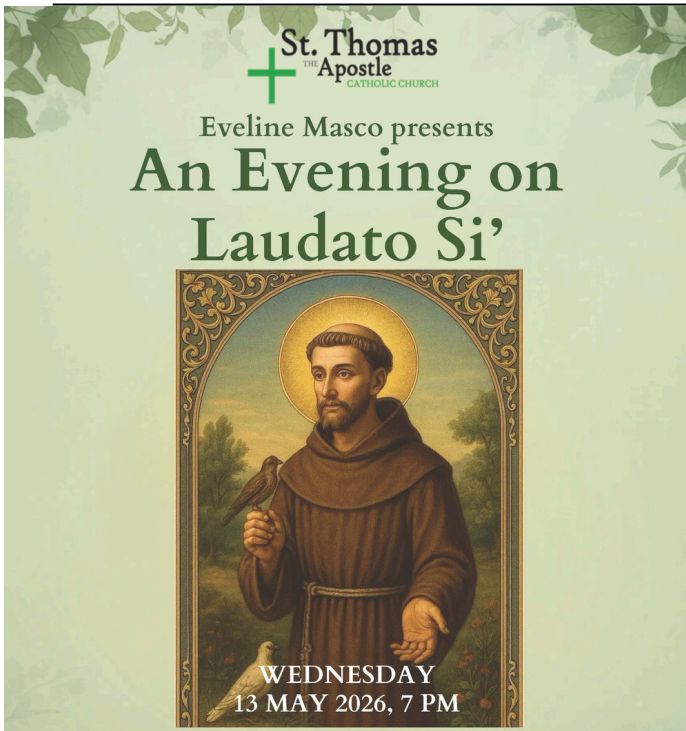
On April 21 we celebrated a First Holy Communion Mass. The candidates, so thoughtfully prepared by Silvia over the past term, looked wonderful and participated reverently as they received this special sacrament for the first time.

Looking ahead to next month, we will be hosting an Evening on Laudato Si', where parishioner Eveline Masco will share her insights and reflections on this important topic. We warmly invite you to join us.

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.

Finally, you may notice some parishioners wearing name tags at Mass. This initiative, introduced by the Parish Council Planning Committee, aims to help strengthen our sense of community and make it easier for new parishioners to feel welcomed and get to know our parish family.

*Parish team*



## An Evening on Laudato Si'

In this special Year of St Francis of Assisi, you are most warmly invited to a presentation of this important reflection by Pope Francis.

Taking his cue from St Francis' famous prayer, Pope Francis offers beautiful thoughts on the care of each other and our common home.

Eveline Masco is a parishioner and is a Strategy and Sustainability Consultant with the Catholic Education Office of WA. Eveline has shared her understanding of Laudato Si in many schools and parishes.

Free event - registration essential  
 Register by 11 May via email: [silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au](mailto:silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au)

**Wednesday 13 May | 7pm | St Thomas School Hall - enter via Melville St**



## 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.



## Memorial for Jasmine Lamb

On Sunday, 26 April, we gathered to celebrate a Memorial Mass for our parishioner, Jasmine Lamb, who tragically passed away recently. Jasmine was a much-loved member of our choir, and her presence will be deeply missed.

It was a beautiful and moving service, attended by her mother, Valda, who travelled from Adelaide, along with Jasmine's friends from the North Cottesloe Surf Life Saving Club.

Following the Mass, a bush was blessed by Fr Garner and planted in our parish grounds by Valda, serving as a lasting and meaningful tribute to Jasmine's life.

## Events around the Archdiocese



Thurs 14 May

### SmartLoving Marriage - a taster

Group session for couples to refresh and renew their marriage. We will explore communication techniques, conflict resolution, couple decision making, marital intimacy and more.

Register: <https://bit.ly/4uhWi6n>  
**Thurs 14 May | 6.30-9pm | W2.07 Newman Siena Centre | 33 Williamstown Rd, Doubleview**



Weds 13 May

### Miracle Prayers Healing Service

Derek Boylen will provide an insight into 'Service'. Prayers for healing and other intentions, and the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available. For further information call 0404 028 298.  
**Wed 13 May | 7.30pm | 67 Howe St, Osborne Park**



Sat 16 May

### Fremantle Chamber Orchestra

Talented violinist and composer Ellie Malonzo (16) presents the world premier of her newest composition: Concerto for Violin and Viola No. 2. Ellie will be joined by her teacher, Paul Wright, on the viola. Works by Corelli, Gesualdo, Bottesini and Mozart will also be performed.  
Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4uot1XY>  
**Sat 16 May | 2.30pm | St Patrick's Basilica | 47 Adelaide St, Fremantle**



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### Faith Enrichment Courses

The Centre for Faith Enrichment is offering the following courses:  
•**Introduction to Sacraments:** Key Milestones on our Christian Journey (5- 26 May)  
•**A Journey Through the Our Father:** The Prayer of Christ, The Son (5 - 26 May)  
•**One Lord Jesus Christ:** An Introduction to Christology (21 May - 25 June)  
For more info and to register: <https://bit.ly/4cVelbz>



Tues 26 May

### Parenting in a Digital World

Join us as we unpack the teenage brain, the role of algorithms and dopamine, and the benefits and challenges of digital media. Gain practical strategies to help you support your child in developing healthy, balanced technology habits.

Tickets: <https://bit.ly/4eiASlI>  
**Tues 26 May | 6.30-8.30pm | Newman Siena Centre | 33 Williamstown Rd, Doubleview | \$5pp**



Sat 16 May

### Catholic Singles

Join us for our next Perth Catholic Singles event - a fun and relaxed social Pool Session. This casual afternoon is a great opportunity to play a few games, enjoy good conversation and meet like-minded catholics (ages 20-35) from Perth. All skill levels welcome - see you there!  
<https://perthcatholicsingles.eventbrite.com>  
**Sat 16 May | 2pm | Pot Black North Perth | 464 Fitzgerald St, North Perth**



## Mother Teresa's Prayer

*Inscribed on the wall of Mother Teresa's children's home in Calcutta, is this poem that is attributed to her.*

People are often unreasonable, illogical and self centered;  
Forgive them anyway.

If you are kind, people may accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives;  
Be kind anyway.

If you are successful, you will win some false friends and some true enemies;  
Succeed anyway.

If you are honest and frank, people may cheat you;  
Be honest and frank anyway.

What you spend years building, someone could destroy overnight;  
Build anyway.

If you find serenity and happiness, they may be jealous;  
Be happy anyway.

The good you do today, people will often forget tomorrow;  
Do good anyway.

Give the world the best you have, and it may never be enough;  
Give the world the best you've got anyway.

You see, in the final analysis, it is between you and your God;  
It was never between you and them anyway.

## Ministry Contacts

### **Acolytes**

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*Thank you for reading!*

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