



## Spotlight: Parking Volunteers

We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the many wonderful volunteers from St Thomas School who so generously assisted with parking during Royal Show week.

Their efforts not only raised important funds for both the school and our parish, but also ensured our parishioners could park with ease for Mass throughout the week and on the weekends, as well as

enabling a baptism and a memorial service last weekend.

We are especially grateful to St Thomas School for kindly coordinating all of the volunteers.

We are truly blessed to have such a thoughtful and committed school community walking alongside us.

## Safeguarding Volunteers Needed!

We are still in need of at least 2 or 3 community volunteers to become safeguarding officers.

Safeguarding officers play a key role in ensuring that children and vulnerable adults are protected within the church and that National Catholic Safeguarding Standards

(NCSS) are maintained.

Volunteers will need to undergo training and be committed to upholding the NCSS.

For more info:  
<http://bit.ly/4IOzC9h>

To volunteer please contact the parish office.

*Thank you for reading!*

## Ministry Contacts

### Acolytes

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### St. Vincent de Paul Society

Henry Simmons 0417 985 992

### Finance Committee

Leo McManus 0417 414 951

### Safeguarding Officers

Silvia Kinder (*acting*)

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### Counters

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### St Thomas Primary School

Natalia Thomson - Principal

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## A Few Notes

- If you have Planned giving envelope number 12, 37 or 49 please get in touch with the parish office.
- If you would like to join the planned giving program please let the parish office know.

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# October Newsletter

ST THOMAS  
♦  
the Apostle  
Claremont Parish



## Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

As we step into October, we're filled with gratitude for the life and activity within our parish community. There's been much happening over the past month!

We've now received the structural report from the engineers regarding the damage to the church façade. With this important step complete, we'll begin the process of obtaining quotes and planning for the rectification works—thank you for your continued patience and support as we move forward.

September was a joyful month of celebration and community. We gathered to celebrate Father Garner's birthday with a morning tea, featuring an impressive spread of treats kindly provided by parishioners. The children especially enjoyed the piñata—a sweet highlight of the morning!

*Parish team*

A particularly special moment was the Confirmation Mass on Friday, 5 September, where 38 candidates were confirmed before a packed church. It was a powerful and spirit-filled evening, and we congratulate all who took this important step in their faith journey.

We also want to express our heartfelt thanks to the many generous volunteers who joined us for the Working Bee on 21 September. Their efforts gave the church grounds a much-needed spruce-up, and we're all enjoying the refreshed gardens and tidier spaces.

As always, thank you for being a vital part of our parish life. May we continue to walk together in faith and service.





**ST THOMAS' PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
*Educating the whole child*

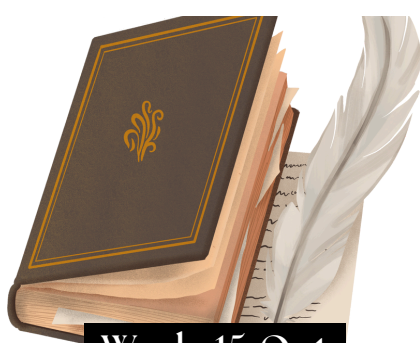
## St Thomas School Scholarships

St Thomas' Primary School is excited to offer families in our Parish community, an opportunity to enrol their children through a Scholarship Program. This program will provide substantial financial benefit to support families who desire a Catholic Education for their children.

These scholarships are open for all year levels, Kindergarten through to Year Six. Scholarships will be offered for the start of Term 1, 2026.

To apply, please complete the scholarship application at the back of the Church and forward to the school or access the scholarship application online at <http://bit.ly/4nqORqm>

For more information, please contact the Administration office at St Thomas Primary School on 92869500 or [admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au](mailto:admin@stthomas.wa.edu.au).



**Weds 15 Oct**

### RCIA - God of Revelation Session

RCIA meetings will recommence on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 7pm to 8pm in the Parish Meeting Room. Parishioners are warmly welcome to come along and support those who are enquiring about the Faith. Next session is The God of Revelation.

All enquiries:

[silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au](mailto:silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au)

- Date: **15 October 2025**
- Time: **7-8pm**
- Location: **Parish Meeting Room**

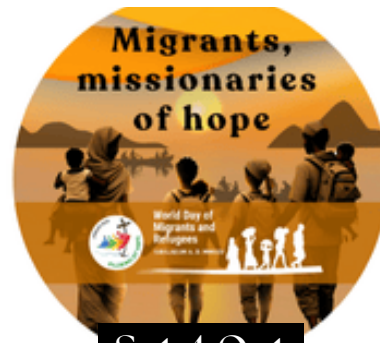


**Sat Oct 22**

### Catholic Singles Quiz Night

Join us for a fun night of trivia with other Catholics (20-35yrs) from around Perth! This event is a great opportunity to meet like-minded people and enjoy good conversation (and food/drinks!) as you team up with other Catholic young adults to put your knowledge to the test - all in a relaxed, social setting. See you there!

- Date: **22 October 2025**
- Time: **6.30pm**
- Location: **The Como Hotel**
- <https://perthcatholicssingles.eventbrite.com>



**Sat 4 Oct**

### WDMR Vigil Mass

Pope Leo XIV calls migrants "missionaries of hope" in 2025 World Day of Migrants and Refugee message. Join in celebrating the 111<sup>th</sup> World Day of Migrants and Refugees (WDMR) at a special Vigil Mass at St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday, 4 October 2025, at 6.00pm. The Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Don Sproston, and all are warmly welcome to attend.

- Date: **4 October 2025**
- Time: **6.00pm**
- Location: **St Mary's Cathedral**



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## Events around the Archdiocese



**2026**

### Knights Catholic Leadership Academy

The Knights' Catholic Leadership Academy develops and builds upon the leadership competencies of Young Catholic Leaders from Years 10 to 12 to lead, grow and sustain Catholic Youth driven initiatives.

For more information and to apply visit [kcla.org.au](https://kcla.org.au).



**Sun 19 Oct**

### St Charles Seminary Family Day

St Charles Seminary is hosting an inaugural Family Day on **Sunday, October 19, 10am to 3pm**. We are inviting parents of boys to come along with their sons to help encourage them to be generous with the Lord through an openness to the priestly vocation. RSVP by Oct 5. For more info: <https://bit.ly/4nVZwJE>



**17-19 Oct**

### Charismatic Retreat

The retreat featuring Anne Marie Gatenby will be held at Orchard Glory Farm Resort, the cost for the weekend is \$170pp twin share.

#### **17-19 Oct | Orchard Glory Farm Resort, Bindoon**

Registration closes Monday, 13th October for more information contact Mariza on 0435 435 013 or via email [dsouzamariza@gmail.com](mailto:dsouzamariza@gmail.com)



**Sat 25 Oct**

### Godly Women with Faith Ministry

Men and Women 18yrs+ are invited to join Godly Women with Faith Catholic Ministry at our next gathering to hear Peter Cox speak about The Real Presence of Jesus in the Eucharist.

**25 Oct | 10.30am | St. Thomas More Bateman Parish**

Tickets and info: <https://bit.ly/48GsMQ9>



**13-24 Nov**

### Pilgrimage to Vietnam

Come to Vietnam – Saigon, Hanoi, Danang, Hue. Visit the Catholic Churches & Shrines to Our Lady and the Vietnamese Martyrs. Experience the deep Catholic faith of the Vietnamese people. People of all faiths welcome. For details: [mail@anawimjourneys.com](mailto:mail@anawimjourneys.com)



**30 Nov - 2 Dec**

### ACFY Registrations Open

ACFY is a 3-day national gathering of young Catholics from 30 Nov to 2 Dec to grow in faith, connect, and celebrate the Church in Australia. Hosted by the Archdiocese of Melbourne. <https://www.cym.com.au/acyf.html>