



WELCOME TO NEW PARISHIONERS:

We take this opportunity to welcome all new parish members. We hope that you find St Thomas the Apostle a friendly parish community. Please join us after the 7.30am and 9.30am Masses for a 'cuppa' in the parish centre. Say hello to Father, meet some new/old friends, sit down and have a chat. Please become part of the family of St Thomas the Apostle. See you there!
NEW PARISHIONERS, and those not so new, please complete the Census Cards which are available in the back of the Church (one for each member of your family) and hand the completed cards to Fr Wayne or one of the acolytes after Mass. It is very important for all new parishioners to register with the Parish and for existing parishioners to update their registration details so that the Parish Office is able to keep accurate records. **Please be assured that ALL INFORMATION WHICH YOU SUPPLY IS STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL AND FOR PARISH USE ONLY in accordance with the Privacy Act of Australia 1997.**



This week's Sanctuary Lamp burns for;
For our country—Australia
If you wish to dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp for a week, please put the details and \$10 in an envelope and place it in the collection basket.



Please keep in your prayers all those parishioners who are not well at the moment. Please pray for Mr Brian Brady who is very sick in hospital at the moment. we offer our prayers also for all those in WA who have the COVID-19 virus. We ask our Lord to heal them all. Fr Wayne

For our sisters and brothers around the world, we pray ...

Let us pray together for doctors, hospital staff and volunteers who are giving their own lives to save others. And for civil leaders, for those who have to make decisions at this time. All these people are the pillars defending us in this crisis ... The God of tenderness will heal us of all life's wounds and of all the bad things we have done. Returning to God means returning to an embrace, the embrace of the Creator.
(Pope Francis, homily, 20 March 2020)



During these COVID-19 days I invite you all to keep in touch, and keep yourself informed of what is going on in the Archdiocese. And the parish by looking at the websites. We will try and update when required. Many Thanks.

Fr Wayne



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MASS TIMES THIS WEEK:

Due to Government Regulations the church is locked and closed until further notice. No Sacraments can be celebrated at this time, except funerals and weddings following government guidelines and regulations. Please see the Archdiocesan website for further information. Thank You.
www.perthcatholic.org.au

**5th SUNDAY IN LENT
Year A
28-29 MARCH 2020**

Next Weekend's Readings:

Palm Sunday in Year A

Is 50:4-7, Phil 2:6-11, Mt 26:14-27:66



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On behalf of the Claremont Conference Vinnies, thank you for your generosity over recent months Our larder has also been well stocked, but we have had quite a demand recently. Should you be in a position to donate, **we would really appreciate bags of rice, tinned fruit and basic tinned items like stews and the like.** Please deliver to the parish office. Thanks again from the Vinnies Team



Tawonga is a 10-year-old girl living with a disability, and struggling with food insecurity and discrimination in Malawi. Since participating in a Caritas Australia supported program, Tawonga's life has transformed.



Please donate to Project Compassion 2020 to so this transformational program can continue to empower vulnerable women, men and children, and strengthen the communities around them.

I am doing volunteer work for a group called **"Fostering Hope"** this group provide clean clothes, baby toys, prams, cots, formula and all sorts of baby/child equipment for foster parents. If you have any of the above and wish to donate please contact me at the Parish office. The organisers of Fostering Hope insist that foster children are entitled to good quality gear.



Thank you to all who have donated, regards Prue Pupazzoni

Parish Prayer to St Thomas the Apostle

O St Thomas, the Apostle, Father of our faith, you spread the light of Christ in the hearts of all.

You humbly confessed **"My Lord and My God"** and sacrificed your life for love of him.

We pray that you to strengthen us with love and faith in Jesus Christ so that we may dedicate

ourselves totally to the cause of the kingdom of justice, peace and love.

We pray that through your intercession we may be protected from all trials, dangers and temptations and be strengthened in the love of the Triune God, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.



We offer our condolences and sympathy to Archbishop Costelloe on the passing of his close friend Sr Clare [a Presentation Sister] Our sympathies also go to all the Presentation Sisters on Clare's passing. May God the Divine One hold you all close at this time.



Look what happened when Jesus showed up late

The loss of a loved one is final and heartbreaking. Mary and Martha's loss is compounded by the fact that Jesus had missed the funeral. When he arrives, Mary and Martha cry out that if he had come earlier, Lazarus would not have died. And then, the impossible occurs: Jesus restores life to a dead man. How we long to hear these words of Jesus when those we love become ill: **'This sickness is not fatal'**. How we want to believe our loved ones will not leave us, and how betrayed we may feel when our loving arms are not enough to hold them in life. Human life is a passing shadow. **We're not called mortal for nothing. The two hopeless sisters were witness to the moment when hope was restored.** The message for us as we come to celebrate resurrection on Easter is that everyone can live forever. We are a people full of hope in things unseen. The hope is rooted in a belief that Jesus loves us as much as he loved Lazarus. That love won eternal life for us. Being Catholic brings that hope into focus. Our funeral rite is a little Easter. There should be no dirges or sorrowful eulogies. We wear white and sing Alleluia. Jesus means it when he says we will never die. Thinking about our own death is a fearful thing in earthly terms. Yet our faith assures us that our personal death will be no less than the events in Bethany when Jesus showed up late.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM: Are you in the St Thomas' Parish Planned Giving Program? Would you like to join the Program? If you join, you will assist the Finance Committee in planning for the Parish's future on-going costs. If you would like to lend your support in this way, please phone Prue at the Parish Office on 9384 0598 during office hours, or fill in one of the direct debit forms available at the back of the church.



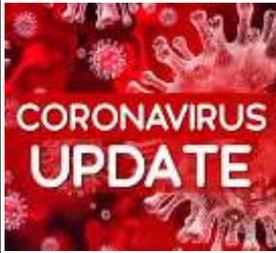
REQUEST. As we are in a time of uncertainty perhaps you might consider your Planned Giving donation debited from bank on a regular bases. Please consider. Direct Debit Forms are available from the parish office. Please email me to forward one to you. Thanks

New Parishioners, and those not so new, who wish to update their census details: Please put your name and address in the space below and drop into the collection basket or email to the office. Thanks!

Name _____ Email _____

Residential Address _____ No of People in household _____

PS: If you would like to join the St Thomas' Parish Planned Giving Programme and give your financial support to the Parish, please tick this box and Prue Pupazzoni (Parish Secretary) will organise for a set of planned giving envelopes to be issued to you. Alternatively, she can arrange for you to make your contributions by direct debit.



Dear Parishioners,

Just to inform you that **ALL masses at all Churches within the Archdiocese of Perth have been PERMANANTLY suspended at the present time UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.** Please see the Archdiocesan web page www.perthcatholic.org.au for further details, and the statements by the Archbishop. The Archbishop has written a Pastoral Letter DATED 23RD March 2020 to you all which is also available on the web site. At the present time we have been advised by the Archbishop that all churches must remain closed and locked. As I am sure you are aware this was not a easy decision by the Archbishop, but he was bound by the guidelines set up by both the Prime Minster and our Premier this week.

When we are unsure of what the future holds for us all, it is then we stand with each other as a parish family united in prayer and solidarity with our God and each other. To support each other, encourage each other, and be there when the times get tough. Let us watch out for our sisters and brothers, especially the elderly and disabled who might be living next door or in our street, making sure they have what they need. Let us not be greedy and selfish hording goods we don't need. Over the past few weeks what we have seen is very un Australian. God is with us at this time, holding us close to his heart, strengthening us, giving us his grace and spirit. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our Parish school teachers and staff who have continued to the best of their abilities to educate and care for our children. I am very proud of you, and you represent all that is good in education. To those parishioners in the front lines of this virus, all he emergency workers thank you for doing what you do, you may never hear how much we appreciate what you are doing, but on behalf of your parish family 'THANK YOU'. As we go forward into the coming weeks know that you are all in my prayers, thoughts and private mass.

Alas, we will not be able to celebrate the great ceremonies of Easter in our parish church as a family this year. They will be live streamed from the Cathedral. We wait to see what happens in the coming days and weeks ahead as to how we must live our lives in this time of COVID-19. Please be safe, look after yourselves and your family. Go out when only necessary, wash your hands, listen to the authorities and do your bit, and if sick stay home inside. You are my parish family and we are in this together. I wish to say 'thank you' to those parishioners concerned about me. I am doing okay, but missed you all last Sunday and will miss you in the days ahead. Stand firm in your faith and know that God is with you everyday and every hour. Let us pray for each other and all Australians at this time in the history of the world. May our Beloved Mother Mary Help of Christians, to hold all her children close to her and protect them in their time of need. Mary Mother of God, pray for us. May St Thomas the Apostle watch over us all, protect us, and keep our loved ones safe.

Fr Wayne Davis PP

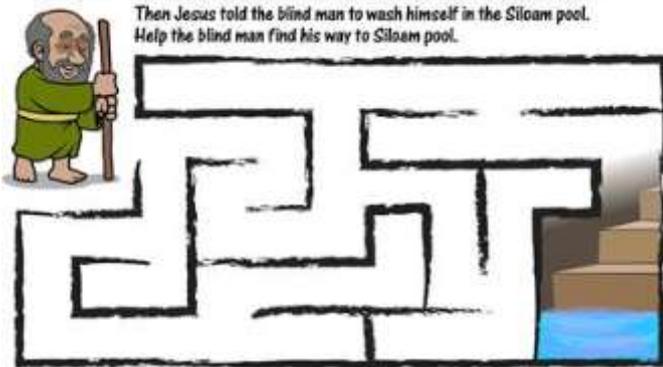
SUNDAY MASS LIVESTREAMING INFORMATION A livestreamed Mass for Sundays will be celebrated by Archbishop Costelloe SDB 11.00am from the Cathedral.

The links are as follows and will be accessible from approximately 11.00am on Sundays:

Archdiocese Website – www.perthcatholic.org.au

Archdiocese Facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/perthcatholic/>

The Record YouTube - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCMFFqA8iYLIVib72LXMYFQ/live>



Then Jesus told the blind man to wash himself in the Siloam pool. Help the blind man find his way to Siloam pool.



OUR
LADY PRAY
FOR US
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EASTER EGGS FOR ROMILY HOUSE.... It is time again to start donating Easter Eggs for the residents of Romily House. Please take to the Parish Office and give to Prue or Father Wayne. Thanks on behalf of the residents. **Maureen Gardner: 9389 8289**



APOSTLES' CREED.... I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended into hell; on the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. **Amen.**

THIS WEEKEND'S SCRIPTURE READINGS...

First Reading: A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The Lord says this: I am now going to open your graves; I mean to raise you from your graves, my people, and lead you back to the soil of Israel. And you will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and raise you from your graves, my people. And I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live, and I shall resettle you on your own soil; and you will know that I, the Lord, have said and done this – it is the Lord who speaks. **The Word of the Lord.**

Responsorial Psalm: [R.] With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. **(R.)**
2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. **(R.)**
3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.
My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak.
(Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) **(R.)**
4. Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption,
Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. **(R.)**



Second Reading: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

People who are interested only in unspiritual things can never be pleasing to God. Your interests, however, are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him. Though your body may be dead it is because of sin, but if Christ is in you then your spirit is life itself because you have been justified; and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord;
whoever believes in me will not die for ever.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

The sisters Martha and Mary sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: *'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?'* 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: *'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.'* When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord