



ST THOMAS

the APOSTLE

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

2ND AUGUST 2026

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



God multiplies the little we have so we can bring his blessing to others

As evening approached the disciples wanted Jesus to send the people away. Jesus, instead, commanded his disciples to feed the whole crowd. Why did Jesus expect his disciples to do what seemed impossible - to feed such a large and hungry crowd when there was no adequate provision in sight? Jesus very likely wanted to test their faith and to give them a sign of God's divine intervention and favor for his people. Jesus took the little they had - five loaves and two fish - and giving thanks to his heavenly Father, distributed to all until they were satisfied of their hunger. Twelves baskets full of fish and loaves that were leftover show the overflowing generosity of God's gifts to us - gifts that bring blessing, healing, strength, and refreshment.

The feeding of the five thousand shows the remarkable generosity of God and his great kindness towards us. When God gives, he gives abundantly. He gives more than we need for ourselves that we may have something to share with others, especially those who lack what they need. God takes the little we have and multiplies it for the good of others. Do you trust in God's provision for you and do you share freely with others, especially those who lack?



SUNDAY MASS

Saturday - 6:00pm (Vigil)
Sunday - 8:30am
10:00am

WEEKDAY MASS

Tuesday - 6:00pm
Wednesday - 9:30am
Thursday - 9:30am
Friday - 9:30am
Saturday - 9:30am

ADORATION

Tuesday - 5:00pm
Wednesday - 8:30am
Thursday - 8:30am
Friday - 8:30am

CONFESSION

Tuesday - 5:30pm
Saturday - 5:00pm

PARISH NOTICES

7 AUG

MONTHLY MORNING TEA FOR SENIORS AND THE SICK | There will be a morning tea after the 9:30am Mass every first Friday for seniors and the sick in the parish meeting room. Please come along and enjoy some time together. Bring a plate to share. The first morning tea will be Friday 7th August.

11 AUG

CRAFT GROUP | The parish craft group meet fortnightly on a tuesday from 10am - 12pm in the parish meeting room. all are welcome. Contact Trudie 0419 293 190. The next meeting will be 11th August.

KAIROS OUTSIDE | is an ecumenical support and ministry to women who are impacted by having a family member or friend in prison.

Kairso Outside Canberra #22 will be held locally on the weekend of 21-23 August. Please support this with prayers!

You can support this event by taking one or more spots in our **Prayer Vigil to pray for us** during the guest weekend: <https://signup.com/go/ZJwBvsN>

or fill in one of the time spots on the Prayer Vigil roster in the foyer of the Church.

For more details visit kocanberraagape@kairos.org.au or contact Sandy 0421 311 626

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE RCIA 2026/27 | the parish Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA) program will begin in August. This is a faith formation course for non-Catholics seeking to become Catholic, for baptised Catholics who have not completed other sacraments of initiation, for Catholics desiring to learn more about their faith or anyone else who may be beginning a discovery of faith but are unsure. All are welcome.

There will be an information evening on Thursday 20th August 2026 at 6pm in the Parish meeting room. For more information, please contact the parish office.

SOUTHSIDE HYMN FESTIVAL | 02:00 pm | Choirs and musicians from 6 parishes (Curtin, Gowrie, Kambah, Yarralumla, Pearce and Narrabundah) have accepted the invitation to play and sing at the Southside Hymn Festival from 2.00-4.30pm at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, Curtin ACT on Sunday, 16 August 2026. Parishioners and families from all parishes are invited to attend. FREE admission and afternoon tea. Organised by the Knights of the Southern Cross and supported by the CSCC. E-mail Bob Perkins at perkins.family@aapt.net.au

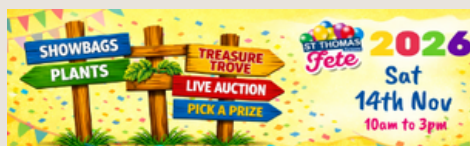
2026 ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE FETE

The countdown to the fete has begun!

Canberra's best fete is only three months away.

We are looking for people who are able to help with this.

Contact the Parish Office if you would like to assist.



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For Baptism, Marriage,
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FACEBOOK



INSTAGRAM

COMMUNITY NOTICES

6 AUG

THE MARRIAGE COURSE (Alpha)

Are you interested in enriching your marriage? Whether you've been married recently or many years this 7-week Marriage Course from 6 Aug - 17 Sep on Thursdays from 7-9 pm (via Zoom) hosted by the Archdiocese. A wonderful course for couples to connect or reconnect and strengthen your relationship through private discussion. More information: <https://alpha.org.au/more-from-alpha/the-marriage-course/>. Register: <https://cgcatholic.org.au/marriagefamily/home/marriage-course-acg/>

6 AUG

VOCATIONS HOLY HOUR | for vocations on the Feast of the Transfiguration Thursday 6 August 7:30pm to 8:30pm St Christopher's Cathedral for Vocations Awareness Week (2-9 August). All welcome to come along and spend a quiet Hour in Prayer for Vocations. Contact Fr Emil Milat.

8 AUG

ARCHBISHOP'S ST MARY MACKILLOP PILGRIMAGE | Saturday, 8 August 2026

This year marks the 10th annual pilgrimage to Eden, honouring Australia's first saint, St Mary of the Cross MacKillop, and her enduring connection with our Archdiocese. Pilgrims are warmly invited to join Archbishop Christopher for this special day of prayer, Mass and fellowship. Only 18 spots available. Booking will close on Friday 7 August.

11 AUG

BE RADIANT! ST CARLO ACUTIS EUCHARISTIC NIGHT | Calling all youth and young adults!! As the St Carlo Acutis Relic makes its pilgrimage around Australia and reaches Canberra, we invite you to join us for a night of games, testimonies and fun! On Tuesday 11 August 5-8:30pm, starting with a Holy Hour with the relic in St Christopher's Cathedral, then moving to Haydon Hall from 6pm for many exciting programs, including a session on the Eucharist by Fr Paul Nulley. Register via the QR code provided or through Instagram @jycanberra.

13 AUG

ALIVE: BBQ + Praise Night | 06:00 pm

Join us for a BBQ dinner and praise night at ALIVE - a time to deepen your faith and gather as a young adult community. Whether you're seeking renewal, encouragement, or simply a moment to pause and encounter God, this night is for you.

Who: Young Adults Date: 6pm, Thursday 13th August 2026 | Location: ACU Signadou Chapel, 223 Antill Street, Watson. For any enquiries, please contact Ethan on 0413 545 808. ALIVE is an event run by ACU Campus Ministry and the Disciple of Jesus Covenant Community.

30 SEP

EXPLOSION YOUTH CONFERENCE | Registrations are now open for Explosion 2026, a Catholic youth conference for students in years 7 to 12. Hosted by the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community, Explosion will be held at St Clare's College, from September 30 to October 3, offering inspiring speakers, powerful prayer and worship, and the opportunity to build lasting friendships while growing in faith. Early bird pricing available until August 8. For more information and to register, visit explosionyouth.com.

PARISH ROSTER

8th / 9th August	6 PM	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Nick Strmota	Wayne Poulton	Warwick Fulton
Readers	Lia B & Leilani S	Maryellen M & Andrew S	Help Needed
Music Team	Choir	Peter Glynn	Bruna Strmota
Counters	Andrew & Cecily	Cleaners	Burstons & Glenda H

First Reading

ISAIAH 55:1-3

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty;
though you have no money, come!

Buy corn without money, and eat,
and, at no cost, wine and milk.

Why spend money on what is not bread,
your wages on what fails to satisfy?

Listen, listen to me and you will have good
things to eat and rich food to enjoy.

Pay attention, come to me;
listen, and your soul will live.

With you I will make an everlasting covenant
out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 144:8-9. 15-18 R. V. 16

R. The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

2. The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

3. The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading

ROMANS 8:35. 37-39

Nothing can come between us and the love of
Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being
persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being
threatened or even attacked. These are the trials
through which we triumph, by the power of him
who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no
angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still
to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor
any created thing, can ever come between us and
the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our
Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the
mouth of God.

Gospel

MATTHEW 14:13-21

When Jesus received the news of John the
Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a
lonely place where they could be by
themselves. But the people heard of this
and, leaving the towns, went after him on
foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large
crowd; and he took pity on them and healed
their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to
him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the
time has slipped by; so send the people
away, and they can go to the villages to buy
themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There
is no need for them to go: give them
something to eat yourselves.' But they
answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves
and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he
said. He gave orders that the people were to
sit down on the grass; then he took the five
loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to
heaven and said the blessing. And breaking
the loaves he handed them to his disciples
who gave them to the crowds. They all ate
as much as they wanted, and they collected
the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full.
Those who ate numbered about five
thousand men, to say nothing of women
and children.

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK



St Dominic, Priest



St John Mary Vianney, Priest



Transfiguration of the Lord



St Mary of the Cross (MacKillop)