



ST THOMAS

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TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 30TH AUGUST 2026

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



Catechesis of Pope Leo XIV: The Documents of Vatican Council II. **God speaks to us as to friends**

Dear brothers and sisters,

We begin our new series of catecheses on the Second Vatican Council by considering Dei Verbum, the Dogmatic Constitution on Divine Revelation. As today's Scripture reading reminds us, Jesus calls us friends because he has revealed to us everything that he has heard from the Father. It is through Revelation, which reaches its fullness in Jesus, the Word made flesh, that we are invited to share in God's life as his children in Christ. We are reminded that friendship with God is not only a gift, but also an invitation that requires a response, as in any relationship. To cultivate this friendship, we must spend time with God in prayer, both personally and especially through the Liturgy, where the community gathers to listen to the word of God with the guidance of the Church. Together, let us respond wholeheartedly to the Lord's invitation and discover in his friendship the true mystery of our salvation.



In this Catechesis, Pope Leo reminds us that God's revelation to us is fundamentally an invitation into friendship with God. This friendship is cultivated through personal prayer and through the Church's liturgy. How does my personal prayer and participation in the liturgy deepen my friendship with the Lord? Do I hear the Lord speaking to me in my personal prayer and liturgical worship at Mass in a way that directs my life?

The full catechesis can be read at: <https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260114-udienza-generale.html>



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

1 SEP

ST THOMAS YOUNG ADULTS | Mass & Trivia on the first Tuesday of the Month. Join us for Mass at 6pm then for Trivia at the Burns Club 7pm.

3 SEP

ST THOMAS RCIA | The next RCIA session is Thursday 3 September at 6pm. This is for anyone desiring to become Catholic or learn more about the Catholic faith. The topic for this week will be **God's Revelation and our Response**. For more information, please contact the parish office.

4 SEP

SENIORS MORNING TEA | Come and join us for morning tea after the 9:30am Mass this Friday. Bring a plate to share.

8 SEP

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 25th August

30 SEP

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL | 22 priests of our Archdiocese who have contributed years of faithful service now come under the care of the Clergy Retirement Foundation. The annual Father's Day Appeal raises funds to meet their needs. At Mass, you will have the opportunity to donate to this Appeal. All gifts are tax deductible. Donations can also be made at www.cgatholic.org.au/donate

Archdiocesan Assembly

On Saturday 22 August, almost 500 people from across the Archdiocese gathered for the second Archdiocesan Assembly. Participants joined hubs in Canberra, Tumut, Temora, Batehaven, Bega, Goulburn and Cooma, as well as online, enabling our largely rural Archdiocese to share the same day of prayer, listening and discernment.

The Assembly highlighted a stronger parish voice, a continuing appetite for faith formation, and a shared commitment to carry this work forward beyond the day itself.

It was wonderful to see such strong representation from our Parish, and we pray that the fruits of this experience will continue to enrich our parish life in the months ahead.

At the conclusion of the Assembly, Archbishop Christopher wrote a pastoral letter, which I commend to you. Copies are available at the entrance of the church. A video presentation of the letter is also available here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8csXkqjuT6Q&t=2s>

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FACEBOOK



INSTAGRAM

COMMUNITY NOTICES

12 SEP

ST VINCENT DE PAUL NATIONAL CAPITAL ORCHESTRA | 03:00 PM

St Vincent de Paul Society and the National Capital Orchestra present a major charity concert at 3.00 pm in Llewellyn Hall. Internationally acclaimed pianist Lucas Krupinski will perform Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No. 2, followed by Mahler's Symphony No. 1 ("Titan"). Proceeds from the concert will support the work of the St Vincent de Paul Society assisting people experiencing hardship across the Canberra and Goulburn region.

Tickets available from ticketek: <https://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=NCORACMA26>

15 SEP

'WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?' FORUM | The Archdiocese invites you to the Cenacle: Institute for Synodal Evangelisation's fourth Formation Forum, "What Do We Believe?" This forum will be an opportunity to reflect on the heart of Christian faith, exploring both the beliefs we share and personal faith journeys. It will be held on Tuesday 15th September from 6-8pm at Haydon Hall, St Christopher's Pastoral Centre. Alternatively, you can join online: us06web.zoom.us/j/87199525802 | Meeting ID: 871 9952 5802. Registration can be done for free at: tinyurl.com/35vs84j7

19 SEP

St BENEDICT'S CATHOLIC CHURCH NARRABUNDAH ONE DAY RETREAT | One day retreat held at St Benedict's Catholic Church, 10 Tallara Pkwy, Narrabundah. Admission is free, lunch available at nominal cost. The retreat will run on the 19th of September from 10:30am-3:30pm. RSVP by the 15th September. For any enquiries please contact Parveen: 0439 642 957, Prakash: 0406 381 446, For more information and to register, visit: <https://forms.cloud.microsoft/r/gEhrAB2xkh?origin=lprLink>

20 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. For more information and to register, visit explosionyouth.com.

20 SEP

ST ANTHONY'S PARISH WANNIASSA 50TH ANNIVERSARY MASS | 09:00 AM

Save the Date: The Archbishop will celebrate the 50th Anniversary Mass at St Anthony's on Sunday 20 September, 9:00am. All past parishioners are invited to attend.

24 OCT

CURSILLO 60TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION | SAT 24 – SUN 25 OCT, ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH CENTRE, MANUKA |

Calling all Cursillistas! Cursillo has been active in the Canberra-Goulburn Diocese for 60 years and thousands have participated in Cursillo weekends here during that time. To celebrate, a Reunion will be held on Sat 24 and Sun 25 Oct at St Christopher's Parish Centre, Manuka, and all who have participated in a Cursillo recently, or in the long-distant past, are invited to register and come along. Please register before 16 Oct. Contact acgcursillo@gmail.com

More info and registration <https://tinyurl.com/cg60reunion>

PARISH ROSTER

5th / 6th September	6 PM	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Michael de Raadt	Loia Fotu	John K
Readers	Cheryl M & Ferns	Angela D & Moroney's	Trudie R & Kim M
Music Team	Trish	Parish Choir	Julie Spencer
Counters	Graeme & Diane	Cleaners	School Group

First Reading

JEREMIAH 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself
be seduced;
you have overpowered me: you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock,
everybody's butt.
Each time I speak the word, I have to howl
and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!'
The word of the Lord has meant for me
insult, derision, all day long.
I used to say, I will not think about him,
I will not speak in his name any more.
Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my
heart, imprisoned in my bones.
The effort to restrain it wearied me,
I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 62:2-6, 8-9 R V2

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

1. O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

2. So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

3. So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

4. For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. (R.)

Second Reading

ROMANS 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship
him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of
thinking beings, by offering your living bodies
as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not
model yourselves on the behaviour of the world
around you, but let your behaviour change,

modelled by your new mind. This is the
only way to discover the will of God and
know what is good, what it is that God
wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart,
that we might see how great is the hope
to which we are called.

Gospel

MATTHEW 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples
that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and
suffer grievously at the hands of the elders
and chief priests and scribes, to be put to
death and to be raised up on the third day.
Then, taking him aside, Peter started to
remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve
you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to
you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get
behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my
path, because the way you think is not God's
way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone
wants to be a follower of mine, let him
renounce himself and take up his cross and
follow me. For anyone who wants to save his
life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life
for my sake will find it. What, then, will a
man gain if he wins the whole world and
ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in
exchange for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the
glory of his Father with his angels, and,
when he does, he will reward each one
according to his behaviour.'

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

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St Gregory the Great, Pope, Doctor

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St Theresa of Calcutta