



ST THOMAS

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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 6TH SEPTEMBER 2026

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



Catechesis of Pope Leo XIV: The Documents of Vatican Council II. Jesus Christ reveals the Father

Dear brothers and sisters,

Today we continue our Catechesis on the Dogmatic Constitution *Dei Verbum* of the Second Vatican Council by considering the role of the Son of God in Divine Revelation. God's revelation of himself to his people through words and deeds over the centuries reached its fulfilment in the incarnation of the Word, when God became man. Indeed, "the most intimate truth revealed about God and human salvation shines forth in Christ, who is himself both the mediator and the fulfilment of revelation" (*Dei Verbum*, 2). The Son, through his incarnation, life, death and resurrection, not only allows us to see the Father in him, but also invites us to enter into his very own relationship with the Father, by virtue of the action of the Spirit. By accepting this invitation, we become sons and daughters through the Son and participants in God's nature. Let us be filled with gratitude as we ponder our sublime vocation as God's beloved children, entrusting ourselves to the Father with boundless confidence.

In this Catechesis, Pope Leo highlights a profound truth: in revealing Himself to us, God does not simply give us information about himself; in Jesus Christ, He gives us Himself. Jesus does not merely tell us who the Father is — He draws us into His own relationship with the Father. In that relationship, as sons and daughters, we come to know something very important about ourselves: that we are known, loved, and invited into the life of the Father through the Son in the Holy Spirit. Perhaps a question for us, do I see my faith as simply information about God or do I experience it as a living relationship that shapes every aspect of my life?



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

8 SEP

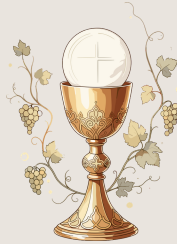
CRAFT GROUP | The parish craft group meet fortnightly on a Tuesday from 10am - 12pm in the parish meeting room. All are welcome. Contact Trudie 0419 293 190. The next meeting will be on the 8th of September.

10 SEP

ST THOMAS RCIA | The next RCIA session is Thursday 10 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 the Father Almighty**. For more information, please contact the parish office.

13 SEP

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION | Sunday the 13th of September, 19 young people will be celebrating the Sacrament of First Holy Communion. All are invited to join in the celebration and pray for the candidates at 10am mass. This will also be followed by morning tea.



HAPPY Father's Day



Loving God, we give thanks for the fathers, grandfathers and father figures who guide us with patience, protect us with love and encourage us in faith. Bless them with your strength, wisdom and joy. May they follow the example of Saint Joseph, serving their families with humility and courage. Happy Father's Day!

Father's Day Appeal – Collection for our retired priests: Please give generously to the Father's Day Appeal conducted at all Masses this weekend. Special envelopes are provided in the church, and donors will be issued with a tax-deductible receipt. Donations can also be made at www.cgcatholic.org.au/donate or you could call Financial Services on 6239 9876 to donate over the phone.



If you or someone you know is interested in free red desk chairs, we have about 25 chairs we'd like to give away - take as many as needed/wanted. Please contact the parish office if you're interested.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL | As Vincentians we are privileged to enter the lives of so many companions, to listen to their stories, to offer prayer, presence and physical comfort. It is this intimate local involvement in the lives of our companions, which lies at the heart of being Vincentian. It is critical and valuable work, it is Good Work for which we need to invite others to join us. Feel free to reach out. We are always open to welcoming new members.



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FACEBOOK



INSTAGRAM

COMMUNITY NOTICES

10 SEP

VOCATIONS DISCERNMENT DINNER | For men interested in discerning a call to Priesthood. A meal will be provided alongside insightful discussions and prayer. Held at Evatt Presbytery, Thursday 10th of September at 6pm. To RSVP contact: Vocations Director Fr Emil emil.milat@cg.org.au 0414 523 036.

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

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.

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

13 OCT

FATIMA DAY PILGRIMAGE | The South Woden Parish, led by Fr Emil Milat has organised a Fatima Day pilgrimage to Penrose Park Shrine of Our Lady of Mercy. It will take place on the 13th of October and will include Rosary, Solemn Mass, Eucharistic procession to the Grotto and confession. A return bus transport is available for \$55pp (no refund policy). For more information, visit: <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1635863> or email: wodensouth@cg.org.au

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

12th / 13th September	6 PM	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Nick Strmota	Andrew Satrapa	Help needed
Readers	Lia B & Cheryl May	Maryellen M & Andrew S	First Communion candidates
Music Team	Marg & Choir	Peter Glynn	Bruna Strmota
Counters		Cleaners	Wilson's & Burston's

First Reading

EZEKIEL 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 94:1-2, 6-9, R V8

R. O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.

1. Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. (R.)
2. Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. (R.)
3. O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' (R.)

Second Reading

ROMANS 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command:

You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation

God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Gospel

MATTHEW 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'

FEAST DAYS THIS WEEK

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The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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St Peter Claver