



# ST THOMAS

## *the* APOSTLE

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

20TH SEPT 2026

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



### Catechesis of Pope Leo XIV: The Documents of Vatican Council II. The Mystery of the Church

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on the Second Vatican Council, we have reflected upon various aspects of Divine Revelation. In particular, we have seen how God chose to reveal himself, making known the loving mystery of his divine plan to unite all people to him through his Son, Jesus Christ. Indeed, it is only within this mystery that we can understand both the origin and the mission of the Church. In this light, we turn today to consider *Lumen Gentium*, the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church, which presents the Church as both a sign and an instrument of this plan of salvation. A sign because the Church community makes the unity established by Christ through his Cross and Resurrection visible to the world today. An instrument because it is through the Church that God achieves his goal of uniting people to himself and bringing them together. As we journey through a world still marked by division, let us ask the Lord to continue to guide his Church in the mission of sanctification and reconciliation.

<https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260218-udienza-generale.html>

In this Catechesis, Pope Leo reminds us that the Church is a both a sign and and instrument of salvation. As members of the church, our lives should be that sign of unity that points people to salvation. Perhaps a question for us this week is, what divisions—within myself, my family, parish, community, or wider society—do I need to bring before God in prayer and perhaps even to the sacrament of Reconciliation? Keeping in mind, the church is also the instrument whereby we receive this reconciliation and salvation in Jesus Christ.



#### 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

22 SEP

**CRAFT GROUP** | The parish craft group is currently working on projects for the upcoming fete and are seeking experienced sewers to come along, they've also asked for good quality donations for the craft stall. They meet fortnightly on Tuesdays from 10am-12pm. Next meeting is on the 22<sup>nd</sup>, all are welcome. Any questions, please call Trudie 0419293190

24 SEP

**ST THOMAS RCIA** | The next RCIA session is Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> September at 6pm. The topic this week will be the Trinity. For more information contact the parish office.

6 OCT

**ST THOMAS YOUNG ADULTS MASS & TRIVIA** | First Tuesday of the month, Holy Hour & Mass followed by Trivia at the Burns Club.

10 OCT

**MT TAYLOR PILGRIMAGE AND ROSARY** | Fr Emil Milat invites members of the Parish to join him and neighbouring Parishes for a walk and rosary on Mt Taylor on Saturday the 10<sup>th</sup> of October at 11am. Mass will be held at 12pm followed by BYO picnic lunch. Kambah Parish to meet at Sulwood drive meeting point. Please note that the walk can be strenuous at times, it is not recommended for anyone with limited fitness or mobility. Minors to be supervised by parent/carer. Email Fr Emil [emil.milat@cg.org.au](mailto:emil.milat@cg.org.au) for more information or call 0414 523 036 on the day.

## Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

We are looking for volunteers who feel called to visit and take Holy Communion to the sick/ housebound in our parish. If you feel a call to this ministry, please speak with Fr Eden or contact the parish office. All necessary training will be provided.



We still have chairs available, if you or someone you know is interested in free red desk chairs take as many as needed/wanted. Please contact the parish office if you're interested.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** | The Society has for its patron and example St Vincent de Paul, born in 1581. Over 200 years later Frederic Ozanam, as co-founder of the Society adopted the simple and far-reaching philosophy of "do not be content to dole out alms... go and make friends among the poor. Give to each family what personal help is needed but in all cases help them to help themselves as your primary duty". Your parish conference offers that person-to-person, neighbourly help at every opportunity.



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Funeral or RCIA enquiries  
please contact the Parish  
Office



**FACEBOOK**



**INSTAGRAM**

# COMMUNITY NOTICES

**25 SEP THE CHOSEN EARLY VIEWING** | Join us in Haydon Hall at 6pm on Friday the 25<sup>th</sup> of September for an exclusive early-access viewing of S6 Ep1 of 'The Chosen'. The event will be followed by prayerful discussion. All are welcome. To register visit: [www.trybooking.com/DPIPW](http://www.trybooking.com/DPIPW)

**26 SEP SAN LORENZO RUIZ FEAST DAY** | Celebrate the Feast of San Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino saint on Saturday the 26<sup>th</sup> of September. Join in 10am Mass at St Benedict's Church, followed by a festive lunch at the school hall with karaoke, cultural performances, raffles and fun games with great prizes. Please wear something red and bring a plate to share as we celebrate our Faith, Filipino heritage and community together.

**30 SEP RESEARCH INTO FIRST 10 YEARS OF MARRIAGE** | Couples in their first 10 years of marriage are asked to contribute their valuable insights to a professional survey funded by the Australian Catholic Bishops. All answers are confidential and anonymous. Anyone completing the survey that has any questions can contact the researchers directly with any questions via the survey link at <https://thepmrc.org/survey>. The information gathered will inform pastoral responses and the development of resources for this vital stage of married life. Survey to be completed by Wednesday the 30<sup>th</sup> of September.

**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](http://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 13<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:wodensouth@cg.org.au)

**24 OCT CURSILLO 60<sup>TH</sup> 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](mailto:acgcursillo@gmail.com)  
More info and registration <https://tinyurl.com/cg60reunion>

## PARISH ROSTER

| 26th/ 27th September | 6 PM              | 8:30 AM     | 10:00 AM      |
|----------------------|-------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Acolyte              | Wayne             | Andrew      | John K        |
| Readers              | Kevin C & Susan M | RRV Family  | Help needed   |
| Music Team           | Trish Jarzynski   | Peter Glynn | Marg & Choir  |
| Counters             | Graeme & Diane    | Cleaners    | Barker Family |

## *First Reading*

ISAIAH 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,  
call to him while he is still near.  
Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil  
man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the  
Lord who will take pity on him, to our God  
who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are  
not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it  
is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are  
as high above earth as my ways are above  
your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

## *Responsorial Psalm*

PSALM 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18, R V18

R. The Lord is near to all who call him.

## *Second Reading*

PHILIPPIANS 1:20-24. 27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether  
by my life or by my death. Life to me, of  
course, is Christ, but then death would  
bring me something more; but then again,  
if living in this body means doing work  
which is having good results – I do not  
know what I should choose. I am caught in  
this dilemma: I want to be gone and be  
with Christ, which would be very much the  
better, but for me to stay alive in this body  
is a more urgent need for your sake.  
Avoid anything in your everyday lives that  
would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

## *Gospel Acclamation*

Open our hearts, O Lord,  
to listen to the words of your Son.

## *Gospel*

MATTHEW 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of  
heaven is like a landowner going out at  
daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He  
made an agreement with the workers for  
one denarius a day, and sent them to his  
vineyard. Going out at about the third hour  
he saw others standing idle in the market  
place and said to them, "You go to my  
vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage."  
So they went. At about the sixth hour and  
again at about the ninth hour, he went out  
and did the same. Then at about the  
eleventh hour he went out and found more  
men standing round, and he said to them,  
"Why have you been standing here idle all  
day?" "Because no one has hired us" they  
answered. He said to them, "You go into my  
vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of  
the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the  
workers and pay them their wages, starting  
with the last arrivals and ending with the  
first." So those who were hired at about the  
eleventh hour came forward and received  
one denarius each. When the first came, they  
expected to get more, but they too received  
one denarius each. They took it, but  
grumbled at the landowner. "The men who  
came last" they said "have done only one  
hour, and you have treated them the same  
as us, though we have done a heavy day's  
work in all the heat." He answered one of  
them and said, "My friend, I am not being  
unjust to you; did we not agree on one  
denarius? Take your earnings and go. I  
choose to pay the last-comer as much as I  
pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with  
my own? Why be envious because I am  
generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the  
first, last.'