ST THOMAS *the* APOSTLE

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A **27TH SEPT 2026**

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



Catechesis of Pope Leo XIV; The Documents of the Second Vatican Council: *The Church, A Visible and Spiritual Reality*

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our continuing catechesis on the Second Vatican Council, today we consider the mystery of the human and divine dimensions of the Church as presented by the Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium. Just as Jesus' humanity was immediately apparent to those who walked by his side, so too the human dimension of the Church is easy to perceive: it is a community of men and women who, with their gifts and their flaws, seek to proclaim the Gospel within a visible structure. Those who followed Jesus more closely, however, recognized that his humanity — his loving gaze, his merciful gestures and his powerful word — manifested his divinity, which led them to salvation. In a similar way, through the visible and human dimension of the Church, the spirit of Christ and his saving action are present and active in the world. Let us strive to be authentic witnesses of the love of Christ so that all can recognize in us and among us the charity that characterizes true Christians and builds up the Church.

https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260304-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

30 SEP

BIBLE STUDY | Bible study will be begin on Wednesday evenings starting on the 30th of September from 7:30pm-9:00pm in the Parish meeting room. Corinthians 1 & 2 will be studied in the lead up to Advent. All are welcome, please bring Bibles. If you'd like to join, please contact Trudie: 0419 293 190.

2 OCT

SENIORS MORNING TEA| Morning tea after 9:30am mass on Friday the 2nd of October. All are welcome.

15 OCT

ST THOMAS RCIA | Reminder that there will be no RCIA meetings during the school holidays. The next meeting will be on the 15th of October.

PICK-A-PRIZE

As we approach the exciting St Thomas the Apostle fete, Parish community members can now begin to purchase tickets for the Pick-a-Prize activity. Order forms will be available in the Church foyer, school and Parish office. There's 10 amazing prizes up for grabs with tickets for $10. You'll have 20 chances to win and will only go in the draw to win the prizes you want.



Prizes include:
(1) Jamala overnight Stay.
(2) Eufy E25 Robovac,
(3) Breville Coffee Machine, Grinder & Milk Jug,
(4) Apple iPad Pack
(5) Yet Adventure Pack,
(6) $500 Visa Gift Card,
(7) 5 x $50 Visa Gift Cards.
(8) Ninja Slushie Professional, (9) Nintendo Switch 2 Pack,
(10) MegaLego Pack.



the month of October is traditionally dedicated to the Holy Rosary.
The Rosary invites us to meditate on the life, death, and Resurrection of Jesus Christ while asking Mary to guide us closer to her Son.
Throughout the month of October, we are encouraged to make time for the Rosary, whether praying individually, with our families, or as a community.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL | Today is the feast day of St Vincent de Paul. For over 50 years this parish had made significant contributions for the work of the Society locally and overseas. The current membership carries on the legacy of many Vincentians who have walked the path before us. May their spirit be our inspiration as we live out our mission today, sharing ourselves and our resources with those in need.

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FACEBOOK

INSTAGRAM

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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 30th 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.

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

13 OCT

SPRING MORNING TEA | Join the Marymead Catholic Care Auxiliary for a delightful Spring Morning Tea at the Royal Canberra Golf Club in Yarralumla. Enjoy a morning with friends, delicious food, craft, preserves and raffles, while helping raise funds for Marymead Catholic Care and supporting our work with children, young people, families & communities. This will take place on Tuesday the 13th of October from 10am-12pm at the Royal Canberra Gold Club, 71 Bentham Street, Yarralumla. Tickets cost $45 per person.

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

3rd/4th October	6 PM	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Michael	Loia	John K
Readers	Cheryl M & Ferns	Angela D & Moroney's	Trudie R & Kim M
Music Team	Trish	Choir	Julie Spencer
Counters	Tom & Tracey	***Cleaners***	Burston's & Glenda H

OUR PARISH ACKNOWLEDGES AND CELEBRATES THE ORIGINAL CUSTODIANS OF THIS LAND, THE NGUNNAWAL PEOPLE

First Reading

EZEKIEL 18:25-28

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM 24:4-9, R. V6

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Second Reading

PHILIPPIANS 2:1-11

If our life in Christ means anything to you,
if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that
we have in common, or any tenderness
and sympathy, then be united in your
convictions and united in your love, with a
common purpose and a common mind.
That is the one thing which would make
me completely happy. There must be no
competition among you, no conceit; but
everybody is to be self-effacing. Always
consider the other person to be better
than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his
own interests first but everybody thinks of
other people's interests instead. In your
minds you must be the same as Christ
Jesus:
His state was divine,
yet he did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are;
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the
underworld, should bend the knee at the
name of Jesus and that every tongue should
acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of
God the Father.

Gospel Acclamation

My sheep listen to my voice, says the
Lord; know them, and they follow me.

Gospel

MATTHEW 21:28-32

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

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