ST THOMAS
the APOSTLE

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A **18TH OCTOBER 2026**

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



Catechesis of Pope Leo XIV: The Documents of the Second Vatican Council: Living stones in the Church and witnesses in the world: the laity in the People of God

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our ongoing catechesis on the Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium, we turn today to consider the laity. Rather than limiting itself to defining the laity for what they are not, the Second Vatican Council sought to shed light on their innate dignity as members of the People of God and underline the peculiarity of their role in the mission of the Church. Having been incorporated into Christ through Baptism, the laity are made sharers in their own way in his priestly, prophetic and kingly office. The Church is present wherever her children profess the Gospel and bear witness to Christ. For this reason, lay men and women are particularly called to carry Christ's presence to all spheres of life and so transform them from within by bearing witness to the beauty of a life in Christ and the elevating power of his grace.

In this catechesis, Pope Leo highlights the Church's teaching on the importance of the lay vocation. The catechesis reminds us that lay people have the indispensable role of bringing Christ's presence into all spheres of life. Perhaps we can ask ourselves this week, where is God calling me to be a witness to Christ — in my family, workplace, school, neighbourhood or community? Can people recognise something of Christ in the way I speak, live and treat people?

https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026.index.html#audiences

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

20 OCT **CRAFT GROUP |** Tuesday 10am in Parish Centre. The group is making crafts for the upcoming fete and is calling on anyone with sewing experience to come along & help out. All are welcome.

21 OCT **BIBLE STUDY |** Wednesday 7:30pm in Parish Centre. Join us as we explore St Paul's Letters to the Corinthians.

3 NOV **MELBOURNE CUP LUNCH | $30 pp**



Our Melbourne Cup Luncheon is on again this year.
Tickets $30, includes Lunch & a glass of bubbles.
There will be sweeps, best dressed & best hat prizes.
Sign up sheets in the foyer, bring your friends for a great event.
Please contact Elizabeth in the office for more information.

St Thomas the Apostle Community Fete Update

Fete season has begun. As we approach the exciting St Thomas the Apostle fete, Parish community fete. We will need your help. Many hands make light work, & all donations are greatly appreciated. You can help in any of the following ways.

Plants Stall	Do you have plants you could donate ? Can you pot some up?
Treasure Trove	Drop of dates available soon!
Cake Stall	Plan your delights. What can you make? Our cake stall is renowned for great quality & variety
Tombola	Donations of Wine, Small toys, Wine, Stickers, Stationary & Games.
Money Tre	Scratchies to add to the money tree. Always a fun prize to win.
Craft Stall	Craft, Create & Donate - Contact Trudie 0419 293 190
Volunteering	Can you help? **Fri** - Setup. **Fete Day** - Set up, on a Stall or Pack up

Sign up sheet available in the foyer, online registration to open soon.
Please help if you can. Even one hour can help.

FETE PICK-A-PRIZE

St Thomas the Apostle fete, Parish community members can now purchase tickets for the Pick-a-Prize activity. Order forms are available in the Church foyer, school & Parish office. There's 10 amazing prizes up for grabs with tickets for $10. gets you 20 chances to win & you only go in the draw to win the prizes you want.

Prizes include: Total over $9,200 in Value
(1) Jamala overnight Stay.
(2) Eufy E25 Robovac with mop function
(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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL | Faith in action has always been at the heart of the Vincentian spirit. Frederic Ozanam and the first members of the Society began visiting people experiencing poverty and were moved by the unrest all around them. In this day and age faith must be expressed through relationship, compassion, and practical service. In our meetings we are encouraged to pause, give thanks, pray for each other and those we assist. That is the Vincentian Way.

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FACEBOOK

INSTAGRAM

COMMUNITY NOTICES

22 OCT

INSTITUTE FOR SYNODAL EVANGELISATION | This forum running on Thursday the 22nd of Octber from 6-8pm at Haydon Hall (& online) will explore how the Church participates in God's mission through service, witness, education, advocacy & care for others. Together, we will reflect on how the Church responds to the needs of our world & how each of us is called to contribute to this mission within our own communities. We are delighted to welcome Anne Kirwin & Luke Maher who will share their insights on this topic. Please register using the QR Code

24 OCT

HEALING MASS WITH INTERNATIONAL PRIEST FR ROZO PALIC Fri 23 Oct at SHC Pearce: 5pm Exposition, 6pm Mass then a special evening of healing prayer and talk. Fr Rozo will also bless rosaries, holy objects, water, oil and salt. Also, a whole day at St Peter Chanel's Yarralumla Saturday 24 October 8:30am to 4pm. Everyone is welcome. For more information visit godislove.net.au/canberra.html.

24 OCT

CURSILLO 60TH ANNIVERSARY REUNION | SAT 24 – SUN 25 OCT, ST CHRISTOPHER'S PARISH CENTRE.
Calling all Cursillistas! Cursillo has been active in the Canberra-Goulburn Diocese for 60 years & thousands have participated in Cursillo weekends here during that time. To celebrate, a Reunion will be held on Sat 24 & Sun 25 Oct at St Christopher's Parish Centre, Manuka, & 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

24 OCT

CCR HEALING & ADORATION Day | 8:30am
With special guest Fr Rozo Palić – Saturday 24 October 2026 at St Peter Chanels Church, Weston St, Yarralumla, ACT, 8:30am to 4pm. Father Rozo Palić is an internationally renowned healer & exorcist whose ministry has touched thousands of people across the world. Originally from Croatia, he is now based in Ireland. Free event, with morning tea and lunch provided – all welcome, bring family and friends! Call 0419902293. To register: https://www.trybooking.com/DQKHQ

30 OCT

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP | Are We in a Change of Era? | 6pm
All welcome! The 2026 Archdiocesan Women's Taskforce Annual event is Friday 30 October 2026, from 6.00 pm at the Canberra Southern Cross Club in Woden. Guest speaker, Ms Philomena ('Phil') Billington, an experienced educator, leader, and facilitator will share her experience of serving in five dioceses and four states in Australia, in both rural and urban settings.
To register for this event please go to https://events.humanitix.com/2026-annual-dinner.
Or for more information contact 0405 440 463.

JOB VACANCY | HOME Support Worker Queanbeyan – Permanent Part-Time
HOME in Queanbeyan Incorporated provides a permanent, loving & supportive home for adults living with enduring mental illness who might otherwise face homelessness. Operating like a family, HOME is grounded in dignity, deep connection, & community, with a small team making a lasting difference in the lives of residents. To apply, please email your cover letter & resume to manager@homeinqueanbeyan.org.
Use the QR code to find out more:

PARISH ROSTER

24th/25th October	6 PM	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Wayne	Andrew	John K
Readers	Kevin & Susan	Ringrose-Voase Family	Janell & Warwick J
Music Team	Trish J	Peter Glynn	Margaret & Choir
Counters	Kim	***Cleaners***	McClelland, Fotu & Nina B.

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

First Reading

ISAIAH 45:1.4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the
setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

Responsorial Psalm

PSALM PS 95:1. 3-5. 7-10. R. V.7

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading

1 THESSALONIANS 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.
We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation

PHILIPPIANS 2:15. 16

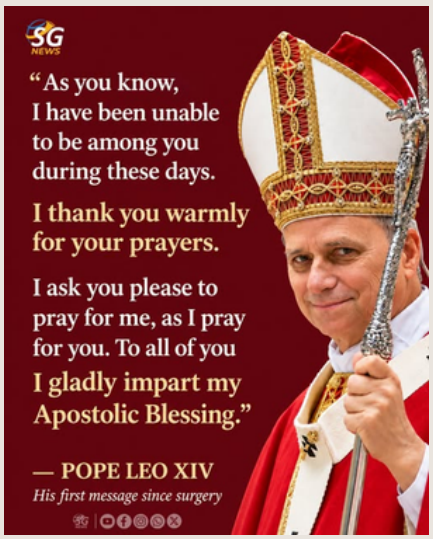
Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Gospel

MATTHEW 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?''Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'

Let us continue to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, as he recovers from surgery and faces ongoing health challenges. May the Lord grant him healing, renewed strength, and peace.



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