ST THOMAS
the APOSTLE

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A **25TH OCTOBER 2026**

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



Catechesis of Pope Leo XIV: The Documents of the Second Vatican Council: Holiness and evangelical counsels in the Church

Dear brothers and sisters,

In today's catechesis on the Dogmatic Constitution Lumen Gentium, we turn our attention to the universal call to holiness. Every baptized person is called to be holy: to live in God's grace, to practice virtue and to become like Christ. At its heart is love for both God and neighbor, and its greatest expression is martyrdom, the supreme witness of faith and charity. For this reason, the Church teaches that believers should be ready to confess Christ to the point of shedding blood. However, the interior transformation that conforms us to Christ is not possible without the aid of the Sacraments, most especially the Eucharist. In this regard, I would like to make particular mention of those men and women who consecrate their lives to God through the evangelical counsels: poverty, chastity and obedience which express their complete trust in God's providence, modelled on Christ's gift of himself to the Father with a pure heart. By their lives, consecrated persons radically witness to the fullness of life in Christ, even to the cross.

In this catechesis, Pope Leo draws our attention to the universal call to holiness: the teaching that every baptised person is called to grow in holiness, regardless of their vocation or state in life. This call to holiness is a call to respond to the two great commandments we hear in this weekend's Gospel: to love God and our neighbour and thus be transformed in Christ. Yet, we cannot grow in this holiness and become more like Christ by our own effort. We need the grace of the Sacraments. We might consider this week, what place do the Sacraments, particularly the Eucharist and Reconciliation, have in my journey towards holiness?

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

27 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.

28 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 off dates**
Cake Stall	Sun 25th Oct 1pm-4pm, Sun 2nd Nov 9am-12pm, Sat 7th Nov 1pm-4pm Plan your delights. What can you make? Our cake stall is renowned for great quality & variety
Tombola	Donations of Wine, Small toys, 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, **Fete Day** 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 | We are created for relationships, connection and care. Your parish SVDP conference sees this live out every day. Love of neighbours becomes more than lip service. It is expressed through listening without judgement, offering practical support, advocating for justice, sharing companionship, and recognising the dignity of each person we encounter. It is found in our home visitations, and the quiet acts of kindness that often go unseen. This too is the Vincentian Way.

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For Baptism, Marriage, Funeral or RCIA enquiries please contact the Parish Office

FACEBOOK

INSTAGRAM

COMMUNITY NOTICES

28 OCT

GUINNESS & GOD | 28th OCT | 6:30-9pm
For all young people aged 18-30 years to enjoy trivia, games & entertainment. Guinness & God will be held on 28th of October from 6:30pm-9pm at 131 City Walk, ACT King O'Malleys.

29 OCT

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PRIMARY SCHOOL MANGO DRIVE| CLOSES 29th OCT
Following the success of last year's fundraiser, we're bringing back delicious Bowen Kensington. $36 per tray for 7kg / 12-22 mangoes.

Support the 2026 St Thomas The Apostle Kambah Primary School
MANGO FUNDRAISER

30OCT

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.

31 OCT

31 October | Mothers Prayers National Day of Prayer | 10:30 am
All women, mothers and spiritual mothers are warmly invited to the Mothers Prayers National Day of Prayer on Saturday 31 October at St Benedict's Parish, Narrabundah. We will gather for 10:30am Mass, followed by Mothers Prayers, praying together for our children, grandchildren, families and the children of the world. A shared lunch will follow from 12–2pm – please bring a plate to share. Whether you are a mother, grandmother, godmother, aunt, or someone who carries children and families in your heart, you are very welcome. Come and join us in prayer, friendship and hope as we entrust our children to the loving care of Jesus. Info: Anne australia@mothersprayers.org.

01 NOV

1 November | 50th Anniversary of the establishment of St Michael's Parish celebrations | 10:00 am
Come and celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the establishment of St Michael's Parish on Sunday the 1st of November 2026. We will celebrate Mass at 10am at St Michael's, Kaleen followed by a lunch in the School Hall. Lunch will be provided. We would love to see you there to share your memories and catch up. No RSVP required. Just be there. Enquiries can be sent to belconnennorth@cg.org.au.

01 NOV

1 November | Marian Procession | 10:00 am
The Marian Procession is an ecumenical event hosted by the Goulburn Parish of Sts Mary Queen of Apostles, from the Old Cathedral of Sts Peter and Paul's. This year it will process on All Saints Day, Sunday the 1st of November. Save the date!

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

31st Oct / 1st Nov	6 PM	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Michael	Loia	John K
Readers	Kevin Condon	Ringrose-Voase	Janell Jones
Music Team	Trish	Choir	Julie Spencer
Counters	Andrew & Cecily	***Cleaners***	

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

First Reading EXODUS 22:20-26

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity."'

Responsorial Psalm PS 17:2-4, 47. 51, R. V.2

(R) I love you, Lord, my strength.

1. I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R.)

2. Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be the God who saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed. (R.)

Second Reading 1 THESSALONIANS 1:5-10

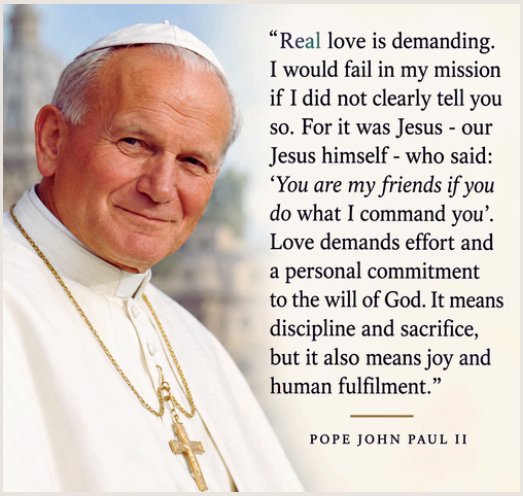
You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

Gospel Acclamation JOHN 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel MATTHEW 22:34-40

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'



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