ST THOMAS
the APOSTLE

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A **8TH NOV 2026**

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



Pope Leo XIV Catechesis on the Second Vatican Council
The Church, pilgrim in history towards the heavenly homeland

Dear brothers and sisters,

In our ongoing catechesis on Lumen Gentium, we focus on the eschatological dimension of the Church. As the "universal sacrament of salvation," the Church is a sign and instrument of the fullness of God's promises. As the pilgrim People of God, the Church interprets history through the lens of the Gospel and speaks decisively against all evil. At the same time, the Church acknowledges the need for continual conversion so she may properly fulfill her mission. As members of the same Body, we too are called to renewal. We do this by remaining in communion with Christ and one another. The entire Church is most closely united in our praise of God in the liturgy. There we pray for the faithful departed and ask the Saints to intercede for us so that we may all receive the fullness of God's promises in the Kingdom of Heaven.

https://www.vatican.va/content/leo-xiv/en/audiences/2026/documents/20260506-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

9 NOV **MONTHLY PARISH LUNCHEON |** 12pm Monday 9th November @ the Irish Club in Weston. All welcome. Contact Anne Healy FYI

10 NOV **CRAFT GROUP |** Tuesday 10am in Parish Centre. "Please drop off any donations for the craft stall to the parish meeting room on 9th November. The meeting room will be open 10am till 2pm. If there are craft items that need to be collected please call Trudie on 0419293190 to arrange a collection time. Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the craft stall." Thanks Elizabeth - I appreciate all the hard work & organisation that you & your family do to make our fete day so successful each year. You're amazing.

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

25 NOV **ADVENT BIBLE STUDY | 7:30PM** Wed'S 25TH Nov, 2ND & 9TH & 16TH Dec Will be held at the Parish Centre. Prepare for the coming of Christ through his Word. We will follow a pre-set program with materials costing $10. Bring your Bible if you wish. All are welcome.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE COMMUNITY FETE UPDATE

FETE SET UP & PREPARATION

Fete preparation Begins on Wednesday during the day in the Parish Centre. Help is needed with many small tasks. Tickets allocation, Activity Bags, Sorting Prizes. If you are available to assist Wed, Thu or Fri please just turn up, contact Elizabeth or email efwkambah@yahoo.com for more information.

Only one week to go. We will need your help. Many hands make light work, & all donations are greatly appreciated. You can help in any of the following ways. Last minute donation can be dropped to the Parish Centre Wed - Fri.

Plants Stall	Do you have plants you could donate? Do you need a pick up?
Cafe	Calling all scone makers. Our scones & sit down cafe is back.
Cake Stall	Can you Bake? What can you make?
Tombola	Donations of Wine, Chips, Chocolates.
Money Tree	Scratchies to add to the money tree. Always a fun prize to win.
Volunteering	**Fri** Setup. **Fete Day** Set up, **Fete Day** Stalls, **Pack up.**

Even one hour is great. Sign up is easy.
Sign up sheet available in the foyer, online rego.
https://signup.com/go/WcWOssq **or use the QR Code**

Pick a Prize - It is not too late. Avoid the rush on the day,
10 amazing prizes up for grabs with tickets $10 for 20 chances to win.
Choose 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) Mega Lego Pack.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL

At our last SVDP meeting we were asked to consider "Who has been an inspirational Vincentian you have known?" Over the past 50 years there would be many parishioners who have been members of our conference who have been "inspirational". However, members like Barry Cleary, Paul Dowling, Laurie Nolen and Rex Hopman come to mind. They aspired to do good, be kind and see the best in others to make the world a better place. May their legacy continue. With God's grace we are confident it will.

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

FACEBOOK

COMMUNITY NOTICES

16 NOV

CATHOLIC VOICE CHRISTMAS COVER COMPETITION

We're inviting Catholic school students across the Archdiocese to enter.
This year's theme is "Everyone is Invited", exploring how the birth of Jesus brings people together. Encourage your students to get creative. The winning artwork will feature on our December Christmas cover. Scan the QR code for full details & how to enter.
Entries close 16 November. FYI please contact catholic.voice@cg.org.au
https://cgcatholic.org.au/catholic-voice/christmas-cover-art-competition-2026/

18 NOV

18 NOVEMBER | EXPLORING THE HORIZONS OF A POPE LEO CHURCH | 7:30 PM

Fr Tony Banks OSA (Augustinian Provincial, Australasia, someone who knows Pope Leo well) & Dr Anne Benjamin (Hon Prof at ACU, co-author "Leadership after the Synod")....will explore key focal points of the Leo pontificate – one that will build the church for the next generation. What skills, strategies & attributes will be needed by both ordained & non, in a church where the laity has a greater role in shared leadership, decision-making and accountability? Venue: Marist Canberra.

20 NOV

20 NOVEMBER | CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH 2026 | 08:00 PM

CAMINO OF ST JOSEPH 2026 overnight Men's Pilgrimage walk 20–21 November 2026. Starts 8pm Mass St Joseph's O'Connor, stopping at five churches until Mary Help of Christians Pearce 8am Mass the next morning. The intention is to seek St Joseph's powerful intercession as he helped Jesus. There will be a trailing bus to offer rest breaks. FYI or to register scan the QR code https://canberracatholic.men, or email mat.wolnicki@menalive.org.au.

21 NOV

21 NOVEMBER | CHRISTMAS ORATORIO | 06:30 PM

Canberra Choral Society will present J S Bach's 'Christmas Oratorio' in Llewellyn Hall, The ANU on Saturday 21 November 2026, 6.30pm, directed by renowned choral conductor Sam Allchurch. This unmissable CCS Come and Sing event will present Parts 1, 2, 3 and 6, sung in English, with text from the Gospel narrative of the Nativity.
Hear soloists Lily Flynn (soprano), Elizabeth Cooper (mezzo-soprano), Jordan Sarkis (tenor), David Greco (baritone), a 160-voice choir and professional orchestra.



PARISH ROSTER

7th & 8th November	6 PM	8:30 AM	10:00 AM
Acolyte	Nick	Brendan	Warwick
Readers	Winnie & Prakash	Ebony/Sarah & Ana / Veda	Help Needed
Music Team	Ester Drew	Ringrose-Voase Family	Bruna Strmota
Counters	Tom & Tracey	***Cleaners***	Battisson & Nina B

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

First Reading

WISDOM 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright, and does not grow dim.
By those who love her she is readily seen,
and found by those who look for her. Quick
to anticipate those who desire her, she
makes herself known to them. Watch for her
early and you will have no trouble; you will
find her sitting at your gates. Even to think
about her is understanding fully grown; be
on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly
leave you. She herself walks about looking
for those who are worthy of her and
graciously shows herself to them as they go,
in every thought of theirs coming to meet
them.

Responsorial Psalm

PS 62:2-8 V2

(R.)My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading

1 THESSALONIANS 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers,
about those who have died, to make sure
that you do not grieve about them, like the
other people who have no hope. We believe
that Jesus died and rose again, and that it
will be the same for those who have died in
Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can
tell you this from the Lord's own teaching,
that any of us who are left alive until the
Lord's coming will not have any advantage
over those who have died. At the trumpet of
God, the voice of the archangel will call out
the command and the Lord himself will come
down from heaven; those who have died in
Christ will be the first to rise, and then those
of us who are still alive will be taken up in the
clouds, together with them, to meet the Lord
in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for
ever. With such thoughts as these you
should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation

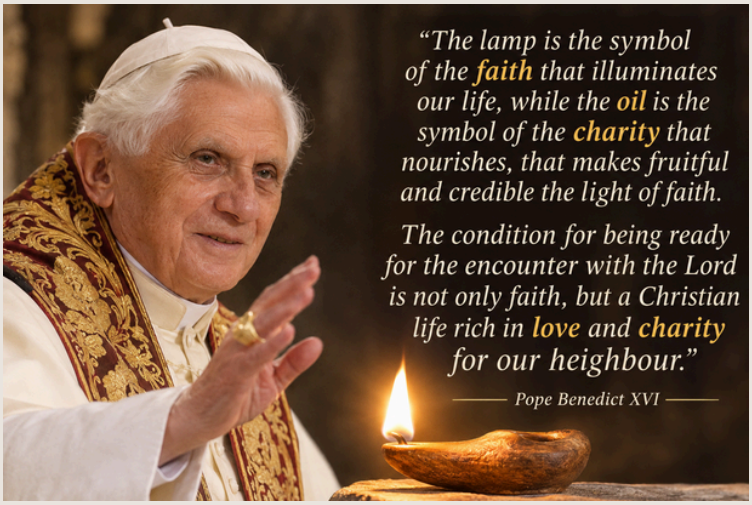
MATTHEW 24:42. 44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel

MATTHEW 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The
kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten
bridesmaids took their lamps and went to
meet the bridegroom. Five of them were
foolish and five of them were sensible: the
foolish ones did take their lamps, but they
brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took
flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The
bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy
and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a
cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet
him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up
and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones
said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of
your oil: our lamps are going out." But they
replied, "There may not be enough for us and
for you; you had better go to those who sell it
and buy some for yourselves." They had gone
off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived.
Those who were ready went in with him to the
wedding hall and the door was closed. The
other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord,"
they said, "open the door for us." But he
replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you."
So stay awake, because you do not know either
the day or the hour.'



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