

St. Thomas

THE Apostle

CATHOLIC CHURCH



THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY

TIME, YEAR A

25 January 2026

*This week our sanctuary lamp burns for
Jeffrey Gallagher*

This Week's Feasts:

Tues 27th Jan **St Angela Merici**

Weds 28th Jan **St Thomas Aquinas**

Sat 31st Jan **St John Bosco**

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Tues & Thurs 9am-2pm

Masses and Devotions

Sunday	7.30am 9.30am	Mass Mass
Monday	--	
Tuesday	12.30pm	Mass
Wednesday	12.00pm 12.30pm	Rosary Mass (lunch in meeting room)
Thursday	12.30pm	Mass
Friday	11.30am 12.30pm	Eucharistic Adoration Mass
Saturday	5.00pm 5.30pm	Reconciliation Vigil Mass

Pope Leo XIV January Prayer Intention

For prayer with the Word of God

Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us to build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

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Entrance Antiphon (Cf Psalm 95:1,6)

*O sing a new song to the Lord;
sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

*In his presence are majesty and splendour,
strength and honour in his holy place.*

First Reading (Isaiah 8:23-9:3)

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

In the Galilean country, the people have seen a great light.

In days past the Lord humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali,
but in days to come he will confer glory on the Way of the Sea on the far
side of Jordan, province of the nations.

The people that walked in darkness
has seen a great light;
on those who live in a land of deep shadow
a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater,
you have made their joy increase,
they rejoice in your presence
as men rejoice at harvest time,
as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils.
For the yoke that was weighing on him,
the bar across his shoulders,
the rod of his oppressor,
these you break as on the day of Midian.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm (Psalm 26:1, 4, 13-14))

(R.) *The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

1. The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
Before whom shall I shrink? **(R.)**
2. There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple. **(R.)**

3. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Second Reading (1 Corinthians 1:10-13,17)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

I appeal to you, my brothers and sisters, make up the differences between you.

I appeal to you, brothers, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, to make up the differences between you, and instead of disagreeing among yourselves, to be united again in your belief and practice. From what Chloe's people have been telling me, my dear brothers, it is clear that there are serious differences among you. What I mean are all these slogans that you have, like: 'I am for Paul', 'I am for Apollos', 'I am for Cephas', 'I am for Christ'. Has Christ been parcelled out? Was it Paul that was crucified for you? Were you baptised in the name of Paul?

For Christ did not send me to baptise, but to preach the Good News, and not to preach that in the terms of philosophy in which the crucifixion of Christ cannot be expressed.

The word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation (Matthew 4:23)

Alleluia, alleluia!

*Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.*

Alleluia!

Gospel (John 1:29-34)

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

He went to Capernaum, that the prophecy of Isaiah be fulfilled.

Hearing that John had been arrested Jesus went back to Galilee, and leaving Nazareth he went and settled in Capernaum, a lakeside town on the borders of Zebulun and Naphtali. In this way the prophecy of Isaiah was to be fulfilled:

Land of Zebulun! Land of Naphtali!

Way of the sea on the far side of Jordan,

Galilee of the nations!

The people that lived in darkness

has seen a great light;

on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death

a light has dawned on those who dwell in the land and shadow of death.

From that moment Jesus began his preaching with the message, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

Communion Antiphon (Cf Psalm 33:6)

*Look toward the Lord and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.*

NEWS & EVENTS

2026 SACRAMENTAL ENROLMENTS NOW OPEN

Sacramental enrolments for Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation in 2026 are now open. Please contact Silvia (silvia.kinder@cewa.edu.au) for the enrolment form. Please note that First Holy Communion will be held earlier in the year than usual so please enroll your child promptly.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PLANNED GIVING PROGRAM:

Our parish relies on your generosity. You're invited to join the St Thomas' Planned Giving Programme through: • Weekly envelopes • Direct debit • Bank transfer (**First Collection:** BSB:086006 ACC:773078600, **Second Collection:** BSB:086006 ACC:458537432)

The first collection supports the priests of the diocese, including our parish priest. The second collection supports parish upkeep and operating costs.

COLUMBAN ART CALENDARS

We still have 13 of the 2026 Columban Art Calendars available. They are \$11 each. Please let the parish office know if you would like one of them.

WALKING TOGETHER AS 'CHURCH' – AN EXPERIENCE OF SYNODALITY

Sat 7th Feb 2026 @ 9.15am-12.30pm or Weds 11th Feb @ 6.45pm – 9.00pm
St Benedicts Church Parish Centre, 115 Ardross St, Ardross

RSVP by 31 January to ignatianspiritwa@gmail.com

You are invited to morning of reflection, deep listening and sharing on our experience of and desires for church. Synodality in simple terms is a path of spiritual renewal (conversion) and structural reform that enable the Church to be more participatory and missionary so that it can walk with every man and woman, radiating the light of Christ. The event is free, donations appreciated. Morning tea will be provided. For More information:

Enquiries to Rom Cirillo 0408 915 235 or Chris Gardner 0429 995 591 and for more info: <https://bit.ly/3Zue8Wg>

Next weekend's readings **Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A**

Zephaniah 2:3, 3:12-13, Psalm 145, 1 Corinthians 1:26-31, Matthew 5:1-12