

THESE NOTICES are for **this weekend, 15-16 Feb 2020**. The readings on the reverse of this page are for **next weekend 22-23 Feb 2020**, to help with preparation for Mass.



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6th Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A
Sunday 16th February 2020

Saturday Vigil.....6:00pm
Sunday8:30am & 10:00am
RECONCILIATION: Saturday.....5:00pm to 5:30pm
BAPTISMS & WEDDINGS..... Contact Office

WEEKDAY LITURGICAL CELEBRATIONS:

Monday	9:30am	LOW	Liturgy of the Word.
Tuesday	6:00pm	MASS	With Holy Hour
Wednesday	9:30am	MASS	
Thursday	9:30am	MASS	
Friday	9:30am	MASS	

St Thomas has a Quest Payment System. The EFTPOS tap & go machine is in the foyer. You can donate \$10 by tapping your EFTPOS card to the machine. Want to donate more simply tap your card again. All money goes to St Thomas to help with running the Parish (& repair costs). \$150 was donated last weekend. Many thanks to those who are using the machine. Have a go.

Children's Liturgy Helpers Needed Urgently. We are currently unable to run this important ministry due to lack of assistance. Please contact office or Mary Hyland if you are able to help for 10am Masses. Please also take this time to consider volunteering for another roster, over the coming weeks we will be advertising where help is needed. Many Thanks.

As you are all aware there have been a lot of repairs going on within our Church. Thank you all for your patience. Unfortunately the water has come back up in the Sacristy. The insurance has been informed & the Archdiocese will be following this up.

What's next: The water will be turned on during weekend services & turned off after. Investigations are ongoing to try & find the cause of this leak. This is a new claim as far as the insurance is concerned. Lucky the damaged cupboard had not yet been repaired, these repairs will be delayed until we have a resolution, as has the replacing of the pavers & filling of the holes. We are currently getting quotes for this extra work.

Restoration: Water to sinks at the back of the church at our own cost is also delayed.
For your own safety please stay away from cordoned off areas.
Costs: Parish costs insurance excess 3 x \$500, roof make safe \$500, roof repair \$6,800 & pipe diversion \$1,700. We are hopeful that this further damage will be covered by insurance.

Vatican City (CNS) Pope Francis. Mass is the highest form of prayer & not an appropriate moment for small talk. At church, Catholics should spend their time in silence before Mass, preparing "to meet with Jesus" instead of engaging in "chitchat". Silence is so important.

In response to this message from Pope Francis it is imperative that we observe silence in our Church especially before & after Mass. It is a **MUST** that we should have respect for all those who enter the Church to spend time praying & preparing themselves for Mass & time for reflection after Mass. Most importantly the reverence of being silent in the presence of the Lord in the tabernacle is a form of prayer in itself & helps us to receptive to hearing God's word.

VINNIES NEWS

As everyone knows there is no Vinnies Doorknock this year because of the bushfires. However, there is an opportunity to participate in the Bushfire Appeal by donating a few hours of your time to the South.Point donation table. Michael Tabart will be at outside Masses this weekend with the roster. Put your name down if you can. Alternatively call him on 0408 626 918 to volunteer.

Jesuit led Canberra First Spiritual Exercises Retreat: Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus. 20 April – 16 May 2020. You don't need any special qualifications. All you need is the desire to open yourself to God and to take some practical steps to find time for prayer. For more details and/or to express interest in attending: <https://www.cicaustralia.org.au/australian-capital-territory/> or 0407147540.

"Amicus, a support group (created by Monsignor John Woods and Father Mick MacAndrew in 1992) for widowed, divorced and separated Catholics will be holding its next gathering for 2020 at the SAIGON Vietnamese Restaurant Pearce Shops on Saturday 22nd February meeting at 7pm for DINNER. To join us please call PAUL 0419 411 691.

19 Feb. "Values & Voices in the Public Sphere" 7.30pm in the Chapel, at the Australian Centre for Christianity & Culture, Blackall St, Barton ACT. The Hon. Dr Ken Crispin QC will speak to this issue. Ken is a leading jurist, Supreme Court Judge, President of the Court of Appeal and Commissioner for Standards for the Legislative Assembly. Website ces.org.au for more info.

Fr Peter & Parish Pastoral Council are looking to recruit some new members to join our team in 2020. If this interests you or a someone you know please contact Elizabeth in the office FYI.

COMMUNITY GARDEN.

One is never close to God than in the garden
 St Thomas Primary School is looking to expand their beautiful garden to involve members of our Parish family. They would love so me volunteers to help them with watering over the weekends. In another capacity, they would also love some volunteers to come & work in the garden with students either before school or at lunch time. This could involve gardening tasks or simply sitting in the garden reading with children.

If this interests you, you will need a WWVP card which we can help you with.
 If you would like to be involved & FYI, please contact the school on 62314144 or Elizabeth on 6231 9219. We would love to hear from you!

Upcoming Events & Other Info

Please see **notice board** for more info, & don't forget **previously advertised events**.

Archdiocesan website: www.cgatholic.org.au
St Thomas the Apostle Upcoming Events

- **St Vincent de Paul Meets** Mon 7:30pm - Parish C
 - **Becoming a Catholic - RCIA** Mon 7:30pm Parish C
 FYI Contact Murray on 0400 009 923

Upcoming School Dates

Other Information in the Diocese

- **Buy a Brick for Marymead** - marymead.org.au
 - **2020 Plenary Council** plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au
 - **Evenings for the Engaged** marriage preparation

Lenten Concert - 'Ashes to Easter' with Peter Kearney. 2pm-3:15pm, Sun 15th March, St. John Vianney's Church, Waramanga.

Wednesday Lenten Study Group invites you to join them for the Lenten Program, "Be Opened" from Brisbane Archdiocese in the Parish Centre after 9:30 mass starting Ash Wednesday. FYI contact Annette 0418 863 588.

During Summer there are many flowers around. Signs of new life are everywhere.

If you have flowers in your garden that you could donate to help decorate our altar. Please either drop them by the Church on Fridays or contact Barb Phillips or Elizabeth in the office on 6231 9219 or kambah@cg.org.au
 Many thanks in advance.

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Weekly Collections 8/9 February 2020

Required / wk: \$ 950 Required / wk: \$ 1,200
18/19 1st: \$ 953 2nd Collection: \$ 1,408

Roof & Pipe Repair Fund

Target: \$ 10,500 Raised \$ 10,154

Pope Francis (13 Feb) The Amazonian peoples have a right to hear the Gospel: the proclamation of God who infinitely loves every man & woman, & has revealed this love fully in Jesus Christ, crucified for us & risen in our lives. [#QueridaAmazonia](https://twitter.com/QueridaAmazonia)

Roster for 4th Weekend of Month (22-23 February)

	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Acolyte	Ken Rose	Andrew Satrapa	Bryce O
Altar Servers	Abby Bartkowiak Georgina Jenkins	Help Needed	Gab Esguerra Help Needed
Readers	Lia Battisson Leonie Lucey	Ringrose –Voase Family.	Janelle & Warwick Jones
Music	Couples for Christ	Margaret, Bernie & Sandy	Phil Maier Tom Langron
Counters	Kim	And	Trish
Cleaning	Margaret Foodey		