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WEEKEND MASSES: Sunday 1st March 2020 First Sunday of Lent - Year A			
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	MASS	Liturgy of the Word.
Tuesday	6:00pm	MASS	With Holy Hour & Rosary
Wednesday	9:30am	MASS	
Thursday	9:30am	MASS	
Friday	9:30am	MASS	Anointing Mass
Friday	6:00pm		Stations of the Cross

St Thomas has a Quest Payment System, EFTPOS tap & go machine is in the foyer. You can donate \$10 by tapping your ATM card if you want to donate more simply tap your card again. All money goes to St Thomas to help with running the Parish (& repair costs). \$170 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, we are looking for more volunteers for our **Cleaning Roster**, contact office FYI. Many Thanks.

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.

As you are all aware there have been a lot of repairs going on within our Church.
Thank you all for your patience.

The water came back up in the Sacristy, and with the heavy rain we had a small roof leak.
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. The company who completed the roof repair is returning to deal with roof leak. The Archdiocese have assigned a liaison to deal with the other ongoing issues.

Restoration: Finalising current works & water to sinks at the back of the church is delayed until decisions regarding the next stage are made.

For your own safety please stay away from cordoned off areas.

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.

Good Friday is a day of fasting & Abstinence. The law of fasting binds those who have completed their 18th year, until the beginning of their 60th year. The law of abstinence binds those who have completed their 14th year. Catholics are obliged to received holy communion at least once a year in Australia & NZ between Ash Wednesday & Trinity Sunday.

VINNIES NEWS

The bushfires have been devastating, where everything is lost & people reach out for support. Where there is despair & needs to be met the SVDP Society is there. In the meantime, in our parish community, our support continues for those experiencing their own crisis, because of the circumstances life has dealt them. Providing material support in times of crisis helps restore dignity to those seeking our help.

Jesuit led Canberra First Spiritual Exercises Retreat: Inner Peace in Friendship with Jesus. 20 April – 16 May 2020. You are invited to take time out for reflection about life and its many challenges & to allow God's word to nourish & restore you. FYI : 0407147540 or CLCinCanberra@gmail.com or clcaustralia.org.au/australian-capital-territory/

Holy Rosary will be prayed in different languages during the holy hour Tue 3rd March. Mass 6pm, Silent Reflection 6:30pm-7pm, Rosary 7pm-7:30pm. All welcome.

Baptism Preparation Evening. 7:30pm Thu 5th March. FYI Please contact Elizabeth in the office

Parish Luncheon Mawson Club Monday 9th March at 12pm. All welcome.

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!

Shrines Of Our Lady With Fr Sebastian Manoharan (MSFS). Journey with our Lady as you visit famous shrines & sites of her apparitions. Explore various pilgrimage sites in Portugal, France, Italy, Croatia & Bosnia during this 15 night pilgrimage. Featuring Fatima, Lourdes, Paris, Rome & Medjugorje for \$7,990+Tips. Includes Entrances & Sites as per itinerary, Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches, Stay in Premium Hotels, All Breakfast & Dinners, Catholic Priest & English speaking professional guides. 2020 Departures Available: **20th May 2020**

FYI **03 8839 6615 or 1300721561** or email us info@maqiholidays.com.au

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
 - **PPC Meeting** 6pm Wed 13 Nov Parish Centre
 - **Bible Study / Prayer Groups**
 - Wed's 10am Parish C Annette 6231 9357
 - Thu's 10am Moya's Home 6231 6015
 - **Baptism Preparation Evening** 7:30pm Thu 5 Mar
 - **Healing Mass & Care Group Meeting** 9:30am Fri 6 Mar
 - **Parish Luncheon** 12pm Mon 9 Mar Mawson Club
 - **PPC Meeting** 6pm Wed 11 Mar - Parish Centre

Upcoming School Dates

- **Sacramental Enrolment Weekend** 29/2&1/3
- 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 program, Contact Mark & Kathy Haseler, 6166 7634.

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 (started Ash Wednesday.) FYI Annette 0418 863 588.

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Weekly Collections 22/23 February 2020

Required / wk: \$	950	Required / wk: \$	1,300
1st: \$	1,090	2nd Collection: \$	1,477

Roof & Pipe Repair Fund

Target: \$	10,500	Raised \$	10,444
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Pope Francis (13 Feb) "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth." The "earth" to conquer is the salvation of our brother and sister. There is no earth better than someone's heart, no land more beautiful to gain than peace renewed with a brother or sister. This is the earth to inherit.

Roster for 2nd Weekend of Month (7-8 March)

	6.00pm	8.30am	10.00am
Acolyte	Nick	Bryce	Warwick F
Altar Servers	Angela Strmota Help Needed	Samuel & Elise Warner	Ian Rebello Help Needed
Readers	Pip & Rachael Niven	Maryellen M Lia Battisson	Janice R Prakash R
Music	Youth for Christ	Bruna Strmota	Margaret, Bernie, Sandy
Counters	Graeme	And	Dianne
Cleaning	Barker Family		