

Groups and Meetings

BAPTISM PREPARATION: 1st Sunday of the month 2.00pm at St Peter's College. Registration: Parish Office or visit our website.
RCIA: For adults interested to join the Catholic Faith. Classes to begin in July 2018. For enquiries, contact Joy Andriaanse on 5991 5669.
RCIC: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments at St Agatha's Providence House, Cranbourne. Enq: Fiona 5998 0947.
YOUTH GROUP: Meets twice a month at St Peter's College. For more enquiries, contact the parish office.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.E.): For children who are in non-catholic schools. Every Wednesday at St Agatha's Parish Hall, Cranbourne, 4.00pm – 5.00pm. Enq: Fiona 5998 0947

Mass Intentions

Saturday (1/12) 6.00pm: Annie Meneaud (1st Anniv)
Sunday (2/12) 9.00am: Deceased family & friends of Sue Manea
Sunday (2/12) 10.45am: For the People of the Parish
Tuesday (4/12) 9.15am: Deceased family & friends of the Schulberg family
Wednesday (5/12) 9.15am: Deceased family & friends of Mary Annam
Thursday (6/12) 9.45am: Deceased family members of Sabina
Friday (7/12) 9.15am: For the Souls in Purgatory
Saturday (8/12) 9.15am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or phone the parish office)
Pray for the sick: Jane Ryan
Death Anniversary: Fr James Hayes, Fr David Cagney

Parish Council Members:
 Fr Denis, Vivian Crasto, Dezlene Orchard, Fale Salu, Neil Mendes, Mick Ryan, Jonathan Rubite, Shiran Jayamaha, Tom Joseph and Colleen Johnson.

Parish Finance Members:
 Fr Denis, Heidi Keel, Sinclair Thomas, Patrick Ross, Helene Jayamaha, Rob Carboon, Vincent Willatgamuwa

Rosters	1/12	2/12		8/12	9/12	
	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am
Lectors	Patrick Ross	Declan Floyd	Jordan Salu	Christine Fernandes	Ani Vellaramkunnel	Andrew Schulberg
Extraordinary Ministers	Ian Sangalang, Simida Coutinho, Maureen Morris	Manju Soni, Mary Garoni, Fred Garoni	Mata loane, Fale Salu, Naomi loane	Eugene Catindig, Jan Ridout, Orestes Quito	Maureen Morris, Julie Sheedy, Michael Ryan	Dino Jaboli, Mary Schulberg, Dezlene Orchard
Welcomers	Moril Cooke	Carrien and Ted Wynen	TBA	Dalreen & Sinclair	Fred and Mary Garoni	TBA
Children's Liturgy		TBA	Christine and Ben Salu		Colleen Johnson	TBA
Morning Tea		Jose and Flora Bition			Vivian and Priscilla Crasto	
Next week's readings:	Baruch 5: 1-9		Phil 1:3-6, 8-11	Luke 3:1-6		

New Parishioner Registration (to return, drop this form in the Parish Office Box at Church or the Parish Office):
 Please complete this card so that we register you as a parishioner and send you a welcome letter
 Please circle – Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss

CHRISTIAN NAME: _____ SURNAME: _____
 HOME PHONE: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____
 OCCUPATION: _____ RELIGION: _____


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 ADDRESS: _____

Would you like to support St Thomas the Apostle Parish Financially? Would you join the Stewardship program and contribute weekly, monthly or yearly? YES / NO (please circle your response)


CHILDREN INFORMATION: (please attach paper for additional children)

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	SEX	RELIGION	BIRTH DATE	OCCUPATION/SCHOOL NAME



St Thomas the Apostle

Catholic Parish, Clyde North

Church: St Peter's College, 55 MacKillop Way, Cnr Heather Grove, Clyde North
Parish Priest: Fr Denis O'Bryan EV
Parish Office: 50 Heather Grove, Cranbourne East (PO Box 6089, Clyde VIC 3978)
Parish Office Phone: 5998 0947
Email: parish@stthomasap.org.au **Website:** www.stthomasap.org.au  www.facebook.com/stthomasap
Parish Secretaries: Christine Salu & Fiona Goh (Tuesday - Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm)
Parish Safety Officer: Corralee Floyd (Wednesday 9.00am – 3.00pm)

"My Lord and My God!"

WELCOME TO OUR MASS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – (Year C) 2nd December 2018



Masses & Reconciliation Times	Parish Schools
<p>Sunday Mass (Masses celebrated at St. Peter's College, 55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North) Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.00pm Sunday Mass: 9.00am & 10.45am</p> <p>Weekday Masses Weekday Masses are at Blue Hills Chapel unless stated otherwise.</p> <p>Monday (3/12): No Mass Tuesday (4/12): 9.15am Wednesday (5/12): 9.15am Thursday (6/12): 9.45am at St Peter's College Hall Cranbourne Campus Friday (7/12): 9.15am Saturday (8/12): 9.15am followed by Reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Recitation of the Holy Rosary</p> <p>Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation Wed 12th Dec 7.30pm at St Peter's College</p> <p>Christmas Mass Times: Christmas Eve Monday 24/12: 7.30pm, Christmas Day Tuesday 25/12: Midnight & 9.30am.</p>	<p>St Thomas the Apostle Primary School 5 Fiorelli Boulevard Cranbourne East Phone: 5998 9293 Principal: Mr Brendan Marrinon</p> <p>St Peter's Secondary College (Cranbourne East Campus) 55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North Phone: 5990 7777 Principal: Mr Chris Black</p>

Prayer of Saint Thomas the Apostle

Glorious Saint Thomas, Your love for Jesus and faith in him as Lord and God are an inspiration for all who seek Jesus. You gave up your life as an Apostle and as a missionary. You encourage us to be courageous in giving witness to faith and in proclaiming the gospel. You lead us to be missionary in our endeavours. As our patron, pray for us as we build a new catholic church in Clyde North. We ask your intercession that we may spend ourselves in the service of Jesus and his Mission. Under your watchful care may we grow in faith and generously use our talents, gifts and vision in the service of Christ Jesus and in love for our neighbour. St Thomas the Apostle Pray For Us

First Reading

Jer 33:14-16

See, the days are coming - it is the Lord who speaks - when I am going to fulfil the promise I made to the House of Israel and the House of Judah: 'In those days and at that time, I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David, who shall practise honesty and integrity in the land. In those days Judah shall be saved and Israel shall dwell in confidence. And this is the name the city will be called: the Lord-our-integrity.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love for those who keep his covenant and will. The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him; to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Thess 3:12-4:2

May the Lord be generous in increasing your love and make you love one another and the whole human race as much as we love you. And may he so confirm your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless in the sight of our God and Father when our Lord Jesus Christ comes with all his saints. Finally, brothers, we urge you and appeal to you in the Lord Jesus to make more and more progress in the kind of life that you are meant to live: the life that God wants, as you learnt from us, and as you are already living it. You have not forgotten the instructions we gave you on the authority of the Lord Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Let us see, O Lord, your mercy and give us your saving help. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.'

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

Message from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

I urge all parishioners to take time during Advent, in what is always a busy month, to prepare spiritually for Christmas. Especially I ask you to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Parish Advent Celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation on Wednesday 12th December at 7.30pm. This will be held in St Peter's College in the same place where we celebrate our Masses. There will be multiple priests in attendance.

May God bless you all, Fr Denis

Plenary Council

"WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?"

Dear Parishioners, we have finished our listening and dialogue sessions for the month of November. Many were the responses but most importantly, the richness of our stories of faith made possible to unite our hearts, souls and minds in prayer. In the weeks to come, we will share with you this experience.

As the Holy Season of Advent starts, we ask God to help us prepare ourselves for a deep, personal encounter with Christ this Christmas season. The following is a reflection from 'One Bread, One Body' courtesy of Presentation Ministries.

"The Holy Spirit has taught the Church that to prepare for Christ, we must:

- *Pray the Mass with so much love that Mass becomes the center of our lives. Thus, we have the word, "Christ-Mass."*
- *Be immersed in repentance and express this by Advent Confession(s) (see [Lk 3:3ff](#)).*
- *Abide in God's Word ([Jn 8:31](#)) and share His Word. This is the origin of Christmas cards.*
- *Do penance, especially fasting. This is the connotation of the Advent color, purple.*
- *Do good deeds, especially almsgiving. This is the origin of Christmas gift-giving."*

"May the Holy Spirit lead our steps towards Jesus this Christmas season"

The five Regional Gatherings and listening sessions with Bishop O'Regan have now concluded. Bishop O'Regan has revealed some of the common elements that have been raised:

- How, in the 21st Century, can we pass on the gift of faith to our children
- How can we be an evangelising presence in our society.
- What is the best form of Youth Ministry
- How might we be more inclusive in our parishes to all
- How might we be more welcoming in our parishes.

Please do not let go the opportunity to make your contribution to the preparation for the Plenary Council.

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Parish Notices

SACRAMENT REGISTRATION SESSION - will be held on **Tuesday the 4th of December** for any parents that would like their child/ren to make a Sacrament in 2019 at St Thomas the Apostle Parish. **The attendance of at least one parent is required.** This registration evening is compulsory and will cover a variety of topics for families as well as the dates and requirements for the Program. To assist with the organisation of the evening, we request that families of children not in St Thomas the Apostle Primary School to call the parish office. This session will be **held at St Thomas the Apostle Primary School Hall at 7.30pm.**

ADVENT CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: All parishioners are asked to set aside the evening of Wednesday 12th December for our parish Advent celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with visiting priests. This will take place at 7.30pm at St Peter's College.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Christmas Eve at 7.30pm, Christmas Day Midnight Mass and 9.30am

Happenings this week:

Youth Group Pizza Night: Friday 7th December 7pm – 9pm at St Peter's College.

Altar Servers Pizza Night: Friday 14th December 6.30pm at St Peter's College. Please sign and return consent form.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – after this Saturday Vigil Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on every 1st Saturday of each month for half an hour following the Saturday evening Mass.

CATECHISTS REQUIRED: As our parish grows so does our need for catechists for primary school aged children. I am inviting parishioners to respond to our need by contacting the parish office.

RECALL – If you have purchased items from the Olive Wood shop that contain the Lord's Prayer, please check for any misprint. Call the parish office if you have any issue with your purchase.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES – Please pick-up your new set of stewardship envelopes at the back of our worship space. For parishioners giving through Direct Debit and Credit Card, please pick-up your receipts. Thank you.

SUMMER SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION – will be from 20-27 January 2019 in Kyneton. This event is run by the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community. All young people aged 16-35 are encouraged to attend a week-long retreat of teaching, live music, Sacraments, prayer, praise and great speakers. We are also seeking sponsors for participants and will appreciate any contribution. The cost is \$550 per participant. More info: melbourne@summerschool.org.au or summerschool.org.au or 0467 092 091.

THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CARE– CatholicCare would like to thank the parishioners of St Thomas the Apostle Parish for their generous donation of \$1,081.75 to the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal.

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD - Deacon Paul Hiep Van Nguyen will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Sale on Saturday 15th December at 11.00 am at St Mary's Cathedral Sale. All are most welcome to attend.

PIETY STALL – Holy Beginnings piety stall opens every 2nd weekend of the Month. Month of December is on the 8th & 9th. For orders and enquiries, call Rick & Anita on 0450 782 558.

ECUMENICAL DAY ON RAYMOND ISLAND: Clergy and parishioners of the Sale Diocese are invited to come along to the Advent Ecumenical Conversation to be held at The Abbey, Raymond Island (near Bairnsdale) on Thursday 6th December with Bishop Patrick O'Regan and Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland. Fr Frank Moloney and Dorothy Lee are the other two presenters on the day. For catering purposes booking is essential. Please register via this email address: info@theabbey.org.au