

## Groups and Meetings

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (12/1) 6.00pm:** Souls in Purgatory  
**Sunday (13/1) 9.00am:** Souls of Joseph & Anna & deceased members of Peter family  
**Sunday (13/1) 10.45am:** For the People of the Parish  
**Tuesday (15/1):** Deceased members of O'Keefe family  
**Wednesday (16/1):** Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)  
**Thursday (17/1):** Kelston Tuala (1<sup>st</sup> Anniv)  
**Friday (18/1) 9.15am:** Souls in Purgatory  
**Saturday (19/1) 9.15am:** Souls in Purgatory  
**Death Anniversary:** Bishop Noel Daly, Fr Joseph Flynn

### 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, Peter Gomez, Vincent Willatgamuwa

Rosters	12/1	13/1		19/1	20/1	
	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am
<b>Lectors</b>	Moril Cooke	Nomsa Phiri	Andrew Schulberg	Orestes.Jr	Ryan Fynn	Jordan Salu
<b>Extraordinary Ministers</b>	Fraulin Mendes, Dalreen Thomas, Ian Sangalang	Maureen Morris, Mary Garoni, Fred Garoni	Dino Jaboli, Neil Teanio, Amanda Ah Colt	Shey Rubite, Raquel Catindig, Maureen Morris	Kevin Lawlor, Julie Sheedy, Michael Ryan	Dino Jaboli, Dezlene Orchard, Fale Salu
<b>Welcomers</b>	Carmen Camilleri	Sonia Ruiz	TBA	Maureen & Philip	Fred and Mary Garoni	TBA
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>		School Holiday	School Holiday		School Holiday	School Holiday
<b>Morning Tea</b>		Bill and Julie Sheedy			Vivian and Priscilla Crasto	
Next week's readings:		Is 62:1-5	1 Cor 12:4-11		Jn 2:1-11	

### 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: \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle – Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss

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OCCUPATION: \_\_\_\_\_ RELIGION: \_\_\_\_\_

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



*"My Lord and My God"*

**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)

## WELCOME TO OUR MASS

BAPTISM OF THE LORD – (Year C) 13<sup>th</sup> January 2019



### Masses & Reconciliation Times

#### 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

#### Weekday Masses

Weekday Masses are at Blue Hills Chapel unless stated otherwise.

Monday (14/1): No Mass

Tuesday (15/1): 9.15am

Wednesday (16/1): 9.15am

Thursday (17/1): 9.15am

Friday (18/1): 9.15am

Saturday (19/1): 9.15am followed by

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,

Rosary and Reconciliation.

#### Baptism

Sunday at 12noon.

Baptism Preparation:

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. Register at the Parish Office

#### Reconciliation

Friday & Saturday:

9.45am after morning

Mass at Blue Hills

Chapel

Saturday: 5.30pm

before evening Mass at

St Peter's College

### Parish Schools

#### St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

5 Fiorelli Boulevard Cranbourne East

Phone: 5998 9293

Principal: Mr Brendan Marrinon

#### St Peter's Secondary College

(Cranbourne East Campus)

55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North

Phone: 5990 7777

Principal: Mr Chris Black

### 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 our 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

Isaiah 40:1-4, 6-7

‘Console my people, console them’ says your God. ‘Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes. A voice cries, “Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.’ Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear; say to the towns of Judah, ‘Here is your God,’ Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

The word of the Lord.

## Responsorial Psalm

*R.Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are.*

Lord God, how great you are, clothed in majesty and glory, wrapped in light as in a robe! You stretch out the heavens like a tent. **R.**

Above the rains you build your dwelling. You make the clouds your chariot, you walk on the wings of the wind, you make the winds your messengers and flashing fire your servants. **R.**

How many are your works, O Lord! In wisdom you have made them all. The earth is full of your riches. There is the sea, vast and wide, with its moving swarms past counting, living things great and small. **R.**

All of these look to you to give them their food in due season. You give it, they gather it up: you open your hand, they have their fill. **R.**

You take back your spirit; they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth. **R.**

## Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7

God’s grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions: we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and savior Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good. When the kindness and love of God our savior for mankind were revealed, it was not because he was concerned with any righteous actions we might have done ourselves; it was for no reason except his own compassion that he saved us, by means of the cleansing water of rebirth and by renewing us with the Holy Spirit which he has so generously poured over us through Jesus Christ our savior. He did this so that we should be justified by his grace, to become heirs looking forward to inheriting eternal life.

The word of the Lord.

## Gospel Acclamation

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Someone is coming, said John, someone greater than I. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. Alleluia!*

## Gospel

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, ‘I baptize you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.’ Now when all the people had been baptized and while Jesus after his own baptism was at prayer, heaven opened and the Holy Spirit descended on him in bodily shape, like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; my favour rests on you.’

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 our Parish Priest

*Dear Parishioners,*

*It was a great honour to participate in the Ordination of Fr Avinash George in India last weekend. The Ordination took place in his parish church, Sacred Heart Church, Mampoyil, in northern Kerala. It is a very beautiful place, very steep hills covered with rubber trees and adjoining forest. Bishop O’Regan and Frs Michael Willemsen, Siju Xavier and Aju Puthuppallil CMI as well as myself and Deacon Stanly Devasia were in attendance from the Diocese of Sale. The Ordination ceremony and First Mass were both very memorable. Some of those in attendance, including Fr Michael Willemsen, then proceeded to Vietnam to join Fr Hiep in the Mass that he celebrated last Wednesday in his home parish. We continue to pray for our newly ordained priests, and to thank God for the generosity of their families who live far from Australia. Let us pray urgently for the day when we will be able to have a priest ordained from our own parish. May God bless you all, Fr Denis.*

## Plenary Council

**The last Listening and Dialogue sessions for St Thomas the Apostle Parish will be held in February:**

- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February @ 7:30 pm at St. Peter’s College
- Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February @11:00 am at Blue Hills Chapel
- Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February @ 7:30 pm at St.Peter’s College

**These sessions are open to everyone. Please bring along any friends, neighbours, family members and relatives: the Spirit speaks through us all and we want everyone’s voice to be heard.**

**The Listening and Dialogue phase ends on Ash Wednesday, and these 3 sessions will be our final opportunity to add our voice to help create the agenda, by allowing the Spirit to guide our response to the question:**

***What do you think God is asking of us in Australia?***

**HOME SESSIONS:** We encourage all parishioners to use the opportunity of the many gatherings in this festive season to hold Listening and Dialogue sessions in your homes with friends and family. To assist you in holding sessions, please pick up a copy of the guidelines that are on the tables at the entrances. Responses can be submitted to the Plenary Council online, using the following link, or handed in into the Parish Office. May God bless us all. <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/pages/contact-us/>

## Parish Notices

**On the 52<sup>nd</sup> World Day of Prayer for Peace (1<sup>st</sup> January 2019), Pope Francis gives a message entitled “*Good Politics is at the service of Peace*”**

**In his message he reminds people of the “Beatitudes of a Politician”. The following is an excerpt from the message for 2019 from Pope Francis:**

“In this regard, it may be helpful to recall the “Beatitudes of the Politician”, proposed by Vietnamese Cardinal François-Xavier Nguyễn Văn Thuận, a faithful witness to the Gospel who died in 2002:

Blessed be the politician with a lofty sense and deep understanding of his role.

Blessed be the politician who personally exemplifies credibility.

Blessed be the politician who works for the common good and not his or her own interest.

Blessed be the politician who remains consistent.

Blessed be the politician who works for unity.

Blessed be the politician who works to accomplish radical change.

Blessed be the politician who is capable of listening.

Blessed be the politician who is without fear.

Every election and re-election, and every stage of public life, is an opportunity to return to the original points of reference that inspire justice and law. One thing is certain: good politics is at the service of peace. It respects and promotes fundamental human rights, which are at the same time mutual obligations, enabling a bond of trust and gratitude to be forged between present and future generations.”

**DIVINE AUSTRALIA** – Healing Masses and Retreats in January 2019. For dates and venue, please see notice board or take home a flyer.**SUMMER RETREATS 2019** from the 1<sup>st</sup> February to the 7<sup>th</sup> February 2019. Healing service on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb 7.30pm at our parish. For other dates and venue please see notice board for details or take home a flyer.

**COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE** – Tickets are on sale once again! Be in the draw to win 1 of 3 brand new cars (valued up to \$22,609) or Myer gift cards to the value of \$1000 & \$500. There are 14 prizes to be won! Tickets are available for purchase from parish staff members after weekend Masses for \$2 each. If you would like to take a book to sell please only take one booklet & return before selling another. (cost to pre purchase \$20 per booklet). All monies and ticket butts will need to be returned by Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019. Every dollar raised goes back to the parish. Raffle will be drawn on 4<sup>th</sup> May 2019 (VCGR Permit NO -10699/18)

**REV RAY MCCLUSKEY**, the new Minister at the Cranbourne Regional Uniting Church, will have his Induction as Minister this coming Wednesday evening, 16<sup>th</sup> January. St Thomas the Apostle Parish extends a warm welcome to Rev Ray McCluskey.

**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.

**PIETY STALL** – Holy Beginnings piety stall opens every 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the month. Anita & Rick is taking a break in January and will return in February. Month of February is on the 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>. For orders and enquiries, call Rick & Anita on 0450 782 558.

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