

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 (5/1) 6.00pm: Frank Borg (6th Anniv)
Sunday (6/1) 9.00am: Available (Pls see Fr)
Sunday (6/1) 10.45am: For the People of the Parish
Tuesday (8/1): No Mass
Wednesday (9/1): No Mass
Thursday (10/1): No Mass
Friday (11/1) 9.15am: Malcolm Gomez (B'day Remb)
Saturday (12/1) 9.15am: Deceased members of O'Keefe family
Death Anniversary: Fr Matthew Haye, Fr Francis Ruth, Bishop Patrick Phelan, Fr Patrick Walsh, Fr Daniel Shanahan, Fr James Synnot

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	5/1	6/1		12/1	13/1	
	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am
Lectors	Eugene Cantindig	Jack Van Bakel	Christine Salu	Moril Cooke	Nomsa Phiri	Andrew Schulberg
Extraordinary Ministers	Christine Fernandes, Jan Ridout, Simida Coutinho	Coralee Floyd, Priscilla Crasto, Manju Soni	Mary Schulberg, Dezlene Orchard, Naomi loane	Frauln Mendes, Dalreen Thomas, Ian Sangalang	Maureen Morris, Mary Garoni, Fred Garoni	Dino Jaboli, Neil Teanio, Amanda Ah Colt
Welcomers	Dalreen & Sinclair	Doreen Storti	TBA	Carmen Camilleri	Sonia Ruiz	TBA
Children's Liturgy		School Holiday	School Holiday		School Holiday	School Holiday
Morning Tea		Jose and Flora Bition			Bill and Julie Sheedy	
Next week's readings:		Isaiah 40:1-4, 6-7		Acts 10:34-38	Luke 3:15-16, 21-22	

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

CHRISTIAN NAME: _____ SURNAME: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

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

EPHIPHANY OF THE LORD – (Year C) 6th 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 (7/1) – Thursday (10/1) no Mass.

Friday (11/1): 9.15am

Saturday (12/1): 9.15am followed by

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament,

Rosary and Reconciliation.

Baptism

Sunday at 12noon.

Baptism Preparation:

1st 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 60:1-6,

Arise, shine out Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. All nations shall fall prostrate before you, O Lord.

O God, give your judgment to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. ***R.***

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth's bounds. ***R.***

The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts shall pay him tribute. The kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring him gifts. Before him all kings shall fall prostrate, all nations shall serve him. ***R.***

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. ***R.***

Second Reading

Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! We saw his star as it rose and have come to do the Lord homage. Alleluia!

Gospel

Matt 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him 'for this is what the prophet wrote: And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, you are by no means least among the leaders of Judah, for out of you will come a leader who will shepherd my people Israel.' Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Plenary Council

As we mentioned in last week's Bulletin, your inputs from the Christmas Masses were submitted to the Plenary Council website: in all, we contributed 205 submissions! Thank You for adding your voice to the Plenary Council Listening and Dialogue phase.

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

- Friday 15th February @ 7:30 pm at St. Peter's College

- Saturday 16th February @ 11:00 am at Blue Hills Chapel

- Monday 25th February @ 7:30 pm at St. Peter's College

These sessions are open to everyone. You are encouraged to bring along any friends, 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: As we mentioned in previous bulletins, we ask 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

Pope Francis (Gaudete et Exsultate – The Call to Holiness- 2018)

Five Signs of Holiness:

Perseverance is a special virtue because it helps us to meet a particular need. It can be easy to do something good once or twice. But to keep on doing good, for one's whole life, is not easy. How often have started some effort toward holiness in a burst of fervour that then quickly dies out. Perseverance is the virtue that keeps us going even when things are tough.

Joy and a sense of humour: Pope Francis brings out the examples of Mary and the saints to stress that we have every reason to be full of joy. He writes, "Christian joy is usually accompanied by a sense of humour. We see this clearly for example in St Thomas More, St Vincent de Paul and St Phillip Neri. Ill humour is no sign of holiness."

Boldness and passion: This boldness concerns the need to evangelize, to boldly proclaim the Gospel and bring Jesus to everyone. Pope Francis reminds us, "Look at Jesus. His deep compassion reached out to others. It did not make him hesitant, timid or self-conscious, as so often happens with us.

The importance of community: As Christians we are not isolated but part of the community of the whole Church, as well as the particular communities we belong to. This communitarian aspect is essential to us on our journey to holiness, for no one can go it alone. Pope Francis says, "The common life, whether in the family, or the parish is made up of small everyday things. This was true of the holy community formed by Jesus, Mary & Joseph, which reflected in an exemplary way the beauty of the Trinity. It is also true of the life that Jesus shared with his disciples and with ordinary people."

Constant Prayer: This is essential, for prayer is our lifeline to God. Pope Francis says, "I do not believe in holiness without prayer, even though the prayer need not be lengthy or involve intense emotions." Prayer transforms us into better disciples of Jesus.

WELCOME FR TONY who will be celebrating our weekend Masses while Fr Denis is away.

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.

DEACON AVINASH - Please continue to pray for Deacon Avinash George as he prepares for his Priestly Ordination on Saturday 5th January at his home parish of Mampoyil, in northern Kerala, India. Also, please pray that God will bless us with more vocations to the priesthood, especially from our own parish.

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. For more information, please visit melbourne@summerschool.org.au or summerschool.org.au or 0467 092 091.

PIETY STALL – Holy Beginnings piety stall opens every 2nd weekend of the month. Month of January is on the 12th & 13th. For orders and enquiries, call Rick & Anita on 0450 782 558.

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