

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 (16/3) 6.00pm: Dr Annie Mewati (40th Day Anniv)
Sunday (17/3) 9.00am: Special Intention of Carrien & Ted Wynen (Priscilla)
Sunday (17/3) 10.45am: For the People of the Parish
Tuesday (19/3) 9.15am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)
Wednesday (20/3) 9.15am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)
Thursday (21/3): No Mass
Friday (22/3) 9.15am: Sandra Minjoot Danker (Remb)
Saturday (23/3): Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)
Recently Deceased: Teresa Alvarez
Death Anniversary: Leo D'Monte, Fr Walter O'Connor, Fr Andrew Ryan, Monsignor Joseph Daly

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	16/3	17/3		23/3	24/3	
	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am
Lectors	Raquel Cantindig	Kevin Lawlor	Jordan Salu	Emma Gomez	Samantha Rowland	Rhys Ah Colt
Extraordinary Ministers	Shey Rubite, Penelope Smith, Jonathan Rubite	Rita Scicluna, Ani Vellaramkunnel, Brunhelda Samuel	Dino Jaboli, Mata loane, Neil Teanio	Orestes Quito, Mary Cooke, Vimi Pinto	Doreen Storti, Sonia Ruiz, Jack Van Bakel	Francoise Vinay, Amanda Ah Colt, Mary Schulberg
Welcomers	Vimi & Flevius	Carrien and Ted Wynen	TBA	Rose & Dominic Lobo	Vivian and Alisha Crasto	TBA
Children's Liturgy		TBA	Christine		Flora Bition	TBA
Morning Tea		Vivian and Priscilla Crasto			Bill and Julie Sheedy	
Next week's readings:	Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15		Corinth 10:1-6, 10-12		Luke 13:1-9	

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

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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – (Year C) 17th March 2019



Masses & Reconciliation Times
<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 (18/3): No Mass Tuesday (19/3) Feast of St Joseph: 9.15am Wednesday (20/3): 9.15am at St Thomas the Apostle Primary School Thursday (21/3): No Mass Friday (22/3): 9.15am Saturday (23/3): 9.15am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Reconciliation.</p> <p>STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays during Lent 7.30pm at St Peter's College Clyde North</p>
<p>Baptism Sunday at 12noon. Baptism Preparation: 1st Sunday of the month. Register at the Parish Office</p> <p>Reconciliation Friday & Saturday: 9.45am after morning Mass at Blue Hills Chapel Saturday: 5.30pm before evening Mass at St Peter's College</p>

Parish Schools
<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 your Lord and God, are an inspiration for all who seek Jesus. You gave up your life for Him 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

Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. 'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off. Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms: 'To your descendants I give this land, from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. The Lord is my light and my help .

The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? **R.**

O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' **R.**

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. **R.**

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! **R.**

Second Reading

Philippians 3:17-4:1

For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe. So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the bright cloud, the Father's voice was heard: 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to Him!' **Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' - He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

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,

On Friday morning this week the Inaugural Casey Prayer Breakfast will be held at 7.00am at Bunjil Place, Narre Warren. It is organized for priests, pastors, and ministers of religion for all the churches in the City of Casey. The guest speaker will be the Rev Tim Costello AO. I will be attending from our parish, and we thank and congratulate the Mayor and the City Council for this initiative.

During Masses this week we will ask all families attending to complete a census card. There will be a further opportunity the week following. This will help us to keep our parish records up to date. This is a major task for us with so many new families arriving to live in our parish.

May God bless you all, Fr Denis

Plenary Council 2019 “The Year of Discerning”.

DISCERNMENT: A 'gift we must implore'

In his apostolic exhortation *Gaudete et Exsultate* (*Rejoice and Be Glad* in English), Pope Francis dedicates a section of the document to discernment.

He writes: “How can we know if something comes from the Holy Spirit or if it stems from the spirit of the world or the spirit of the devil? The only way is through discernment, which calls for something more than intelligence or common sense.

“It is a gift which we must implore. If we ask with confidence that the Holy Spirit grant us this gift, and then seek to develop it through prayer, reflection, reading and good counsel, then surely we will grow in this spiritual endowment.

“The gift of discernment has become all the more necessary today, since contemporary life offers immense possibilities for action and distraction, and the world presents all of them as valid and good.

“Without the wisdom of discernment, we can easily become prey to every passing trend.”

Dates to remember for community prayer:

Diocesan Assembly: 13-14 September

This week’s Diocesan Pilgrimage is host at St Laurence O’Toole Catholic Church, Leongatha Parish

Plenary Council website: <http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Parish Notice

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

God Start Team: Tuesday 7.30pm at Parish Office

Parish Pastoral Council: Wednesday at 7.30pm at Parish Office

RCIA – THE SCRUTINIES: 3rd, 4th & 5th SUNDAY OF LENT

Dear parishioners, we ask your prayers for our Catechumen, Dilmini Gamaralalage and our Baptised Candidate, Krishendi De Silva. From next Sunday of Lent, both ladies will celebrate the rites of the Scrutinies.

THE SCRUTINIES are rites for self-searching and repentance reinforced by prayers of healing, exorcism and forgiveness to be celebrated on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent in which the whole community intercedes with and for the elect and the candidate, that they may be set free from the power of evil and confirm in the spirit of Christ. This stage in the RCIA process is the period of purification and enlightenment where both ladies prepare more intensely for their sacramental initiation.

“May God accompany Dilmini and Krishendi with our prayers of faith, support and encouragement”

1st Scrutiny, 3rd Sunday of Lent – to be celebrated on 24 March at 6 pm Mass

2nd Scrutiny, 4th Sunday of Lent – to be celebrated on 31 March at 9 am Mass

3rd Scrutiny, 5th Sunday of Lent – to be celebrated on 7 April at 10.45 am Mass

FR HIEP VAN NGUYEN: It is a great pleasure to welcome recently Ordained Fr Hiep to our Saturday evening Mass this week. He has just recently taken up his appointment as assistant priest at Berwick. Please continue to pray for vocations to the priesthood and especially for those who are preparing to be Ordained as Deacons and Priests over the coming two years.

PROJECT COMPASSION: ‘Tati lives in the remote forest of West Kalimantan. She is a mother of three who was earning an income working in a local rubber plantation. Since taking part in eco-tourism training with Caritas Australia and its partners, Tati can now afford to send her children to school. With new hope and commitment. Tati aspires to a future free from poverty for her family.’ Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help lift communities in Indonesia out of poverty and give them hope to protect our common home. Box due back 18th April.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPE # 515 – Please contact the parish office. Thank you.

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR NEW CHURCH BUILDING: With the project to build our first church, and also our parish offices, progressing and hopefully coming to completion over the coming 2 years, parishioners who are willing to work for a parish fundraising campaign are asked to please contact the parish office. Some have done this previously, and we invite you to renew your offer, and we are conscious that we have always new parishioners coming to our parish, and we would welcome your support too.

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE – Tickets Sold Out!! Thank you for your support. Tickets due back on 7th April 2019. To return: place ticket and money in an envelope (do not remove staples) and put in any of the offering plate. Thank you. (VCGR Permit no. – 10699/18)

LENTEN RESOURCE ON FORMED.org : Into the Desert – A Lenten Study on Prayer. Dr Tim Grey masterfully show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. To get your free access contact Parish Office: 5998 0947 or email: parish@sthomasap.org.au.

PIETY STALL – Holy Beginnings piety stall opens every 2nd weekend of the month. Month of April is on the 13th & 14th. For orders and enquiries, call Rick & Anita on 0450 782 558.

ALPHA TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOPS Traralgon March 27th & 28th - Alpha is a tool used by thousands of Catholic Parishes around the world, to introduce participants to the basics of the Christian faith and to evangelise and deepen faith. There will be Alpha Training offered for Parish Teams or those interested in further information, at St Michael’s Parish, Traralgon, on the evenings of March 27th and 28th. For more information, please call 5174 2060 or email: sec@smpt.org.au

DIVINE RENOVATION/ALPHA WORKSHOP Keys for Creating a Missionary Culture in Parishes with Mr. Ron Huntley SATURDAY 6TH APRIL 9.30am-3pm St Peter’s Parish Hall 22 Mary Street, Clayton Cost \$45. For enquiry, call Lorraine McCarthy 0402 217 123 or Lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au.