

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 (2/3) 6.00pm: Thanksgiving Mass for Plenary Council
Sunday (3/3) 9.00am: Special Intentions of Colleen, Troy & family (Priscilla)
Sunday (3/3) 10.45am: Available (pls see Father)
Tuesday (5/3) 9.15am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)
Wednesday (6/3) 9.15am: Marie Gomez (B'day Remb)
Thursday (7/3) 9.15am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)
Friday (8/3) 9.15am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)
Saturday (9/3): Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)
Recently deceased: Robert Allen (brother of Fr John Allen), Crispin Masvosva (seminarian Confidence father)
Death Anniversary: Fr Peter Dawson

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	2/3	3/3		9/3	10/3	
	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am
Lectors	Patrick Ross	Antonia Sopi	Mata loane	Vimi Pinto	Ani Vellaramkunnel	Andrew Shulberg
Extraordinary Ministers	Maureen Morris, Simida Coutinho, Jan Ridout	Declan Floyd, Julie Sheedy, Michael Ryan	Fale Salu, Naomi loane, Neil Teanio	Manni Vailmanni, Dalreen Thomas, Manni Carvalho	Maureen Morris, Maria Sopi, Priscilla Crasto	Dino Jaboli, Mary Schulberg, Amanda Ah Colt
Welcomers	Christine Fernandes	Sonia Ruiz	TBA	Ashlee Vidot	Lorraine Fynn	TBA
Children's Liturgy		TBA	Dezlene Orchard		Colleen Johnson	TBA
Morning Tea		Luicile Noel and Cynthia Acanthe			Jane Ryan	
Next week's readings:	Deut 26:4-10		Rom 10:8-13		Luke 4:1-13	

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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME– (Year C) 3rd March 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 (4/3): No Mass

Tuesday (5/3): 9.15am

Wednesday (6/3) **Ash Wednesday:**

9.15am Blue Hills, 11.30am St Agatha's

Cranbourne (St Thomas the Apostle

Primary whole school Mass) & 7.30pm St

Peter's College Clyde

Thursday (7/3): 9.15am **St Peter's College**

Clyde

Friday (8/3): 9.15am

Saturday (9/3): 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 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

Ecc1 27:4-7

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind, so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruits, similarly a man’s words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. It is good to give you thanks, O Lord.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. **R.**

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. **R.**

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. **R.**

Second Reading

Corinth 15:54-58

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord’s work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be laboring in vain.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, Alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to accept the words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6:39-45

Jesus told a parable to his disciples. ‘Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother’s eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, “Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye,” when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother’s eye.

‘There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit; people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man’s words flow out of what fills his heart.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Message from our Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend I am participating with Fr Michael Willemsen in the Deacon Formators Intensive in Sydney. Fr Michael has been appointed by Bishop O’Regan as the Co Ordinator for the Permanent Diaconate Formation for the Sale Diocese and I have been asked to join him for this meeting. It will focus on the Reality and Culture of the Diaconate in the Australian Catholic Church. Over the weekend we welcome Fr Jeff Kleynjans and Fr Brian Gleeson CP to assist with our parish Masses.

This Sunday is Project Compassion Sunday. Please collect your Project Compassion boxes. The readings at Mass this weekend prepare us for the coming Lenten season, a time for prayer, fasting and almsgiving. It is also a time to step away from the instinct to judge one another. It’s an opportunity to learn about living hope-filled lives in solidarity with one another in our needs.

May God bless you all, Fr Denis

Plenary Council

Plenary Council Thanksgiving Mass: a Thanksgiving Mass is to be celebrated at 6 PM Mass this weekend to thank God for the opportunity we had as a Parish community to participate in many different ways of response towards the Plenary Council process during the past phase of the 2018 Year of Listening.

2nd Year starting after Ash Wednesday: 2019 “The Year of Discerning”.- this year will include: Catholic Education Leadership Conference; Plenary Day for Clergy – 15th of March; Plenary day for Parish/School/Agengy/Network Teams, 16th March; Diocesan Assembly, 13-14 September.- In the months leading up to the Assembly, the diocesan community is being invited to embark on a period of prayer and preparation with a Diocesan Pilgrimage of the Icon of our Lady of Perpetual Help (the Patroness of our diocese) and the Diocesan Plenary 2020 Candle. Each parish will host the Icon and Candle for one week. **This week’s Pilgrimage host is at St Mary’s Catholic Church, Yarram.**

Parish Notices

ASH WEDNESDAY (6th March) MASS TIMES:

9.15am – Blue Hills

11.30am – St Agatha’s Cranbourne (whole school Mass for St Thomas the Apostle Primary)

7.30pm – St Peter’s College Clyde *Help is Needed at 6.00pm to set up the classrooms we use at St Peter’s College for our evening Mass*

Fast and Abstinence: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fast and Abstinence (from eating meat). The law of Fasting binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year. The law of Abstinence binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. All Fridays are days of penance in the Catholic Church and it can be a good practice to abstain from meat on all Fridays in Lent as well as Good Friday, or you may substitute another penance.

RCIA – RITE OF SENDING AND RITE OF ELECTION – 10th March 2019

Dear Parishioners, we ask your prayers for our Catechumen, Dilmini Gamaralalage and our Baptised Candidate Catholic, Krishendi De Silva as they continue their faith journey towards Easter. Next week, on the 1st Sunday of Lent, both will take part in the Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election.

The Rite of Sending will take place in our Parish at 9 am Mass. This rite offers the parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress both Dilmini and Krishendi have made. We will give approval of their elect to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Eucharist and Confirmation at Easter and we will send them forth to our Bishop with reassurance of care and support.

The Rite of Election will take place at St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale at 2 pm. This rite represents the final decision of Dilmini and every catechumen brought to Sale to enter the Catholic Church and their commitment to respond to Jesus’ call. For Krishendi, already enriched by Baptism, this rite means her vow to prepare fully to complete her Sacraments of Initiation. In response to their decision and the community and sponsors acclamation to the participants’ readiness, our Bishop will accept and choose them to enter into the final period of preparation during Lent and towards Easter when they will receive the Sacraments of Initiation.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Statement from Archbishop Mark Coleridge, President of the Australian Bishops Conference (February 26, 2019)

The news of Cardinal George Pell’s conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges has shocked many across Australia and around the world, including the Catholic Bishops of Australia.

The Bishops agree that everyone should be equal under the law, and we respect the Australian legal system. The same legal system that delivered the verdict will consider the appeal that the Cardinal’s legal team has lodged. Our hope, at all times, is that through this process, justice will be served. In the meantime, we pray for all those who have been abused and their loved ones, and we commit ourselves anew to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and the vulnerable.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm at St Peter’s College, Clyde North.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Caritas Australia Lenten fundraising project work with the world’s poor to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. Please take home a box today and donate generously. Box due back 18th April.

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.

YEAR 7 2020 APPLICATIONS FOR ST. PETER'S COLLEGE A reminder to families that 2020 applications are due in at the College by Monday 4th March.

Information packs are available from the College Offices or you can download an application form from the College website.

First round offers will be sent out at the end of March. For further enquiries please contact the College Registrar, Wendy Height on 5990 7777.

SACRED CONCERT WITH DAVID PARKES: Come and listen to renowned Irish singer David Parkes’ witness through his singing ministry at St. Agatha’s Church on Friday 8th March at 7.30pm after Stations of the Cross at 7.00pm. During the concert David will give his testimony about his miraculous healing from Crohns disease. David’s concerts are unique, humorous and spiritually inspirational. His latest CD “Remember Me” will be available to purchase. For more information see the flyer on the notice board. Enq: Divine Mercy Publications 9830 4386 or St Agatha’s Parish 5996 1985.

CATHOLIC COLLEGE SALE PAST STUDENTS GET TOGETHER: on Saturday 16th March 12.30pm Commercial Hotel Yarragon. To book or for further information, please contact John Daniels by email john@travelpluswarragul.com.au no later than Sat 9th March.

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)

PIETY STALL – Holy Beginnings piety stall opens every 2nd weekend of the month. Month of March is on the 9th & 10th. For orders and enquiries, call Rick & Anita on 0450 782 558.

FORMED.org an online platform featuring Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies from partners like the Augustine Institute, St. Paul Center, Marian Fathers, Lighthouse Catholic Media, Ignatius Press and Word on Fire. St Thomas the Apostle parishioners have free access to this. To get the parish code contact Parish Office: 5998 0947 or email: parish@stthomasap.org.au.