

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 soon. For enquiries, contact Joy Andriaanse on 5991 5669.
RCIC: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments. 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 (31/8) 6.00pm: Pradeep Liyanage (Anniv)
Sunday (1/9) 9.00am: Deceased family & relatives of the O'Keefe & Kearns families
Sunday (1/9) 10.45am: Gaeton Pantorno (Anniv)
Tuesday (3/9): No Mass
Wednesday (4/9) 9.15am: Available (pls call the parish office)
Thursday (5/9): No Mass
Friday (6/9): No Mass
Saturday (7/9): No Mass
Pray for the sick: Fr Bernard Buckley, Elle May, Philippe & Marie Tranquil
Death Anniversary/Remembrance: Peter McHugh, Fr Clement Camposse, Fr John Kavanagh (CSsr)

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	31/8	1/9		7/9	8/9	
	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am
Lectors	Nattia D'Rozario	Michael Ryan	Mata loane	Eugenio Catindig	Declan Floyd	Celine Jacobs
Extraordinary Ministers	Jonathan Rubite, Jan Ridout, Sherrylin Tan	Declan Floyd, Flora Bitoin, Jane Ryan	Fale Salu, Naomi loane, Seethal Babu	Christine Fernandez, Orestes Jr Quito, Patrick Ross	Maureen Morris, Priscilla Crasto, Doreen Storti	Dino Jaboli, Amanda Ah Colt, Emma Gomez
Welcomers	Carmen Camilleri	Carrien and Ted Wynen	TBA	Dalreen & Sinclair	Vivian and Alisha Crasto	TBA
Children's Liturgy		TBA	Dezlene Orchard		Colleen Johnson and Molly Gerdiman	TBA
Morning Tea		Vivian and Priscilla Crasto			Jose and Flora Bitoin	
Next week's readings:	Wis 9:13-18		Philemon 9-10, 12-17		Luke 14:25-33	

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 join the Stewardship Program and support the parish financially? YES / NO

If Yes, please select one from the following: ENVELOPES / CREDIT CARD / DIRECT DEBIT

Weekly / Fortnightly / Monthly / Other (please specify) _____

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 Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm

Parish Office Phone: 5998 0947

Email: parish@stthomasap.org.au **Website:** www.stthomasap.org.au FB: www.facebook.com/stthomasap

Parish Secretaries: Christine Salu **Email:** Clydenorth.Secretary1@cdsale.org.au &

Fiona Goh **Email:** Clydenorth.Secretary2@cdsale.org.au

Parish Safety Officer: Corralee Floyd (Wednesday 9.00am – 3.00pm) **Email:** Clydenorth.Safety@cdsale.org.au

WELCOME TO OUR MASS

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year C) – 1st September 2019



Masses & Reconciliation Times

Sunday Mass

(Masses celebrated at St. Peter's College, 55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North. Entrance via Heather Grove)

Saturday Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday Mass: 9.00am & 10.45am

Weekday Masses

Weekday Masses are at Blue Hills Chapel unless stated otherwise.

Wednesday 4/9: 9.15am at St Thomas the Apostle primary school.

There will be no other weekday Masses while Fr Denis is away.

Baptism

Sunday at 12noon.
 Baptism Preparation:
 1st Sunday of the month. Register at the Parish Office

Reconciliation

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 (Clyde North 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

Ecc 3:17-20, 28-29

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. In your goodness, O God, you prepared a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R.**

Second Reading

Heb 12:18-19, 22-24

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia. If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him. Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 14:1, 7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man". And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher". In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

NOTICE

FR DENIS' ORDINATION CELEBRATION – Will be taking place on 27th Oct beginning with Mass at 10.45am followed by celebratory lunch. We will be taking up a collection for the parish gift on 5th/6th Oct at all weekend Masses. Up until that time there will be a collection box available at Masses for those who wish to donate before that date. More information to follow.

WE WELCOME FR TONY SPIERINGS TO OUR PARISH – Fr Tony will celebrate all our Masses while Fr Denis is away.

MenALIVE!! – Inviting all men, 18years & above, to a men's breakfast which is being held on Saturday 31st August, 7.00am at the room below our gathering space. For planning purposes please confirm your attendance to Jamie on 0431 622 155. We hope to meet with some regularity.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – **The ceremonies will take place at all weekend Masses on 7th/8th, 14th/15th, 21st/22nd of September. Please keep the children in your prayer.**

RCIA – Period of Enquiry.- We ask for your support in prayer for: **Margaret Grech, Rosie Junghee Youm and Dhaneshi Mannapperuma** as they walk in faith to encounter Christ Jesus in their lives. May the Holy Spirit open their hearts and minds to the unconditional love of God Our Father.

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STEWARDSHIP – If you would like to contribute to the parish through Direct Debit (DD) or Credit Card (CC), please take home a DD/CC Request form which can be found at both entrances. If you contribute by **ENVELOPES**, we request that you discard all old envelopes and use the new ones. If you require envelopes, please contact the parish office. Thank you.

FAMILY PRAYERS – First Friday of every month. Month of September is on the 6th from 7.30pm – 8.30pm St Peter's College Clyde North upper level where Mass is celebrated. For enquiries, call Jean-Paul Antoine 5990 7777.

LAMP YOUTH FESTIVAL

FUNDRAISING – this year, to help with the cost of LAMP Youth Festival, Zion Youth will be holding a Bake Sale on 14th & 15th Sept. Please contact the parish office if you can help contribute baked items (e.g. cakes, cupcakes, pastries) that do not require refrigeration, or if you would like to bake this items please ensure that you have Food Handler Certificate.

VOLUNTEERS FOR LAMP Youth Festival – Our parish will be hosting the LAMP Youth festival on 5th Oct. We are looking for any adult who wishes to assist with kitchen duty and offer general help and any youth who wishes to be involved in the drama or helping with activities on the day to please contact the parish office.

PIETY STALL – will open on 31st Aug & 1st Sept. For orders and enquiries, call Rick & Anita on 0450 782 558.

SPECIAL COLLECTION

Father's Day Appeal – this Foundation helps support priests & deacons from our diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons in retirement and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests and deacons in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure over the next year will be about \$200,000. Envelopes will be collected at all Masses this weekend. All donations of \$2 and above are tax deductible. ABN 92 660 893 570.

CHILD SAFE TRAINING

All volunteers who have not already attended a session, please attend the next session on Saturday 22nd Feb 2020 at 10.00am to 12.30pm at St Agatha's Church Cranbourne. This is a requirement by Bishop Pat that all parish volunteers attend one session. We thank those who have already attended the training held earlier this year.

Annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (*Laudato Si*)

Pope Francis has designated September 1st as the annual World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation. He hopes this day will be a time for individuals and communities to "reaffirm their personal vocation to be stewards of creation, to thank God for the wonderful handiwork which he has entrusted to our care, and to implore his help for the protection of creation as well as his pardon for the sins committed against the world in which we live." The downloadable prayer resource can be accessed from Catholic Earthcare <http://catholicearthcare.org.au/project/world-day-of-prayer-for-the-care-of-creation/>

PLENARY COUNCIL - Year of Listening and Discernment

The Plenary Council National Team is continuing working on this phase to present it to all parishes in Australia. We pray to the Spirit of God to help with this preparation upholding the people of this country in his heart. www.plenarycouncil.com.au

Diocesan Pilgrimage held this week at St Ita's Catholic Church in Drouin **SALE DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY - 13th & 14th SEPTEMBER 2019**

We invite all parishioners to join in a parish discussion and share your thoughts on the Themes for the Diocesan Assembly. Our parish offers four ways in which we can join in the conversation:

1. Coming together on Monday 2nd of September at 7.30 pm – St Peter's College. This main session is for Delegates attending the Diocesan Assembly but also open to parishioners.
2. You might also wish to discuss the themes in small groups at home, with family and friends or in your prayer groups and submit your thoughts online.
3. You may also send in your own personal submission online following the steps on the Diocese website.
4. Alternatively, you may wish to write your responses filling in your comments about a particular Assembly theme on the feedback form called: **"Share your thoughts with us! What would a parish living the joy of the gospel look like?"** Copies of this form are placed at the entrance tables. Please fill it in, bring your response to Mass and post it into the Parish Office Box placed at the entrance table also.

All personal & group responses can be submitted to our Diocese website before the 9th September

**The discussion kit is available from the Diocesan website
Diocese website : <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/>**

DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY THEMES

Reflecting on a theme: *what would a parish living the joy of the Gospel be like?*

Theme 1: Faith Formation & Spirituality, which involves • Faith Formation for adults • Faith formation for children and young people • Sacramental Preparation • RCIA • Understanding Church Teaching • Prayer life

Theme 2: Leadership & Governance (providing leadership & structures that promote evangelisation) • National/diocesan/parish structures • Finance matters • Parish Pastoral Councils • Ongoing support, mentoring and professional development of leaders and staff • Pastoral Planning • Communication • Roles – priests, religious, laity.

Theme 3: Families and Vocation (raising disciples in our families - so that they can go out into the world) • Supporting family life in all its diversity • Supporting married couples • Supporting young people/young adults • Vocations.

Theme 4: Liturgy and Prayer (nourishing our communities) • Music • Homilies • Liturgical formation for parish communities and liturgy teams • Liturgies, other than Sunday Eucharist • A variety of prayer experiences

Theme 5: The Welcoming Community (a community on mission, not maintenance) • Building a welcoming community • Pastoral care • Reaching out to those on the margins (divorced and remarried, gay community, those with disabilities) • Reaching out to those who have left the church (resting Catholics) • Strategies for growing parishes • Caring for those affected by the sexual abuse crisis

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We thank you for your time and your thoughts. May God bless you!