

Groups and Meetings

BAPTISM PREPARATION: 1st Sunday of the month 2.00pm for more information or registration call the Parish Office or visit our website.
RCIA: For adults interested to join the Catholic Faith. Classes to begin soon. For enquiries, contact Joy Adriaanse 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 enquiries please contact Ryan Fynn 0425 654 017, email: zionyouthgrp@gmail.com
 FB: www.facebook.com/groups/zionyouthgrp/
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 (14/3) 6.00pm: Antonio, Angela, Nicola Angelone (Remb) & Fortunata Angelone (Anniv)
Sunday (15/3) 9.00am: For the People of the Parish
Sunday (15/3) 10.45am: Artemio Labor (Anniv)
Monday (16/3): No Mass
Tuesday (17/3) 9.15am: Gabriella Dias (4th B'day)
Wednesday (18/3) 9.15am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or call the parish office)
Thursday (19/3) 9.15am: Alec & Rosemary Templeton (Remb)
Friday (20/3) 9.15am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or call the parish office)
Saturday (21/3) 9.15am: Deceased family & friends of the O'Keefe & Kearns families
Pray for the sick: Fr Bernard Buckley, Fr Brian Gleeson, Walter De Silva, Luicile Noel, Annette Gaiardo, Jim Ryan, Anne Marie Hartung, Sue Dower, Sr Kathleen Boschetti, Michael Garoni
Death anniversary/Remembrance:
 Amalam Carvalho, Derek Gordon, Fortunata, Antonio, Angela & Nicola Angelone, Artemio Labor, Alec & Rosemary Templeton, Monsignor Daniel McCartan, Fr Walter O'Connor, Fr Andrew Ryan

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.

| Rosters | 14/3 | 15/3 | | 21/3 | 22/3 | |
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| | 6.00pm | 9.00am | 10.45am | 6.00pm | 9.00am | 10.45am |
| Lectors | Jonathan Rubite | Agi Alwin | Andrew Schulberg | Christine Fernandez | Declan Floyd | Mata Ioane |
| Extraordinary Ministers | Dalreen Thomas, Françoise Vinay, Natashya Gozmao | Marilyn Smith, Michael Ryan, Brunhilda Samuel | Dino Jaboli, Antonia Sopi, Maria Sopi | Vailamanni Carvalho, Jonathan Rubite, Vimi Pinto | Rita Scicluna, Doreen Storti, Priscilla Crasto | Françoise Vinay, Neil Teanio, Seethal Babu |
| Welcomers | Ashlee Vidot | Doreen Storti | TBA | Vimi & Flevious | Tom and Emil Vellaramkunnel | TBA |
| Children's Liturgy | | TBA | Christine Salu | | TBA | TBA |
| Morning Tea | | Jose and Flora Bitoin | | | Julie and Bill Sheedy | |
| Next week's readings: | Samuel 16: 1. 6-7. 10-13 | | Eph 5:8-14 | John 9:1-41 | | |

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 | GENDER | RELIGION | BIRTH DATE | OCCUPATION/SCHOOL NAME |
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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



www.facebook.com/stthomasap

Pastoral Associate: Sr Juliana Ogbole **Email:** Clydenorth.Pastoralassociate@cdsale.org.au

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

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

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Corralee Floyd (Wednesday 9.00am – 3.00pm)

Email: Clydenorth.Safety@cdsale.org.au

WELCOME TO OUR MASS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT (Year A) – 15th March 2020



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

Baptism

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

Weekday Masses

Weekday Masses are at Blue Hills Chapel unless stated otherwise.

Monday (16/3): No Mass

Tuesday (17/3) : No Mass

Wednesday(18/3): 9.15am @ St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Thursday (19/3): 9.15am @ St Peter's College Clyde North

Friday (20/3) : 9.15am followed by Reconciliation

Saturday (21/3): 9.15am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, praying the Rosary & Reconciliation

Reconciliation

After Friday & Saturday morning Mass & 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

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Every Friday in Lent 7.30pm @ St Peter's College Clyde North

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

Exodus 17:3-7

Tormented by thirst, the people complained against Moses. 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt?' they said. 'Was it so that I should die of thirst, my children too, and my cattle?' Moses appealed to the Lord. 'How am I to deal with this people?' he said. 'A little more and they will stone me!' The Lord said to Moses, 'Take with you some of the elders of Israel and move on to the forefront of the people; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the river, and go. I shall be standing before you there on the rock, at Horeb. You must strike the rock, and water will flow from it for the people to drink.' This is what Moses did, in the sight of the elders of Israel. The place was named Massah and Meribah because of the grumbling of the sons of Israel and because they put the Lord to the test by saying, 'Is the Lord with us, or not?'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *O that today you would listen to his voice: 'Harden not your hearts.'*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.' **R.**

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2. 5-8

Through our Lord Jesus Christ, by faith we are judged righteous and at peace with God, since it is by faith and through Jesus that we have entered this state of grace in which we can boast about looking forward to God's glory. This hope is not deceptive, because the love of God has been poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit which has been given us. We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and praise to you, O Christ! *Lord, you are really the saviour of the world; give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty.* '

Glory and praise to you, O Christ!

Gospel

John 4:5-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep; how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. "Go and call your husband' said Jesus to her 'and come back here'. The woman answered, 'I have no husband'. He said to her, 'You are right to say 'I have no husband'; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.' 'I see you are a prophet, sir' said the woman. 'Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.' Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' At this point the disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, 'What do you want from her?' or, 'Why are you talking to her?' The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, 'Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?' This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, 'Rabbi, do have something to eat;' but he said, I have food to eat that you do not know about.' So the disciples asked one another, 'Has someone been bringing him food?' But Jesus said: 'My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done,' so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

NOTICE

Message from our Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

During the past week the World Health Organization has officially declared the Covid-19 Coronavirus to be a pandemic. There is considerable anxiety amongst Australians as we face the spread of the coronavirus here. I wish to thank all parishioners for your generous acceptance of the recommendations for celebrating Mass that Bishop O'Regan has asked us to implement. We wish to assure our parishioners that we will continue to respond promptly to any further requests from Bishop O'Regan in collaboration with government and health officials concerning the coronavirus. Let us not forget to pray for those who are sick and have died, those wonderful health care workers who are caring for the sick, those who are striving to overcome the virus, and for those who are experiencing fear and anxiety at this time. May God bless you, Fr Denis

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT PHASE

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

**** INVITATION TO PARISHIONERS TO THE NEXT SESSION ****

21ST March 2020 – 2 pm to 4.30 pm
St Peter's College

HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE CHRIST-CENTRED that is A Joyful, hope-filled and servant community?

SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP - Our parish of St. Thomas the Apostle will be hosting the School of Discipleship program. It is founded and directed by Aneel Aranha who started a Catholic lay apostolate called The Holy Spirit Interactive. It is recognised as an association of Faith and Outreach by Bishop Paul Hinder, Apostolic Vicar of Southern Arabia. Aneel was led to a powerful encounter with Jesus after being an atheist for 25 years. This school is dedicated to strengthening the Faith and spreading the Word of God around the world. It is based on the Gospel of Matthew 28:18-20 which commands us "to make disciples of all nations." Our parishioners who participated in this program will speak how the school has impacted their lives at Masses on the 28th/29th March. We have an introductory session on 4th April - Saturday at 4.30 pm at the Blue Hills Chapel, where our weekday Masses are held. Please join us. Parishioners and youth are requested to take a flyer and enrol, it will be a life changing experience for each one. For more information please contact Emma on 0418 918 787.

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: During the coming months the membership of the Parish Pastoral Council will be renewed. The present members are the foundation members of our Pastoral Council, whose role began as members of the Pastoral Leadership Group when we were still a part of St Agatha's Parish. Many new families have come to our parish over the past four years and we are particularly inviting members of those families to consider nominating for the Pastoral Council. There will be further information in coming weeks.

RCIA 1ST SCRUTINY - This Sunday at 10.45am Mass. We continue praying for Margaret Grech and Dhaneshi Mannapperruma as they continue their Lenten Journey towards receiving the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil

CHURCH BUILDING COMMITTEE: Meeting on Thursday 19th March 7.30pm at the Parish Office

PARISH CHOIR: The parish will be forming a central choir in the absence of rostered choirs. We are extending an invitation to all those who are not in any existing choirs to consider joining. Please contact parish office for further information.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE: INVITATION TO ALL YOUTH to use your gifts and talents by taking part in the Good Friday service. Please list your names on the clipboards provided.

GOD START: God Start is a ministry in our parish that maintains contact with families and their children after their Baptism, especially on the occasion of their birthdays. If your child is aged 1-4 years and was Baptised in a parish other than St Thomas the Apostle, we invite you to register at the parish office to be able to participate in God Start.

COVID-19: Bishop Patrick O'Regan has advised that 'the faithful who are too unwell to attend Sunday Mass - whether due to coronavirus or some other condition – or are at particular risk of contracting the COVID-19 virus, can honour their Sunday obligation by participating in a time of prayer within the home, reading the Scriptures or watching Mass on television or online (<http://bit.ly/MassOnDemand>).

RAFFLE TICKETS: Thank you for your support. All tickets have been sold! Please return all sold ticket butts by 3rd May. Leave money and tickets in an envelope and put in our collection plate. DO NOT REMOVE STAPLES from book.

REDEMPTORIST LENTEN MISSION: March 24-27 has unfortunately been cancelled.

FR PAUL TURNER'S WORKSHOP: Monday 16th March: 7.30 pm at St Patrick's Parish Centre, Pakenham. *How is God calling us to be a Christ-Centred Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic?* All are welcome. Tickets (\$10 includes supper) on <https://www.trvbooking.com/BIMRS> or tickets at the door.

OLHC LENTEN MISSION: by Fr Richard Leonard SJ. March 28th – April 1st. Refer to flyer or call 9704 7935 for further details.

2020 DIOCESE OF SALE KSC LUNCH: with Bishop Patrick O'Regan. Saturday July 25th 12 noon. \$50pp, Warragul. See flyer for further details.

PIETY STALL – operates every 2nd weekend of the month. Month of April: 11th – 12th. For enquiries, call Rick & Anita on 0450 782 558 or visit their website on <http://holybeginnings.com/>

MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

CatholicCare Child Safeguarding Workshops

Bishop Patrick O'Regan has engaged the services of CatholicCare to continue a series of training sessions across the Diocese on "Building a Child Safe Environment". It is expected that all parishioners with WWCC, volunteering or intending to volunteer, will attend one of the 2.5 hr sessions, unless they have already done so in 2019. If you would like to register for any of the following dates, **please call the Parish Office or email** clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au

| Location | Date | Time |
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| St Patrick's, Pakenham (Parish Hall) | Saturday, 21 st March | 10am – 12:30pm |

Interested in Volunteering? Anyone over 18 years who wishes to volunteer please contact Corralee at the Parish Office on Wednesdays. **Current Volunteers** any changes to your current ministries please email clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au before 16/2/2020 so that these can be taken into account.