

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: zionyouthgp@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 (19/12) 6.00pm: Holy Souls in Purgatory
Sunday (20/12) 9.00am: Ivor Peters (Remb)
Sunday (20/12) 10.45am: People of the Parish
Monday (21/12): Available (pls see Father Denis)
Tuesday (22/12): Deceased family & friends of the Westeinde family
Wednesday (23/12): Deceased family & friends of the O'Keefe & Kearns families
Thursday (24/12) 9.15am: Deceased family & friends of the Crasto, D'Rozario & Viegas families
Thursday (24/12) 7.00pm: Thanksgiving Mass from the Illarde family
Friday (25/12) 9.00am: Antanas Laugalis (7th month anniv)
Friday (25/12) 10.45am: Maseigna Tuala (Remb)
Saturday (26/12): Eugenija Ulskiene (Remb)
Pray for the sick: Fr Bernard Buckley, Fr Brian Gleeson, Luicile Noel, Annette Gaiardo, Anne Marie Hartung, Sue Dower, Michael Garoni & Salvador Guidos
Recently Deceased: Fr Frank Young (Maffra Parish)
Death anniversary/Remembrance: Glyness Sheedy, Perce Clancy, Fr John Gowen, Monsignor Thomas Lynch, Fr James Duffy, Fr John Nolan, Fr Daniel Lorden.

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.

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

4th Sunday in Advent (Year B) – 20th December 2020



Rosters	Currently Not Available			
Outdoor Greeter				
Lector				
Registration				
Usher				
Powerpoint				
Cleaners				
Next week's readings:	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14	Col 3:12-21	Lk 2:22-40	

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

Masses & Reconciliation Times

Sunday Mass

(entrance via Heather Grove, St Peter's College Clyde Campus)

Saturday Vigil 6.00pm

Sunday 9.00am (streamed live) & 10.45am

Christmas Masses [booking link](#)

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNKNX>

24th Dec 7pm (outdoor), Midnight

25th Dec 9am (Live streamed) & 10.45am

New Year Masses [booking link](#)

<https://www.trybooking.com/BNKOK>

31st Dec 2020 – Midnight

1st Jan 2021 - 10am

Weekday Masses (no booking required.

Entrance via Heather Grove, St Peter's College Clyde Campus)

Monday – Thursday & Saturday 9.15am

Holy Hour

No Holy Hour on 25th Dec & all of Jan 2021

Baptism & Reconciliation

Please call our Parish Office.

Parish Schools

St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

5 Fiorelli Boulevard, Cranbourne East

Phone: 5998 9293

Principal: Mrs Kate Dourley

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

Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

First Reading

2 Samuel 7:1-5,8-12,14,16 Your House and your sovereignty will always stand secure before me

Responsorial Psalm

R: For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

‘I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:
I will establish your dynasty for ever
and set up your throne through all ages.

‘He will say to me: “You are my father,
my God, the rock who saves me.”
I will keep my love for him always;
with him my covenant shall last.’

Second Reading

Romans 16:25-27 The mystery is revealed that was kept secret for endless ages

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the servant of the Lord: may his will for me be done. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Luke 1:26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named Joseph, of the House of David; and the virgin's name was Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed by these words and asked herself what this greeting could mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid; you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.' Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you' the angel answered 'and the power of the Most High will cover you with its shadow. And so the child will be holy and will be called Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has, in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing is impossible to God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord,' said Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel left her.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son; and his name will be called Emmanuel.

- **SAFEGUARDING** - Our Parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk. Our Safeguarding Officer, Corralee Floyd, can be contacted via email Clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au or 5998 0947.

NOTICE

CHRISTMAS MASSES booking link is open <https://www.trybooking.com/BNKNX>

24th Dec 7pm (outdoor), 9pm & Midnight & 25th Dec 9am (Live streamed) & 10.45am

NEW YEAR MASSES booking link is open <https://www.trybooking.com/BNKOK>

31st Dec 2020 – Midnight & 1st Jan 2021 - 10am



OUR PARISH IS TURNING 5! – Come celebrate with us on 20th Jan 2021 with Mass at 7.00pm followed by BBQ.
Venue: St Peter's College. Book at <https://www.trybooking.com/BNRJN>

WE WELCOME AS CHILD OF GOD – Shania Perera, child of Yohan and Savani

JANUARY 2021 SUNDAY MASSES NOW OPEN FOR BOOKING – go to [Trybooking.com](https://www.trybooking.com/BNQOD) to book your seat for any of our Sunday Masses in January 2021 <https://www.trybooking.com/BNQOD>. Weekday Masses No Booking required. Registration at entrance.

BISHOP GREG'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE watch on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/bishop-greg-bennet-s-christmas-message-2020>

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR – 25th Dec 2020 – 12th Jan 2021.

STEWARDSHIP – the stewardship envelopes & receipts (including those giving by Cr Card or Direct Debit) are now available for collection. Please pick-up your envelope and help pick-up for those who are unable to. Thank you.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARISH – Thank you for your support. We are so grateful to all who have responded to support our parish in this trying time. Your contribution has helped the parish perform the regular work as well as prepare for the building of our new church. Please call the Parish Office if you would like to support by Cash, Credit Card or through Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT). Alternative, you can contribute directly to **CDF PAY** with this **NEW link** <http://bit.ly/CDFpayClydeNorth>.

FROM THE RCIA TEAM - Thank you everyone for being a part of our celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation, Baptism, Confirmation and First Holy Communion, for Junghee, Dhaneshi, and Margaret! We have been so blessed to know you, learn from you and to share our faith and stories together. Thanks also to our wonderful Father Denis, with his loving, gentle and patient heart and his ever faithful staff! May the peace of the Christ Child bring you all joy and happiness! ❤️🙏

NOMINATE A FAMILY IN NEED: If you know of any family that have been directly impacted by the Coronavirus Epidemic, and who may benefit from assistance with groceries please nominate households by completing the Families in Need Nomination Form <https://bit.ly/32igmLq> and returning to parish@stthomasap.org.au. Nominated household do not need to part of the parish, simply located in our parish zone.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED –Would you like to contribute your time and talent to the parish? We are currently seeking more volunteers. If you are interested in or already a volunteer and would like to be active again, please email Corralee at clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au

FORMED.ORG is an app that has thousands of books, movies, audio & programs for children and adults that answers questions or increase your knowledge about the Catholic Faith. Useful especially during the lockdown period, get this app for FREE! call the Parish Office for your code today!!

PIETY STALL – Purchase your religious items here. For enquiries, call Rick & Anita on 0450 782 558 or visit their website <http://holybeginnings.com/>

New appointments of clergy effective from Wednesday 20th January 2021:

Fr Paul Zaher: Assistant Priest, Pakenham

Fr Confidnece Masvosva: Assistant Priest, Warragul & Drouin

Fr Jithin Anto: Assistant Priest, St Mary's Cathedral and Assistant Master of Ceremonies

Fr Edwin Agaba Ogbuka, Assistant Priest, Barinsdale, Lakes Entrance & Orbst

Fr Sunil Francis IVDei: Assistant Priest, Berwick

THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

Yesterday on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis released his Apostolic Letter "Patris corde" ("With a Father's Heart"). Pope Francis recalls the 150th anniversary of the declaration of Saint Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. To mark the occasion, the Holy Father has proclaimed a "Year of Saint Joseph" from 8 December 2020, to 8 December 2021. Pope Francis describes Saint Joseph as a beloved father, a tender and loving father, an obedient father, an accepting father; a father who is creatively courageous, a working father, a father in the shadows. Read more: <https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12/pope-francis-proclaims-year-of-st-joseph.html>

Advent Prayer

O Come, O Come Emmanuel Praying in these last days of ADVENT – in your daily prayer use one of the titles of Christ as you prepare your heart for his coming. 20 December: O Clavis David (O Key of David), 21 December: O Oriens (O Dayspring), 22 December: O Rex Gentium (O King of the Nations), 23 December: O Emmanuel (O God With Us)

• O Emmanuel, you are the one who is to come: prepare our minds and lives to welcome you. Come, Lord Jesus!

• O Wisdom from on high, you created the world in all its fullness and beauty: with wisdom, may we care for our earthly home. Come, Lord Jesus!

• O Rod of Jesse, you come to gather your scattered people from every corner of the earth: may we be signs of your love and inclusion for those we encounter. Come, Lord Jesus!

• O Key of David, by your death and resurrection, you unlocked the ancient doors that led from death and drew us into life: lead us from our enslavement to sin into freedom. Come, Lord Jesus! • O Desire of Nations, you rule is peace: dispel the darkness of war, and the ravages of poverty and disease with your true peace, healing and justice. Come, Lord Jesus!

• A Light in The Darkness - beautiful Christmas videos and music for adults and children, to share with your family at home. From Emmaus Productions <https://tinyurl.com/Emmaus-Christmas>