

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: Ages: 11-25years old. Meets fortnightly at St Peter's College. For enquiries, please the Angelin Tom 0422 127 624, email: zionyouthgp@gmail.com FB: www.facebook.com/groups/zionyouthgrp/
MENALIVE: The men's group is now meeting in person in the lower room every second Wednesday night at 7:30. Contact Jamie on 0431622155 for more information and next meeting date.
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 (18/12) 6.00pm: People of the parish
Sunday (19/12) 9.00am: Bibiana & William Crasto (Anniv)
 10.45am: Speedy recovery for Brone Vineviciene
 5.00pm: No Mass
Tuesday (21/12): Thanksgiving Mass for Stella Johnson
Wednesday (22/12): Repose of soul of Bill O'Keefe and deceased family & friends of O'Keefe & Kearns
Thursday (23/12): Margaret Machado (Remb)
Friday (24/12) 5pm: Marta Tamosauskiene (Recently deceased)
 7pm: Thanksgiving Mass for Illarde family
Saturday (25/12) midnight: Souls in Purgatory
 9am: Souls in Purgatory
 10.45am: Dick Storti (Anniv)
Pray for the sick: Fr Bernard Buckley, Fr Brian Gleeson, Luicile Noel, Sue Dower, Salvador Guidos, Deidre Thomson, Albert Hartung, Greg Recalde, Carol Vincenzi,
Recently deceased: Monsignor John Allman, Elizabeth John Palakkappillil, Bill O'Keefe
Death anniversary/Remembrance: Margot Vinay, Fr John Gowen, Monsignor Thomas Lynch, Fr James Duffy, Fr John Nolan, Fr Daniel Lordon

Parish Council Members:

Fr Denis, Vivian Crasto, Dezlene Orchard, Mick Ryan, Jonathan Rubite, Sandra Ignace, Jessica Paynter, John Duiker and Jerusha Thompson

Parish Finance

Members: Fr Denis, Sinclair Thomas, Patrick Ross, Helene Jayamaha, Peter Gomez, Heidi Keel, Ruwan Kumaraperu

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

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

Rosters	Roster (refer to list handed out)				
Open/lock-up Set-up/pack-up					
Outdoor Greeters					
Altar					
Lector					
Eucharistic Minister					
Registration					
Usher					
Powerpoint					
Cleaners					
Altar Linen					
Next week's readings:	Isaiah 9:1-7	Titus 2:11-14	Luke 2:1-14		

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 (DD only) / Monthly / Other (please specify) _____

CHILDREN INFORMATION: (please attach paper for additional children)

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	GENDER	RELIGION	BIRTH DATE	OCCUPATION/SCHOOL NAME

WELCOME TO OUR MASS

4th Sunday of Advent (Year C) – 19th Dec 2021



Masses & Reconciliation Times

Sunday Masses

St Peter's College Clyde North (entrance via Heather Gv) Upper Level. QR code required

Saturday Vigil: 6pm
 Sunday: 9am, 10.45am

Christmas Masses

Christmas Eve 24th Dec - 5pm & 7pm
 Christmas Day 25th Dec - Midnight, 9.00am & 10.45am

Sunday 26th Dec: 9.00am (streamed live), 10.45am

New Year's Masses

New Year's Eve – 7.30pm Adoration followed by 8pm Mass
 New Year's Day – 10am

Weekday Masses

St Peter's College Clyde North upper level open to all people (entrance via Heather Gv).
 Tue - Thur: 9.30am
No morning Mass on Monday

Baptism

Baptism Preparation 1st Sunday every month.
 Sacrament of Baptism most Sundays.

Reconciliation

Every Friday & Saturday after morning Mass at the Parish Office.

Every Saturday 5.30pm to 5.45pm.

Or by appointment.

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

First Reading

Micah 5:1-4

He will stand and feed his flock with the power of the Lord

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R: *God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.*

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

Second Reading

Heb 10:5-10

God, here I am! I am coming to obey your will

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the handmaid of the Lord: let what you have said be done to me. **Alleluia**

Gospel

Lk 1:39-45

Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord?

Mary set out and went as quickly as she could to a town in the hill country of Judah. She went into Zechariah's house and greeted Elizabeth. Now as soon as Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leapt in her womb and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. She gave a loud cry and said, 'Of all women you are the most blessed, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. Why should I be honoured with a visit from the mother of my Lord? For the moment your greeting reached my ears, the child in my womb leapt for joy. Yes, blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

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. Toilet safety - For safety and security reasons, we strongly recommend that all children, under 12 years of age, be accompanied by their parent/guardian.

NOTICE

CONTRIBUTION TO THE PARISH – We are so grateful and thankful for your ongoing support. 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). Or you can contribute directly to **CDF PAY** with this [link.https://sale.cdfpay.org.au/](https://sale.cdfpay.org.au/) *Donations are not tax deductible.*

CHURCH BUILDING DONATION – If you would like to contribute to our Church Building Fund, please fill-in the Church Building Donation form and return to the Parish Office or pick-up a donation envelope and return in the collection plate or to the parish office or visit <https://stthomasap.org.au/donate/>. **Please write CHBLD in comment.** Thank you. *Donations are not tax deductible.*

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE DATES – 14th Dec, 24th Dec from 12pm & 26th Dec – 4th Jan

SACRAMENTS IN 2023 – We would like to gather information regarding Sacraments for next year. If you would like to have your child celebrate a sacrament (First Reconciliation, First Holy Communion or Confirmation) please complete the following form to indicate your intention to undertake a sacrament for next year. This will help the parish to understand how many candidates will be participating in programs. The information collected also provides a means of communication between parish and families for next year. Please note, this does not ensure enrolment - this takes place next year when the program is opened.

Sacrament Programs...

- Reconciliation (requirements: Baptised in the Catholic church. Normally offered to Grade 3)

- First Communion (requirements: Baptised & Reconciliation. Normally offered to Grade 4)

- Confirmation (requirements: Baptised, Reconciliation & First Holy Communion. Normally offered to Grade 6)

However, there may be families who are requesting catch-ups for a variety of reasons. Go to <https://bit.ly/EOI2023>

BISHOP GREG'S CHRISTMAS MESSAGE – please pick-up a copy of the letter at the back of our worship space or view on our website.

SPECIAL COLLECTION:

This weekend:

Military Ordinate Collection – For priests responsible for the pastoral care of members of the Australian Defence Force and their families.

Monthly:

Church Building Donation – 16th Jan 2022

VOLUNTEERS - as we are returning to our larger numbers for Masses from this weekend onward, if you have not yet confirmed with our parish office that you are ready to resume volunteering as you previously have, please contact our office at your earliest convenience so that we can add you to our rosters. Email: parish@stthomasap.org or call 5998 0947 during office hours. **NEW VOLUNTEERS WELCOME!**

CUPCAKE FUND RAISING - A special fundraiser for our Church Building Project is **ending 24th Dec. Last order 23rd Dec.** \$30 for a box of 6. So many delicious assorted flavours to choose from.

To order, visit: <https://stthomasap.org.au/wp-content/uploads/2021/11/Cupcake-Fundraiser-Order-Form.pdf> or pick-up a form at Mass & return to parish@stthomasap.org.au. Please note that these are pick-up only from Clyde North area.

CATHOLIC CARE – The Partnership's Program for couples planning to marry or discerning whether to marry. Bookings and Information: <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/events>

SYNOD 2023

Our Speaking Out: Everyone is invited to speak boldly and courageously in truth and love. Are we as Catholics good at saying publicly what is important to us? If not, why not? Have your say <https://tinyurl.com/HavingASay> or use the QR code.



Communion Phase:

"This is what we are called to: unity, communion, and the fraternity born of the realisation that all of us are embraced by the one love of God. The Synod offers us the opportunity to become a listening Church and a Church of closeness." (Pope Francis)

Along with Pope Francis, Bishop Greg invites us to come together especially during the next three months in preparation for the Church's "Renewal" proposed by the Second Vatican Council. We are called to journey and reflect together on the journey that has been made. The Church will be able to learn through her experience which processes can help her to live in Communion, to achieve participation and to open herself to mission.

Please join our parish community in helping us during this journey by reflecting on the following questions on Communion in the survey link on our webpage <https://stthomasap.org.au/synod-2023/> and on our Parish Facebook Page. We would love to listen and walk through this experience of faith with you.

Visit <https://www.cdsale.org.au/synod-of-bishops>.

Prayer for the synod - *As we embrace this Synodal Process, this prayer invites the Holy Spirit to be at work in us so that we may be a community and a people of grace.*

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name. With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts; Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it. We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder. Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions. Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life and not stray from the way of truth and what is right. All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time, in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever. Amen.

SPIRITUAL GROWTH RESOURCES

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. Get this app for FREE! Call the Parish Office for your code today!!



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