

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 Ruth Marais on 0430 716 664.
RCIC: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments. St Agatha's Providence House, Cranbourne. Enq: 5996 1985.
YOUTH GROUP: Ages: 12-25years 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/
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
ST VINNIES PHONE ROOM – if you or someone you know needs assistance from St Vinnies, please call 5995 0211.

Mass Intentions

Saturday (3/12) 6.00pm : Repose of the souls of Sherine Diaz & Shirani Dias
Sunday (4/12) 9.00am : People of the Parish
 10.45am : Repose of the soul of Lucy Matthews (1st death anniv)

Monday (5/12) : No Mass
Tuesday (6/12) : Deceased family & friends of Carmen Camilleri

Wednesday (7/12) 9.15am : Repose of the soul of Apolinario Gorne (Anniv)

Thursday (8/12) : No Mass

Friday (9/12) : Souls in purgatory

Saturday (10/12) : No Mass

Pray for the sick: Fr Bernard Buckley, Fr Brian Gleeson, Luicile Noel, Sue Dower, Salvador Guidos, Albert Hartung, Greg Recalde, Carol Vincenzi, Evelyn Camille, Emma Willrow, Jared Te Pairi, Baby De'andre Hooft

Recently deceased: Annam Bala Swamy, Lise Donaldson,

Death Anniversary/Remembrance: Derek Gordon, Fr James Hayes, Fr David Cagney, Fr Frank Young, Fr Patrick O'Donohue

Parish Council Members:

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

Parish Finance

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

Next week's readings: Is 35:1-6. 10 James 5:7-10 Matt 11:2-11

New Parishioner Registration

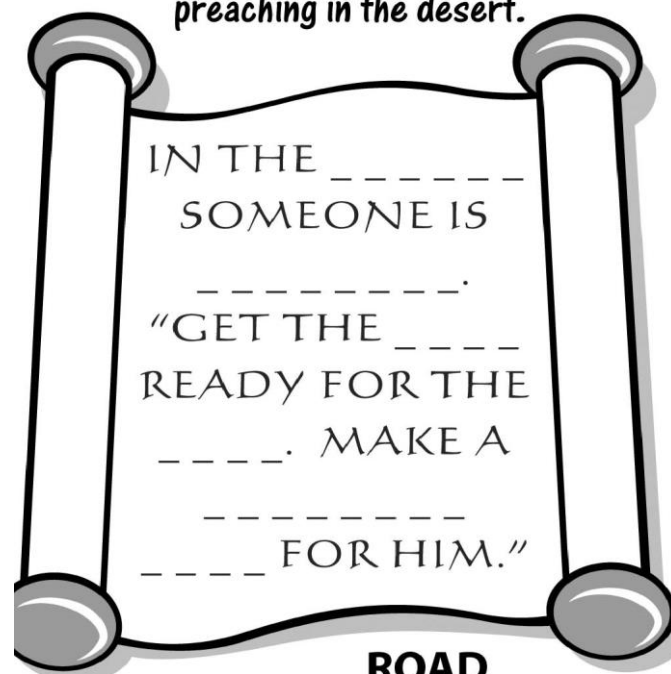
Please register online at <https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/>

OR pick up a form from our worship space

OR call the Parish Office

SUNDAY ACTIVITY (more activity sheets for children, teens and young adults available on the table at the back of our worship area)

Use the words below to complete Isaiah's prophecy which tells of John the Baptist preaching in the desert.



ROAD
STRAIGHT LORD PATH
SHOUTING DESERT

© Liturgy Help

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

WELCOME TO OUR MASS

Second Sunday of Advent (Year A) – 4th Dec 2022

Masses & Reconciliation Times

Sunday Masses

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

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

Weekday Masses

(Prayer Room @ St Peter's College)

Mon, Thur & Sat: No Mass

Wed: 9.15am @ St Thomas the Apostle Primary. All Welcome.

Tue & Fri: 9.30am

PARISH ADVENT RECONCILIATION

Thursday 15th Dec 7pm

CHRISTMAS MASSES:

Christmas Eve Sat: 7pm & midnight
 Christmas Day Sun: 9am & 10.45am

NEW YEAR'S MASSES:

New Year's Eve Sat: 7pm
 New Year's Day Sun: 9am & 10.45am

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

Is 11:1-10

He judges the poor with justice.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17

R. In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails.

O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. **R**

In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to the earth's bounds. **R**

For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. **R**

May his name be blessed for ever
and endure like the sun.
Every tribe shall be blessed in him,
all nations bless his name. **R**

Second Reading

Rom 15:4-9

Christ, the hope of all people.

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and all mankind shall see the salvation of God. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Matt 3:1-12

Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.' This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, 'Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, "We have Abraham for our father," because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

NOTICE

WE WELCOME AS CHILD OF GOD – Huckson Miguel Mendes Te Are, child of Marino & Diana and Natalya Judith Liyanage, child of Pitawala & Nadishani

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS – Your new set of Stewardship envelopes & receipts (credit card & direct debit giving included) are ready for pick-up. They are arranged in surname order.

RCIA The Stage of the Catechumenate – During this period as a catechumen, Snehapriya Sinha will begin to participate with the Parish community by sharing in the Liturgy of the Word at Sunday Mass. At the end of the Liturgy, she will be dismissed to continue reflecting on the Word. In our weekly session, we are also sharing with Snehapriya our beliefs and traditions focusing on the beautiful sacraments, prayers of healing and prayers of thanksgiving. As Snehapriya is maturing in her faith, she is discovering the love and power of God in her life. Let us continue praying for her.

ORDINATION TO THE PERMANENT DIACONATE - You are cordially invited to attend the Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate of Mr. Michael Julius Manuel Through the invocation of the Holy Spirit and the Imposition of hands by the MOST REV. GREGORY BENNET, DD Bishop of Sale At 7.00 p.m. Mass on Friday 16th December 2022 at St. Michael's Church, 129 High St, Berwick VIC 3806 Please **RSVP by Monday 12th Dec: for attendance www.trybooking.com/991137 and for catering www.trybooking.com/991145**

ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE – During the November 2022 plenary meeting of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, the Bishops strongly supported a proposal from Bishop Mykola Bychok CSSR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia, to hold an appeal for the people of Ukraine. **This special collections will be taken up on the 10th / 11th Dec weekend at all Masses** and will support the work of Mudra Sprava (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. Please support this appeal.

FORMING A VOCATIONS TEAM - Bishop Greg is inviting every parish to a period of prayerful discernment for Vocation Awareness in the weeks leading up to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception (8th December). He asks us to ponder deeply who in each of our communities might be called to assist as a point of reference for Vocation Awareness – at the local parish and who might like to join a Diocesan Vocation Team. You may feel prompted by the Holy Spirit to offer yourself, or you may know someone that you wish to recommend. Please contact the parish office in the coming week.

CHRISTMAS CARD ON SALE – Christmas Cards designed by St Thomas the Apostle Primary School children are on sale. Cost: Donation

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR ALL SACRAMENTS FOR CHILDREN 2023 – We invite any families with school aged children from Gr 3 onwards in 2023 and celebrating their sacrament in our parish to register their interest on our webpage <https://stthomasap.org.au/sacraments-for-children/>. Registration closes on 17 Dec 2022.

SYNOD -The next phase of the Synod has arrived with the publication of the Continental Document, containing the fruits of the

consultation of hundreds of syntheses from countries all over the world. We are now inviting interested

people to participate in one of two online meetings to respond to the Document. Further information:

contact Sophy Morley smorley@sale.catholic.org.au (P) 5622 6677


Online meetings: 7.30 – 9.00 pm, Tuesday 6 Dec 2022

CATHFAMILY – A vast collection of quality printables and other resources for FREE. Visit www.cathfamily.org

DISCIPLE OF JESUS SUMMER SCHOOL - Shed the weight of the past two years and become Alive Again at Summer School of Evangelisation Melbourne. Join other Catholic young adults aged 18-35 years old for a week of prayer, fellowship, praise & worship, catechesis and sacraments with vibrant young priests, religious and lay people. There's no better way to start the year than on a retreat spent with the Lord. Jan 15-22, 2023. Early bird rates now available.

Register @ ssemelbourne.org.au or follow us on Facebook & Instagram @ssemelbourne for more info and updates.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2023 – The Diocese of Sale is organising groups of young people between the ages of 16-35 and join with the archdiocese of Melbourne for pilgrimage. An information night held at St. Agatha's parish hall, Cranbourne on 12th December at 7pm. You can also contact Fr. Avinash George for information on avinash.george@cdsale.org.au or 03 59971510.

 <p>FEDERATION OF CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCES OF OCEANIA (FCBCO) The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference is a member of the Federation of Catholic Bishops Conferences of Oceania, along with the Bishops Conferences of the Pacific, New Zealand, and Papua New Guinea – Solomon Islands. The bishops of the Federation gather for an Assembly every four years. The next Assembly will be held in Suva in February 2023. and will primarily focus on care for the oceans, which is an important part of caring for our common home, as set forth by Pope Francis in Laudato si'. Another important focus of the Assembly will be finalising the continental (Oceania region) response to the Synod of Bishops 'Document for the Continental Stage' – see https://www.catholic.au/s/article/XVI-Ordinary-General-Assembly-of-the-Synod-of-Bishops.</p>	<p>PRAYER FOR THE ASSEMBLY O God, you revealed yourself in Christ Jesus as loving, merciful and just. Guide our Bishops of Oceania as they meet together to further Pope Francis' call to become a listening Church. Open their hearts to the voice of the Holy Spirit, that they might truly discern and faithfully serve the needs of your People and your World. Colour our way of life and give witness to your presence among us. You who live and reign, God, for ever and ever. Amen.</p>
<p>NEW, RELOCATING or LEAVING THE PARISH? New Parishioners – please register with us. Relocating or Leaving Parishioners – please call the parish office to update our records. We welcome our new parishioners on 26th / 27th Nov at all our weekend Masses.</p>	<p>CHURCH BUILDING DONATION Please complete the Church Building Donation form or pick-up a donation envelope. Return via the collection plate or to the parish office or visit https://stthomasap.org.au/donate/ Or contribute directly to CDF PAY https://sale.cdfpay.org.au/ Write CHBLD in comment. <i>Donations are not tax deductible.</i> Special monthly collection at Mass toward this purpose: Next Church Building Donation: 17th / 18th Dec</p>

