

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: zionouthgp@gmail.com FB: www.facebook.com/groups/zionouthgrp/
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 (10/12) 6.00pm : People of the Parish
Sunday (11/12) 9.00am : Bibiana & William Crasto (Death Anniv)
 10.45am : Repose of the soul of Apolinario Gorne (Anniv)
Monday (12/12) : No Mass
Tuesday (13/12) : Deceased family & friends of Saldanha & Willow
Wednesday (14/12) 9.15am : Deceased family & friends of Walligma Arachchi
Thursday (15/12) : Ona Gvildys (Recently deceased)
Friday (16/12) : Deceased family & friends of the Mascardo family
Saturday (17/12) : Deceased family & friends of the Manguilin family
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 Willow, Jared Te Pairi, Baby De'andre Hoofst
Recently deceased: Lise Donaldson, Sr Rose Ene Idoko SON
Death Anniversary/Remembrance: Archbishop Eric D'Arcy, Fr Cornelius Sheehan Fr Russell.

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)

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

Lord, come and save us

J L U C L E P R O S Y X C F P
 V Z V W K V F Y Z P G O O D Z
 K Q I G T S Y L W R U Z G N D
 A B I W L R W J I O D J Z F V
 M E S S E N G E R P E N X A M
 T M V C C X A M P H A V Y R K
 D E S E R T S D I E F B H M B
 T A C O U R V O U T L P D E U
 F O G A K L K X V S P E N R J
 Y H V A L U A B L E M V I S O
 E E R X K I N G D O M Y E H H
 T S V W X J M F L E A S T A N
 I A W U A L Q Z H F O E V A C
 U L Y R S R S R N U S O E Q C
 S O N G S M C B X W F L Z T W

Try to find these words:

deaf
 deserts
 farmers
 good
 John
 kingdom
 least
 leprosy
 messenger
 prophets
 songs
 valuable

Is 35:1-2, 5-6ab, 10
 Ps 146:6d-7ab, 7c-8abc, 10 R.v. (Is 35:4)
 Jos 5:7-10
 Mt 11:2-11

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

Third Sunday of Advent (Year A) – 11th 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: No Mass

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

Tue - Sat: 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 35:1-6,10

God himself is coming to save you

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(146):6-10

R. Come, Lord, and save us

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Second Reading

James 5:7-10

Do not lose heart; the Lord's coming will be soon

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The spirit of the Lord has been given to me; He has sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Matt 11:2-11

'A greater than John the Baptist has never been seen'

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says:

'Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;
he will prepare your way before you.

'I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

NOTICE

WE WELCOME AS CHILD OF GOD – Harper & Finn William Robinson, children of Matt & Brittany

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES & RECEIPTS – Your new set of Stewardship envelopes & receipts (credit card & direct debit giving included) are ready for pick-up. **Looking for volunteers to help drop-off the uncollected envelopes.** They are arranged in street 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 collection will be taken up this 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.**

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.

DEPLOYMENT OF CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF SALE

- Fr Stanly Devasia, currently Assistant Priest at Cranbourne has been appointed Parish Priest of Leongatha & Korumburra.
- Fr Avinash George, will move from Administrator to Parish Priest of the Parishes of Koo Wee Rup & Iona / Maryknoll.
- Fr Confidence Masvosva, will remain as Administrator of Warragul & Drouin parishes until January 2024.
- Fr Mark Hughes currently Assistant Priest of Sale will move to Bairnsdale as Assistant Priest.



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>.

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.

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.**

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.** *Donations are not tax deductible.* Special monthly collection at Mass toward this purpose:
Next Church Building Donation: 17th / 18th Dec