

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 (17/12) 6.00pm : People of the Parish
Sunday (18/12) 9.00am : Departed souls of the De La Haye family
 10.45am : Walter De Silva (95th b'day remb) & Pansy Gomesz (100th b;day remb)
Monday (19/12) : No Mass
Tuesday (20/12) : Deceased family & friends of the Lillo family
Wednesday (21/12) 9.15am : Deceased family & friends of the Padernos family
Thursday (22/12) : Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday (23/12) : Deceased family & friends of the Corrales family
Saturday (24/12) : 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, Baby De'andre Hoof
Recently deceased: Sr Rose Ene Idoko SON, Professor Barbara Kelly (sister of Dcn Mark Kelly), Jared Te Pairi, Charlie Grech
Death Anniversary/Remembrance: Glynss Sheedy, Elikkuty Keezhattukunnel, Fr Patrick Kavanagh, Fr John Gowen, Monsignor Thomas Lynch, Fr James Duffy

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 9:1-7 Titus 2:11-14 Lk 2:1-14

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

Jesus Christ is the Son of God

Rom 1:2-4
 Ps 24:1-2, 3-4abc R.v. (7c and 10b)
 Mt 1:18-24

Try to find these words:

baby
 death
 dream
 Emmanuel
 engaged
 family
 holy
 human
 Joseph
 Mary
 news
 promised

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

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

Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A) – 18th Dec 2022

Masses & Reconciliation Times

Sunday Masses

St Peter's College Clyde North
 (entrance via Heather Gv & Mackillop Way) **Upper Level.**
 Saturday Vigil: 6pm
 Sunday: 9am, 10.45am

Weekday Masses

(St Peter's College Upper Level)
 Mon (19/12) & Sat (24/12): No Mass

Tue (20/12) – Fri (23/12): 9.30am @ St Peter's College upper level

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 7:10-14

The maiden is with child.

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23(24):1-6

R. Let the Lord enter! He is the king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm. **R.**

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart,
who desires not worthless things. **R.**

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob. **R.**

Second Reading

Rom 1:1-7

Our apostolic mission is to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Matt 1:18-24

How Jesus Christ came to be born

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph; being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son
and they will call him Emmanuel,

a name which means 'God-is-with-us.' When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross & Resurrection you have set us free.

NOTICE

MASS OF DEDICATION OF OUR CHURCH & ALTAR – You are invited to the Mass of Dedication of our Church & Altar to be celebrated with Bishop Greg on Sunday 19th Feb 2023. Beginning at 1pm from St Peter's College, we will walk in procession over to our new Church. Please book the date in your calendar or take home a copy of the printed invitation.

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.

OFFICE CLOSE DATES– We are closed on 22nd Dec & 23rd Dec from noon– 9th Jan 2023. Wishing you & your loved ones a very Blessed & Holy Christmas & a Peaceful New Year.

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.

ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE – Thank you for your generous donations. Our parish collected a total of \$1698.50.

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.

SYNOD OF BISHOPS CONTINENTAL STAGE - The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. Groups around the country are praying with and responding to the Document for the Continental Stage, which was published recently. Groups around Australia have spent time in responding to the Document which reflect the voices of the People of God from over 114 countries around the world. A collation of the Australian submissions is being prepared for the Bishops from the Oceania region when they meet in Fiji in February 2023. Access the Document for the Continental Stage www.catholic.org.au/synodalchurch

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. For more info, contact Fr. Avinash George on avinash.george@cdsale.org.au or 5997 1510.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED is asking for support for Christians in Syria and Lebanon this Christmas. The support they are pledging is very much emergency relief to sustain the Christian population in hope.

It is only with your help that ACN can support Christians in Lebanon and Syria this Christmas!

To watch videos and read stories of the projects we are supporting visit www.aidtochurch.org/christmas2022 or scan the Qr code.



THE DAMASCUS SPIRITUAL LEADERS PROGRAM! Part-time in Feb-Nov 2023 - either in person or online - through Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. This program is designed for people in various positions of leadership, spiritual formation and parish or outreach ministries. Read more about the program on the Heart of Life website or contact us on (03) 9890 1101. Applications close on 6/1/23.

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.

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 next Assembly will be held in Suva in February 2023 and will primarily focus on care for the oceans, see <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/XVI-Ordinary-General-Assembly-of-the-Synod-of-Bishops>.

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.**

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.

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: THIS WEEKEND**