

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 (24/12) 7.00pm : Thanksgiving Mass for the Illarde family
 Midnight : Departed souls of the Goh, Yong & Monteiro families
Sunday (25/12) 9.00am : People of the Parish
 10.45am : Departed souls in Purgatory
Monday (26/12) : No Mass
Tuesday (27/12) : No Mass
Wednesday (28/12) : No Mass
Thursday (29/12) : Departed family & friends of the Nidea family
Friday (30/12) : B'day thanksgiving for Lily Salu
Saturday (31/12) : Departed family & friends of Ingrid Murray
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 Hooft
Recently deceased: Sr Rose Ene Idoko SON, Professor Barbara Kelly (sister of Dcn Mark Kelly), Jared Te Pairi, Charlie Grech
Death Anniversary/Remembrance: Fr Daniel Lordon, Monsignor James Fitzpatrick

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: Num 6:22-27 Gal 4:4-7 Lk 2:16-21

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

Today is born our Saviour

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

Is 9:2-4, 6-7
 Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 11-12a, R, Lk 2:11
 Tl 3:4-6
 Lk 2:1-14

Try to find these words:

angels
 celebrate
 flocks
 glory
 light
 manger
 Nazareth
 peace
 power
 rescue
 shines
 sing

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

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (CHRISTMAS) (Year A) – 25th 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 (26/12) - Wed (28/12): No Mass

Thur (29/12) – Sat (31/12): 9.30am @ St Peter's College upper level

NEW YEAR'S DAY 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 9:1-7

A Son is given to us

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23(24):1-6

R. Today a saviour has been born to us; he is Christ the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
O sing to the Lord, bless his name. **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day,
tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,
let the sea and all within it thunder praise,
let the land and all it bears rejoice,
all the trees of the wood shout for joy
at the presence of the Lord for he comes,
he comes to rule the earth. **R.**

With justice he will rule the world,
he will judge the peoples with his truth. **R.**

Second Reading

Titus 2:11-14

God's grace has been revealed to the whole human race

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I bring you news of great joy: today a saviour has been born to us, Christ the Lord. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Lk 2:1-14

'In the town of David a saviour has been born to you'

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

NOTICE

******NEW APPOINTMENT TO OUR PARISH**** – Bishop Greg Bennet has appointed the newly ordained Deacon Michael Manuel to our Parish. We welcome Deacon Michael, his wife Pam & their family to our Parish. He will begin his new appointment with us next weekend.**

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.

OFFICE CLOSED – We will resume work on the Tuesday 10th 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 we ask you to continue to pray for Snehapriya Sinha, that she may be formed by the mysteries of faith, especially during this time of Advent and Christmas. May Snehapriya be filled with the gifts of love, hope, peace and joy and continue to reflect and listen with the ears of her heart to God's word.

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.



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.
- **Fr Michael Manuel appointed Deacon of St Thomas the Apostle Clyde North**



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>.

PRAYER FOR THE FCBCO ASSEMBLY

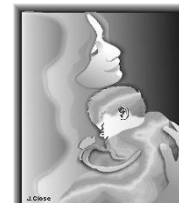
O God, you revealed yourself in Christ Jesus as loving, merciful and just. Guide our Bishops of Oceania as they meet together to further Pope Francis' call to become a listening Church. Open their hearts to the voice of the Holy Spirit, that they might truly discern and faithfully serve the needs of 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 at all our weekend Masses.**

CHURCH BUILDING DONATION

- Church Building Donation form or via 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.



Wishing you and your family a very Holy Christmas & may 2023 be filled with Blessings, Joy, Love & Peace!