

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 (28/1) 6.00pm : People of the parish
Sunday (29/1) 9.00am : Lise Donaldson (Remb)
 10.45am : Thanksgiving Mass for Anika Dalida
Monday (30/1) : No Mass
Tuesday (31/1) : No Mass
Wednesday (1/2) : Departed family & friends of the Tibu family
Thursday (2/2) : Marie Herft (Death anniv)
Friday (3/2) : Departed family & friends of the Schulberg family
Saturday (4/2) : Irena Zuhaviciene (Recently deceased)
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, Anura Fernando
Recently deceased : Fr Tao Pham, Carlisle Laine, Sean McDermott, Bonney Gerrard

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 58:7-10 Cor 2:1-5 Matt 5:13-16

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

Blessed are the poor in spirit

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

Try to find these words:

children
 crowd
 drink
 eat
 happy
 hearts
 lie
 mountain
 obey
 night
 safe
 weak

Zep 2:3, 3:12-13
 Ps 146:6d-7ab, 7c-9a (Mt 5:3)
 1 Cor 1:26-31
 Mt 5:1-12ab

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 **Deacon:** Michael Manuel

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

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 29th January 2023

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

(Prayer room next to St Peter's reception bldg. Entrance via MacKillop Way)

Mon (30/1) & Tue (31/1): No Mass

Wed (1/2) – Sat (4/2) 9.30am @ Prayer room

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

Zep 2:3, 3:12-13

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145 (146):6-10

R. How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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.

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.

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.

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:26-31

God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, to shame the wise

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad: your reward will be great in heaven. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mt 5:1-12a

How happy are the poor in spirit

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy the gentle:
they shall have the earth for their heritage.

Happy those who mourn:
they shall be comforted.

Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
they shall be satisfied.

Happy the merciful:
they shall have mercy shown them.

Happy the pure in heart:
they shall see God.

Happy the peacemakers:
they shall be called sons of God.

Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

NOTICE

MESSAGE FROM FR DENIS:

Dear Parishioners,
Seven years ago, on 20th January 2016, our parish was established with the new St Thomas the Apostle Parish, Clyde North, being separated from St Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne. We have celebrated that Parish Foundation Day at Masses on Friday in this past week.

We look forward now to establishing ourselves in our new parish church. During the past week we received some frustrating news in that an ongoing delay with one of the service providers has meant that we have confirmed with the builders and architects that we will not be able to celebrate the Dedication Mass for our new church on Sunday 19th February, as we had advertised before Christmas. It is disappointing. The delay is expected to be a matter of a few weeks only, so we anticipate being in the new church by late February or early March.

In discussion with Bishop Greg, we now are looking forward to a Mass of Dedication on Sunday 23rd April in the joy of the Easter season.

I remain grateful for the amazing generosity of our parishioners, and I ask you to continue to pray for the safe and successful completion of this major project in the parish. St Thomas the Apostle, pray for us. Fr Denis

BIOGRAPHY OF DEACON MICHAEL: Michael is an Anglo-Indian, the youngest of 11 children, all born in Madras India. He migrated to the UK with his parents Bernard and Marjorie Manuel in the late 70's, living in London and working as a Civil Servant with various Government departments while also studying law, eventually being admitted to practice in England. Michael migrated to Australia with his wife Pam (and their children Rebecca and Catherine) in late 1999, initially living in Cranbourne (attending St. Agatha's parish, where both girls were confirmed) before moving to the Narre Warren parish of Our Lady Help of Christians in April 2007. His interest in the Permanent Diaconate began and was encouraged since late 2010 by the late Fr. John Allen, then Parish Priest at Narre Warren. Michael's journey to ordination has longer than usual, with the loss of two Bishop's to other Arch-dioceses. Michael completed pastoral placement at the Warragul and St. Michael's, Berwick and he was ordained on 16.12.2022 at St. Michael's. He was appointed to St. Thomas', Clyde North on 1.1.2023.

Michael and Pam celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary last December. Rebecca & Catherine are both married: Catherine now lives in the Czech Republic with her husband Pavel while Rebecca and her husband Jan live in Melbourne with their two children, Alexander (7) & Annika (5) whom Pam and Michael absolutely dote on. Alexander and Annika spend time with them regularly each weekend. Michael is a Solicitor by profession, having been in practice in the U.K. and since 2001 in Australia. He is still in practice on a part-time basis with a local practice in Cranbourne West. He looks forward to working with the people of God at Clyde North, and asks you keep him in your thoughts and prayers for his ministry at St. Thomas the Apostle.

TRIUMPH LENTEN PROGRAM BOOK on Sale next weekend \$7 each. Full Colour book with beautiful religious artworks and short daily reflections & prayers from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday.

RCIA: Stage of the Catechumenate 2023 - Our Catechumen, Snehapriya Sinha, is earnestly preparing for Baptism and we ask for your continued prayers so that her personal prayer life will develop in strength with God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

2023 FEAST OF THE STO NINO at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale

The 13th Fiesta Gathering of the Filipino Community of the Sale and Districts in honour of Sto Nino (Holy Infant Jesus) will take place on **Sunday 29 January at 9.30am in St Mary's Cathedral.** 9.30am Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg followed by Morning Tea.

Anyone with a Sto Nino statue can bring it along for a blessing. Wearing of traditional Filipino costumes is encouraged.

Choir: The Bayanihan Circle (Filipino Choir)

SYNOD OF BISHOPS CONTINENTAL STAGE - The Church around the world has entered the Continental Stage for the Synod of Bishops on Synodality. 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 to Portugal. 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 to aid sisters in Kenya in building a new mother house and formation centre for their local community. The diocesan congregation of the "Visitation Daughters of the Immaculate Heart" were established in order to help this needy population. The sisters' work includes caring for expectant mothers, acting as midwives, providing counselling, caring for the sick and looking after the elderly and orphans who are frequently abandoned by society. Your support will help these sisters to continue their mission by providing them with a permanent convent. To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject> or scan the Qr code.



KITCHEN HELPERS NEEDED FOR CHURCH OPENING & DEDICATION

- Assistance in the kitchen with set-up, pack-up, food preparation & clean-up. We require at least 40 volunteers. Please contact Wendy Naik on 0414 191 694

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 <https://sale.cdfpay.org.au/> Write CHBLD in comment. Donations are not tax deductible.