

## Groups and Meetings

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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.  
**SACRAMENT FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN:** Email parishofstthomasap@gmail.com  
**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 (25/2)** 6.00pm : Repose of the souls of family & friends of the Goh, Yong & Monteiro families  
**Sunday (26/2)** 9.00am : Lise Donaldson (Remb)  
 10.45am : People of the parish  
**Monday (27/2)** : No Mass  
**Tuesday (28/2)** : Repose of the souls of family & friends of the McHale & Andolfatto families  
**Wednesday (1/3)** : No Mass  
**Thursday (2/3)** : Philip De Silva (10<sup>th</sup> Death Anniv)  
**Friday (3/3)** : Philip De Silva (83<sup>rd</sup> B'day Remb)  
**Saturday (4/3)** : Holy Souls in Purgatory  
**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, Ross Smith, Rudolph Moses Jacobs  
**Recently deceased** : Kerry Carboon, Jacinta Viegas, Emma De Maria Willrow  
**Death Anniversary** : Fr Daniel O'Shea, Fr John Shanley, Fr John Phelan, Fr Peter Dawson

### 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: Gen 12:1-4 Tim 1:8-10 Matt 17:1-9

## 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)

### SENIOR WORDSEARCH

God is always merciful

Y U K N N G F X X R Q D C L I L W  
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6n 2-7-9, 3-1-7  
 Ps 51:1, 10, 12, 15 R.v.3a  
 Mt 4:1-11

Try to find these words:

Adam  
 desert  
 devil  
 fig  
 forty  
 fruit  
 middle  
 mountain  
 Satan  
 stones  
 tree  
 wrong

# 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

**Email:** Michael.Manuel@cdsale.org.au

**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

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A) – 26<sup>th</sup> February 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 (27/2) & Wed (1/3): No Mass

Tue (28/2), Thur (2/3), Fri (3/3) & Sat (4/3) 9.30am @ Prayer room

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday in Lent @ 7.30pm. Ground level.**

#### Baptism

Baptism Preparation 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7

### Creation of our first parents, and sin.

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

### R. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin.

My offences truly I know them;  
my sin is always before me  
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;  
what is evil in your sight I have done.

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit.

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.

## Second Reading

Ro 5:12-19

### However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater

The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!** Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!**

## Gospel

Matt 4:1-11

### The temptation in the wilderness

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.' The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God' he said 'throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. 'I will give you all these' he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Memorial Acclamation

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

**SAFEGUARDING** – Our parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk. Our Safeguarding Office, Corralee Floyd, can be contacted via email: [clvdenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto:clvdenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au) or call 5998 0947

## NOTICE

### Message from our Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,  
As we come close to entering our new church, I wish to make one last appeal to you and I hope that you are able to respond generously.  
For ten and a half years St Peter's College has made us welcome for our weekend Masses and various parish gatherings, and since Covid for our weekday Masses as well. I have constantly been amazed at their generosity to our church and parish, and they could not have done more to enable us to succeed in our efforts to establish a new church and parish. We owe St Peter's College a huge debt of gratitude.  
I am appealing for \$20,000 to enable us to commission to glass mosaics, to be done by the same artist who has done so much beautiful art work for our new church, the stained glass windows, the Stations of the Cross, and the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help.  
We wish to gift one to St Peter's College and have one in our church as permanent memorials of our gratitude. Please contact the parish office to make donations. I thank you in anticipation,  
Fr Denis

### RCIA: RCIA The stage of the Elect

As the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostle enter the Season of Lent, together with Priya Sinha, we pray for a renewal of heart for all during this time. This Sunday will mark a key moment in Priya's journey as she stands before us at the Rite of Sending so that as a congregation we can confidently send her to our Bishop in Sale for the Rite of Election. These Rites signifies her readiness to enter the Catholic Church and from this time she will be called the Elect. This is the final period of preparation of initiation towards the holy mysteries to be celebrated at Easter. Please keep Priya Sinha in your prayers.

### VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED!

#### 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

**CHURCH CLEANING & FLOWERS:** We are still seeking volunteers / families to assist with regular cleaning of our new church on a rostered rotation. We also require volunteers who are able to assist with flower arrangements. Please contact the parish office [parish@stthomasap.org.au](mailto:parish@stthomasap.org.au) & 5998 0947. If you are able to donate industrial vacuum cleaners to the parish, please also contact our office. We are also still seeking volunteers to sign up to assist with cleaning our new church on a rostered basis. Please contact the parish office to register your interest.

**CHURCH CLEANING VOLUNTEERS:** We are looking for a volunteer who has had prior experience with church cleaning to help train our church cleaning volunteers with their church cleaning duties. Please contact the parish on 5998 0947 if you are able to assist.

**EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER** for Age Care facilities on Wednesdays. If you can volunteer your time on Wednesday mornings (during school term) to bring the Holy Eucharist to our brothers & sisters at both the Age Care facilities in our parish, please contact the Parish Office. The existing lovely team of volunteers are eagerly looking forward to welcoming you.

**THE ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHOIR** which sings every 1st & 2nd Sundays during the 10:45am Mass, is seeking new members. We would like to invite parishioners who have interest in singing to join us. Please approach any of the choir members to discuss. Alternatively, you may message 0451226701 or 0430144145. Thank you & may God bless you in many ways."

**PROJECT COMPASSION** - Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all. [You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available at both entrances, by visiting \[caritas.org.au/project-compassion\]\(http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion\), or by calling 1800 024 413.](#)



**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER:** St Agatha's Parish will be hosting the World Day of Prayer on Friday 3rd March at 11.00am. All Welcome! The theme is "I Have Heard About Your Faith" God's promise in the letter to the Ephesians (Ephesians 1:15-19). For more information, go to <https://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/wdp2023/>

**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](mailto:avinash.george@cdsale.org.au) or call our parish office.

**PRAYING THE ROSARY** with others - St Mary's Parish, Bairnsdale invites you to the online community to pray the Rosary each week at 7pm on Monday nights via Zoom. Email Michelle [stm.michelleg@gmail.com](mailto:stm.michelleg@gmail.com) to receive a link to join us.

### 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.