

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 (4/2) 6.00pm : People of the parish
Sunday (5/2) 9.00am : Thanksgiving Mass for Jane & Michael Ryan
 10.45am : B'day blessing for Ayden Trousse
Monday (6/2) : No Mass
Tuesday (7/2) : Repose of the soul of Christina Duddy
Wednesday (8/2) : Holy Souls in Purgatory
Thursday (9/2) : Holy Souls in Purgatory
Friday (10/2) : Repose of the soul of Anacleto Seidel (Recently deceased)
Saturday (11/2) : Thanksgiving Mass for Peace in the 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 Willrow, Baby De'andre Hooft, Anura Fernando
Recently deceased : Sean McDermott

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: Ecc 15:15-20 1 Cor 2:6-10 Matt 5:17-37

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

Your light will shine like the dawn

P H H J U X L W B D M B K W
 T V O C W X J Q R B V L S A
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Is 58:7-10
 Ps 112:4-5, 8ab & 9 R.v.4a
 1 Cor 2:1-5
 Mt 5:13-16

Try to find these words:

city
 hidden
 homeless
 honest
 hungry
 lamp
 light
 pot
 relatives
 salt
 shine
 sun

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

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 5th 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 (6/2): No Mass

Tue (7/2) – Sat (11/2) 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

Is 58:7-10

Then will your light shine like the dawn

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145 (146):6-10

R. The good man is a light in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:

he is generous, merciful and just.

The good man takes pity and lends,

he conducts his affairs with honour.

The just man will never waver:

he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;

with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;

open-handed, he gives to the poor;

his justice stands firm for ever.

His head will be raised in glory.

Second Reading

1 Cor 2:1-5

The only knowledge I claimed was of the crucified Christ

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord, anyone who follows me will have the light of life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mt 5:13-16

Your light must shine in the sight of men

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men.

‘You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

NOTICE

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 from this weekend \$7 each. Full Colour book with beautiful religious artworks and short daily reflections & prayers from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. Exact amount appreciated.

RCIA: Stage of the Catechumenate 2023 - We keep praying for our Catechumen Priya Sinha as she continues encountering our Trinitarian God in prayer, reflection and faith-learning. The following four weekly sessions prior to the Rite of Election and of the Lenten season will be: 1. Discovering authentic love. 2. God’s plan for sexuality. 3. Building a Civilisation of Love. 4. Protecting the Dignity of the Human Person.

Rite of Election for Catechumens and the Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates

An invitation is extended to all catechumens, candidates, and their families, RCIA team members and parishioners to the Rite of Election, to be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet on Sunday 26th February at 3.00 pm in St. Mary’s Cathedral, Sale.

2.00 pm Bishop Greg warmly invites catechumens, candidates and their families, godparents, sponsors and RCIA teams to meet him at the Chapter House (at the rear of the Cathedral precinct)

3.00 pm The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates in the Cathedral

4.00 pm Afternoon tea in the Cathedral gathering space. Please bring some food to share.

CHOIR - As in past years, we are forming a Diocesan choir for the Rite of Election at St Mary’s Cathedral on Sunday 26th February 2023, at 3.00 pm in St. Mary’s Cathedral, Sale.

1.30-2.30 pm Choir rehearsal

3.00-4.00 pm Rite of Election

To register your interest and receive the music pack and rehearsal links, please contact Sophy Morley on smorley@sale.catholic.org.au without delay or phone the diocesan office on 5622 6677.

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: Volunteers & families needed to assist with regular cleaning of our new church. We also require volunteers who are able to assist with flower arrangements. Please contact the parish office. parish@stthomasap.org.au & 5998 0947. If you are able to donate industrial vacuum cleaners to the parish, please also contact our office.

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."

WORD OF GOD SUNDAY - The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 5 in 2023 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodssunday to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings. A print-out of the Reflection for Word of God Sunday by Fr Tom Elich is available to take home.

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)

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 call our parish office.

FAITH, FAMILY AND FOOTBALL WITH MATTHEW KENNEDY

Matthew Kennedy currently plays football for Carlton in the AFL. He has an inspiring story about the ups and downs of life in the AFL and the importance of faith and family. This will be a great evening for the whole family. He will be joined by his friend Fr Brendan Lane, parish priest of St Mary's Dandenong. Kids are welcome to attend (must be accompanied by parents).

Matthew has generously offered to autograph any footys, jumpers (any club!), etc. on the night. There will also be a Carlton jumper signed by the team auctioned off on the night. Speaker: Matthew Kennedy and Fr Brendan Lane Topic: Faith, Family and Football with Matthew Kennedy Date: Wednesday 15th February Time: 6.30pm for a meal, 7.30pm for the talk Venue: Matthew Flinders Hotel, 667 Warrigal Rd, Chadstone God and Beer will be held in the 'Longitude Room'. (God and Beer will return to the Nott in April once renovations there are complete)

Cost: Free, RSVP: GodandBeer.com.au. Meals and drinks available for purchase from the main bistro area. For more info, call John Smyth - jtsmyth@gmail.com - 0406 747 123
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.