

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.
SACRAMENT FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN: Email parishofstthomasap@gmail.com
YOUTH GROUP: Ages: 12-25years old. 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: 5996 1985
ST VINNIES PHONE ROOM – if you or someone you know needs assistance from St Vinnies, please call 5995 0211.

Mass Intentions

Saturday (11/3) 6.00pm : People of the Parish
Sunday (12/3) 9.00am : Repose of the soul of Cecilia Crasto
 10.45am : Repose of the soul of Derek Gordon (Anniv)
Monday (13/3) : No Mass
Tuesday (14/3) : Available
Wednesday (15/3) : No Mass
Thursday (16/3) : Repose of the soul of Marie Gomez (B'day Remb)
Friday (17/3) : Repose of the soul of Adrian Lawlor
Saturday (18/3) : Thanksgiving Mass for good health (Eric)
Pray for the sick: Fr Bernard Buckley, Fr Brian Gleeson, Luicile Noel, Sue Dower, Salvador Guidos, Albert Hartung, Greg Recalde, Carol Vincenzi, Evelyn Camille, Baby De'andre Hooft, Anura Fernando, Ross Smith, Rudolph Moses Jacobs
Recently deceased : Nazarena Bugeja, Emma De Maria Willrow, Jean Claude Piston
Death Anniversary : Monsignor Daniel McCartan, Fr Walter O' Connor

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: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 8:12

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

Harden not your hearts

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

Ex 17:3-7
 Ps 95:1-2, 7e-9c R.v.8
 Jn 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Try to find these words:

animals
 bucket
 drink
 Egypt
 Jacob
 Messiah
 rock
 Samaritan
 stick
 thirsty
 water
 well

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



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Pastoral Associate: Sr Juliana Ogbole

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Parish Secretaries: Christine Salu

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Fiona Goh

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Parish Safeguarding Officer: Corralee Floyd (Wednesday 9.00am – 3.00pm)

Email: Clydenorth.Safety@cdsale.org.au

WELCOME TO OUR MASS

3rd Sunday of Lent (Year A) – 12th March 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 (13/3) & Wed (15/3): No Mass.
 Tue (14/3), Thur - Sat (16-18/3) 9.30am @ Prayer room

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

PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION Wednesday 22nd March @ 7pm.

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

Ex 17:3-7

Strike the rock, and water will flow from it

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32(33):4-5, 18-20,22

R. O that today you would listen to his voice: ‘Harden not your hearts.’

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **R**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
‘Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.’ **R**

Second Reading

Ro 5:1-2,5-8

The love of God has been poured into our hearts

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are really the saviour of the world: give me the living water, so that I may never get thirsty. **Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel

John 4:5-42

A spring of water welling up to eternal life

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob’s well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’ His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?’ – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied:

‘If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.’ ‘You have no bucket, sir,’ she answered ‘and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?’ Jesus replied:

‘Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again: but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.’

‘Sir,’ said the woman, ‘give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.’ Jesus said: ‘Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshiper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.’

The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.’ ‘I who am speaking to you,’ said Jesus ‘I am he.’

Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman’s testimony, so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, ‘Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.’

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

You are warmly invited to attend the Blessing & Dedication of St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church on Sunday 23rd April 2023. We will be honoured by the presence of His Excellency Charles Balvo, Apostolic Nuncio to Australia & Most Rev Gregory Bennet, Bishop of Sale who will preside at the Concelebrated Ritual Mass of Dedication of the Church & Altar beginning at St Peter’s College Clyde North at 1.00pm and walking in procession to enter the new Church at 2.00pm.

Fr Denis made an appeal to the parish a few weeks ago for donation to commission two glass mosaics to gift to St Peter’s College and one for our church as permanent memorials of our gratitude to the college. **This collection will be taken up this weekend at all our weekend Masses.**

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 & 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.

WE WELCOME AS CHILD OF GOD: Chidindu Goodluck Anele & Chibueze Martin Anele, children of Pauline & Emmanuel, & Julia Zagari, child of Francesco & Lidia.

10TH ANNIVERSARY OF ELECTION OF POPE FRANCIS - The church marks a decade since the election of Pope Francis on 13th March. Pope Francis has faithfully carried out his mission and living out Matthew’s Gospel where we learn about what Jesus’ ministry to the marginalised meant in practical terms. We thank God for Pope Francis and continue to keep the Pope and his intentions in our prayers.

VOLUNTEERS FOR CHURCH OPENING: Anyone who can commit some time volunteering in preparation for our Church Opening Ceremony (including those who have already volunteered), please come for a briefing at the new church on Tuesday 14th March at 7pm. Please put your name and contact info on the clipboard provided.

CALLING ALL YOUTHS to help out at our Good Friday Stations of the Cross & Liturgy service. Minimum age 14 years. Please leave the parent’s & child’s name & the parent’s contact info on the clipboard provided.

BIBLES FOR AGE CARE in our Parish – if you have any spare/used Catholic Bible that you would like to donate to the Age Care in our Parish, please leave them in the basket or at the Parish Office.

RCIA: Our Elect, Priya Sinha, will celebrate the first Scrutiny and be presented with The Creed at the Vigil Mass. May she live out this prayer in her daily life, holding it always close to her heart. Please keep Priya Sinha in your prayers.

FIRST RECONCILIATION – Parent & Child workshop on 14th / 15th March at St Thomas the Apostle Primary at 6.45pm

PROJECT COMPASSION - Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season. All donation boxes/envelopes due back on Good Friday. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations.

DISCOVER WHAT ST. PETER'S COLLEGE HAS TO OFFER Join us for our College Open Discovery Evenings. Meet our Principal, Teachers and have a Student-Led Tour of our classrooms in action, where your child can join in some learning activities. Cranbourne Campus Tuesday 21 March at 7pm and Clyde North Campus Thursday 23 March at 7pm. Please contact the College Registrar on 5990 7777 if you have any questions or to book in.

ARE YOU ARE MAKING OR REVIEWING YOUR WILL? Did you know that you can have Masses offered for your soul regularly (for a period of up to 3 years) after you have passed away? You can ask your lawyer to include a clause in your Will directing your Trustees to arrange for Masses to be said for yourself and/or for another family member at your nominated church.

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 to receive a link to join us.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER Weekend - “Live Your Best Life in Love”

Please check their website for more details. 28 – 30 April 2023 in Melbourne (Book early to avoid disappointment)

Information/Bookings: Phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

CATHOLIC RESOURCES: formed.org (get free access at parish office), shalomworld.org, EWTN.org, aleteia.org

NEW, RELOCATING or LEAVING THE PARISH?

New Parishioners – please register @ <https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/> Relocating or Leaving Parishioners – please call the parish office

CHURCH BUILDING DONATION

- Church Building Donation form or via donation envelope or <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.

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: clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au or call 5998 0947