

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 (18/3) 6.00pm : People of the Parish
Sunday (19/3) 9.00am : Crishanthi Fernando (Special Int) & Anura Fernando (Successful operation)
 10.45am : Special Intention for Elena Laugalis & family
Monday (20/3) : No Mass
Tuesday (21/3) : Lise Donaldson (Remb)
Wednesday (22/3) : Repose of the soul of Connie McVicar (Recently deceased)
Thursday (23/3) : Available (please phone the parish office to book)
Friday (24/3) : Repose of the soul of Emma Willow
Saturday (25/3) : Repose of the soul of Anita Mary
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
Recently deceased : Nazarena Bugeja, Jean Claude Piston, Rudolph Jacobs,
Death Anniversary : Fr Alexis Dunlop, Fr Andrew Ryan, Monsignor Joseph Daly

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: Ez 37:12-14 Ro 8:8-11 Jn 11:1-45

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

The Lord is my shepherd

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1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a
 Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5b-6c R.v.1
 Eph 5:1-2, 8-10
 Jn 9:1, 6-12, 35-38

Try to find these words:

blind
 children
 chosen
 David
 eyes
 Jesse
 light
 man
 mud
 see
 sheep
 Siloam

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

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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

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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

4th Sunday of Lent (Year A) – 19th 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 (20/3): No Mass.
 Tue (21/3), Wed (22/3), Fri (24/3) & Sat (25/3): 9.30am @ Prayer room
 Thur (23/3): Romeo House Mass (students only)

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

1 Sam16:1,6-7, 10-13

David is anointed by Samuel

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22 v. 1

R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **R**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **R**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **R**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **R**

Second Reading

Ep 5:8-14

Anything exposed by the light will turn into light

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life. **Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel

John 9:1-41

The blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?’ ‘Neither he nor his parents sinned,’ Jesus answered ‘he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him. ‘As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.’ Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, ‘Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam’ (a name that means ‘sent’). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, ‘Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?’ Some said, ‘Yes, it is the same one.’ Others said, ‘No, he only looks like him.’ The man himself said, ‘I am the man.’ So they said to him, ‘Then how do your eyes come to be open?’ ‘The man called Jesus’ he answered ‘made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, “Go and wash at Siloam”’; so I went, and when I washed I could see.’ They asked, ‘Where is he?’ ‘I don’t know’ he answered. They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man’s eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, ‘He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.’ Then some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.’ Others said, ‘How could a sinner produce signs like this?’ And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, ‘What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?’ ‘He is a prophet’ replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first sending for his parents and asking them, ‘Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?’ His parents answered, ‘We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.’ His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, ‘He is old enough; ask him.’ So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, ‘Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.’ The man answered, ‘I don’t know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.’ They said to him, ‘What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?’ He replied, ‘I have told you once and you wouldn’t listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?’ At this they hurled abuse at him: ‘You can be his disciple,’ they said ‘we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.’ The man replied, ‘Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don’t know where he comes from! We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn’t do a thing.’ ‘Are you trying to teach us,’ they replied ‘and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!’ And they drove him away.

Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ ‘Sir,’ the man replied ‘tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said, ‘You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.’ The man said,

‘Lord, I believe’, and worshipped him. Jesus said: ‘It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.’ Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, ‘We are not blind, surely?’ Jesus replied: ‘Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, “We see,” your guilt remains.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

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.

*******HOLY WEEK & EASTER MASS TIMES*******

Holy Thursday Mass of the Lord’s Supper: 7.30pm

Good Friday Morning Prayer: 10am, Way of the Cross: 11am, Passion of the Lord: 3pm

Holy Saturday Morning Prayer: 10am followed by RCIA Anointing

Easter Vigil (Sat): 7pm Easter Sunday: 9am & 10.45am

HOLY LAND COMMISERRAT - The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land takes place on Good Friday. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment and housing. Parishes, schools, orphanages, and medical centres throughout the Holy Land and rely on assistance from this collection. It is used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land. Envelopes available. Donations not tax deductible.

PROJECT COMPASSION - Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **For All Future Generations**. You can donate through the Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413. All boxes due back on Holy Thursday.

THANK YOU from the Saldahna & Willow family – Iona thanks the parishioners for your prayers for her family and the repose of the soul of Emma Willow.

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.

BRING A PLATE FOR OUR CHURCH OPENING: If you can bring a plate of finger food on 23rd Apr, that would help contribute to the catering. We require a list of ingredients to be displayed next to the plate & due to time constraint, we are unable to warm up any dish. Please write the dish you are providing on the clipboard provided.

RCIA: Our Elect, Snehapriya Sinha, who is journeying to Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at this Easter Vigil will celebrate the Second Scrutiny at Mass this weekend. The Second Scrutiny contains special prayers of purification and enlightenment, and it asks of Snehapriya to know and believe that Jesus is the light of the world. It asks of her also to be the ‘light ‘ to all around her and for her eyes to always be open to ‘see’ mercy, to ‘see’ compassion and to ‘see’ love. Our prayers remain with you Snehapriya.

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.

AID TO THE CHURCH in Need is still supporting the Catholic Church in Ukraine in its commitment to stay on the ground and keep serving its flock in the face of material and economic war. ACN is helping priests and religious, who are working across the country in parishes, with refugees, in orphanages and homes for the elderly. We are doing everything we can to assist our Ukrainian brothers and sisters to be strengthened in their faith so that they may continue to be a light in Ukraine. ACN needs your help to continue this mission. To make an offering and learn more visit <https://aidtochurch.org/ukraine>

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