## **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. **MARRIAGES:** At least 6 months' notice. Call the Parish Office

RCIA: For adults interested to join the Catholic Faith. Classes to begin soon. For enquiries, contact Ruth Marais on 0430 716 664.

SACRAMENT FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion & Confirmation):

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** 

Pray for the sick:

Saturday (6/5) 6.00pm : For the People of the Parish
Sunday (7/5) 9.00am : Thanksgiving Mass for Patrick Ross
10.45am : Rudolph Jacob (Recently deceased)

 Monday (8/5)
 : No Mass

 Tuesday (9/5)
 : No Mass

 Wednesday (10/5)
 : No Mass

 Thursday (11/5)
 : No Mass

 Friday (12/5)
 : No Mass

Saturday (13/5) :Repose of the soul of Trixie Peiris (B'day remb)

: 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, Clermont Ignace

Death Anniv/Remb : Aristoteles Illard, Pacita Dela Cruz, Walter De Silva, Linus Johnson, Judith Alfelor

Tanay, Dean James Martin, Fr Aeneas Hennesy

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: Acts 8:5-8,14-17 1 Pet 3:15-18 Jn 17:1-11

# **New Parishioner Registration**

Please register online at https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/

OR pick up a form from our worship space

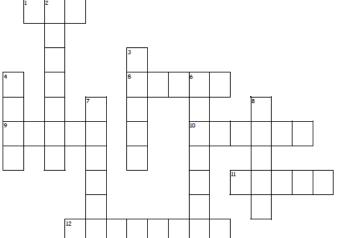
OR call the Parish Office

**SUNDAY ACTIVITY** (more activity sheets for children, teens and young adults available on the table at the back of our worship area)

## CROSSWORD

# We are filled with God's spirit

Acts 6:1-7 Ps 145:10-11. 15-16. 17-18. R. v.1 Jn 14:1-1



#### Across

- 1: Jesus said 'I am the \_\_\_, the truth, and the life'
- 5: a house is made of many of these
- 9: belief
- 10: Father, Son and Holy \_ \_ \_ \_
- 11: between six and eight
- 12: the disciples known as the twelve

#### Down

- 2: the common language spoken by Jesus
- 3: something that is true
- 4: the opposite of death
- 6: information that is passed on to someone else
- 7: this man wanted Jesus to show them the Father
- 8: someone or something from Greece

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# St Thomas the Apostle

# Catholic Parish, Clyde North



"My Lord and My God!"

Church: 5 Fiorelli Blvd, Cranbourne East 3977

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
Parish Secretaries: Christine Salu
Fiona Goh
Fio

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

Email: Clydenorth.Safety@cdsale.org.au

## WELCOME TO OUR

5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Year A) – 7<sup>th</sup> May 2023

## **Masses & Reconciliation Times**

## MASS CELEBRATED AT 5 FIORELLI BLVD CRANBOURNE EAST

Sunday Masses
Saturday Vigil: 6pm

for more details

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am

Sunday. Juni, 10. Isun

Weekday Masses (week of 8<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup> May)

No Mass: Monday - Friday

**9.30am Mass**: Saturday followed by Procession in honour of Our Lady of Fatima Feast Day. See notice in bulletin

**Baptism** 

Baptism Preparation 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday every month. Sacrament of Baptism most Sundays.

Reconciliation

Every Friday & Saturday after morning Mass.

Every Saturday 5.30pm to 5.45pm.

## **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

Acts 6:1-7

They elected seven men full of the Holy Spirit

The Word of the Lord

# Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

**R.** Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.** 

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted.

The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.** 

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.** 

# **Second Reading**

1 Peter 2:4-9

Christ is the living stone, chosen by God and precious to him

The Word of the Lord

# **Gospel Acclamation**

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. **Alleluia!** 

**Gospel** Jn 14:1-12

I am the Way, the Truth and the Life

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too.

You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly,

whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

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

**FEAST OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA** – is celebrated annually on May 13<sup>th</sup>. This year this feast falls on a Saturday and to celebrate both this feast day and the month of the Holy Rosary, a procession will be held in honour of Our Blessed Mother. 'Dear parishioners we are once again having the procession to crown Our Lady Queen of May and celebrate the Feast of Our Lady of Fatima. This will take place on Sat 13<sup>th</sup> May at 10.30am and will start from the first gate entrance of the school and through the car park and into the church. Once more we would like many parishioners to come and honour Our Holy Mother and especially young children who will carry flowers in the procession to place at the altar prepared for the statue which will be carried in the procession. Parents please write your name and the number of children that will participate on the clip boards at the entrance of the church after each Mass this weekend. And where possible, we would like everyone attending to dress in white / blue. Hope to see many of you join us. We will celebrate with a cuppa after the ceremony.

**ALTAR SERVERS COMMISSIONING** – This weekend at all Masses, Fr Denis will commission all the Altar Servers in this ministry.

**GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY** –The Bishops of Victoria and Tasmania have established an annual Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal and invite donations to support the education of seminarians at Corpus Christi College in Melbourne. This <u>collection will</u> be taken up this weekend at all Masses. Please donate generously.

**PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS** - You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the alter at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION Registration Now Open!! For school aged children who have received the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Parent Formation Night @ 6.45pm on 9<sup>th</sup> May and 16<sup>th</sup> May. Parents are to attend only 1 session. For enquiries & registration, please email: parishofstthomasap@gmail.com

**PARISH CENSUS** A parish census will be conducted following the Homily at all Masses over two weekends – 29/30 April and 6/7 May. This will enable us to update our parish records – adding new members of our community and noting changes with addresses, emails and phone numbers. This is particularly important as we welcome new families to the parish on the opening of our beautiful new church. Census cards and pencils will be placed in the pews prior to each Mass, and you are requested to return your completed cards and pencils into the designated baskets on your exit from Mass. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.

**RCIA** - newly baptised Snehapriya Sinha, can now be called a 'neophyte'. As a neophyte and child of the light, Snehapriya has a new outlook on life and a deeper appreciation and love of the Catholic faith, the Church and the world. We hold her in our prayers as she now fully participates in listening to the Word of God and partakes in the sharing of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ.

CHURCH CLEANERS REQUIRED – We are seeking more volunteers to help clean the church on a regular roster. If you would like to volunteer in this service, please call the parish office.

**PIETY STALL** – The Piety Stall is not yet in operation. To function, it will need volunteers to open and staff the stall after each Mass. If you wish to be a volunteer for this purpose, please contact the parish office.

**LANDSCAPING** – There is a significant amount of landscaping to take place around our new church and Parish Offices in the coming year. If you can volunteer assistance and expertise in this area, please contact the parish office.

GOD AND BEER MAY 8<sup>TH</sup> - Divine Renovation: Renewing Your Parish

Many Catholic parishes are dying: ageing demographics, sacramental programs that don't engage, a lack of evangelisation...we need parish renewal if we are to win people back to Christ. One parish in Canada has done it and is sharing their success with the world. The program aims to transform parishes into vibrant and evangelizing communities, by emphasizing the importance of leadership, Christian discipleship, and a clear mission. Topic: Divine Renovation: Renewing the Parish Speaker: Kevin Bailey OAM Date: Monday 8th May Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk Venue: Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC Cost: Free to attend Register: Godandbeer.com.au Contact: John - jtsmyth@gmail.com

ST MARY MACKILLOP - The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 18 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 29 October 2022. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. For more information on this pilgrimage, please email national.pilgrimage@mmp.org.au or take home a print out

**JESUIT & IGNATION SPIRITUALITY AUSTRALIA** – looking for retreats & other spirituality needs? visit www.jisa.org.au **HEART OF LIFE CENTRE** for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation welcomes 2023 with interesting seminars, events and reflection weekends. For upcoming events, go to https://www.heartoflife.melbourne

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER – for more info visit 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 deductable.

**SAFEGUARDING** – Please do not leave children unsupervised in the church and in the toilets. 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