

## 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> 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

**Saturday (8/7)** 6.00pm : People of the parish

**Sunday (9/7)** 9.00am : Repose of the souls of Joseph & Rose Serrao

10.45am : Repose of the soul of Tessa James (Anniv)

**Monday (10/7)** : No Mass

**Tuesday (11/7)** : Repose of the souls of Judith Alfelor Tanay (Remb)

**Wednesday (12/7)** : Repose of the soul of John Allen (10<sup>th</sup> Anniv)

**Thursday (13/7)** : Repose of the soul of Saipele Taupau (B'day remb)

**Friday (14/7)** : Repose of the soul of Annie Meneaud (B'day remb)

**Saturday (15/7)** : Repose of the soul of Lillian Joyce (B'day remb) & Lorna Jacobs (Death anniv)

**Pray for the sick:** : Fr Bernard Buckley, Fr Brian Gleeson, Luicile Noel, Sue Dower, Salvador Guidos,

Albert Hartung, Greg Recalde, Carol Vincenz, Evelyn Camille, Baby De'andre

Hooft, Anura Fernando, Ross Smith, Clermont Ignace, John Stray, Odelia Schreurs

**Recently deceased** : Helena Stein, Fr Austin Cooper OMI,

**Death Anniv/Remb** : Eduardo Pequerda, Clifford Nelson Edwards, Fr John Bolger, Fr John Allen,

Fr Michael McAlroy

### Parish Council Members:

Fr Denis, Dcn Michael,

Jonathan Rubite, Sandra

Ignace, Dezlene Orchard,

Jerusha Benjamin,

### Parish Finance

**Members:** Fr Denis,

Sinclair Thomas, Patrick

Ross, Helene Jayamaha,

Peter Gomez, Heidi Keel,

Ruwan Kumaraperu

Next week's readings: Is 55:10-11 Ro 8:18-23 Mt 13:1-23

## New Parishioner Registration

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

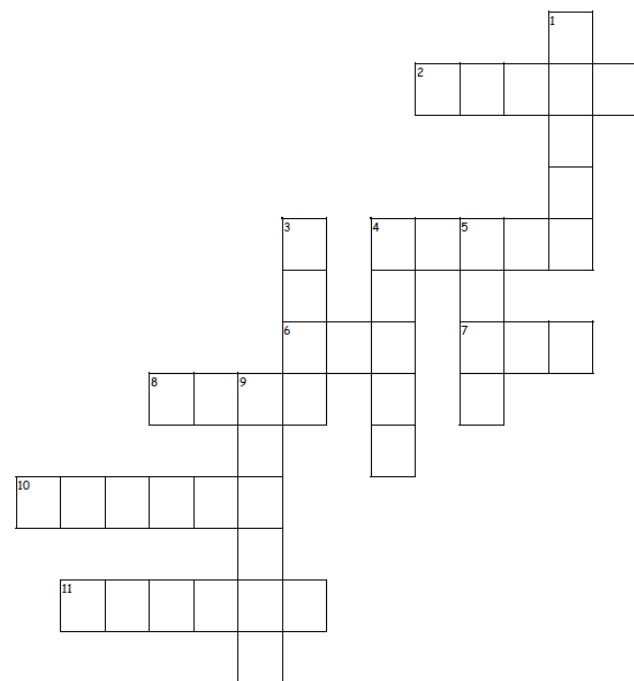
OR pick up a form from our worship space

OR call the Parish Office

**SUNDAY ACTIVITY** (more activity sheets for children, teens and young adults available in the foyer)

### CROSSWORD

God is merciful and kind



#### Across

2: you go to sleep when you feel like this

4: this animal can be ridden

6: a large expanse of water

7: a mother and father's male offspring

8: the opposite of death

10: Father, Son and Holy \_\_\_\_\_

11: Jesus entered Jerusalem riding one of these animals

#### Down

1: the opposite of war

3: someone who has wisdom is this

4: something that weighs a lot

5: to take a break and relax

9: Jesus said, "the only one who truly knows the \_\_\_\_\_ is the Son"

Zec 9:9-10  
Ps 145:1-2, 8-9, 13cd-14, R. see v.1  
Rom 8:9, 11  
Mt 11:25-30

# St Thomas the Apostle

## Catholic Parish, Clyde North



*"My Lord and My God!"*

**Church & Parish Office:** 5 Fiorelli Blvd, Cranbourne East 3977

**Mailing address:** PO Box 6089, Clyde VIC 3978

**Parish Priest:** Fr Denis O'Bryan

**Presbytery Phone:** 5999 0059 (After office hours emergency)

**Deacon:** Michael Manuel

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

**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:** Ann Rode (Wednesday 9.00am – 3.00pm)

**Email:** Clydenorth.Safety@cdsale.org.au

## WELCOME TO OUR

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2023

### Masses & Reconciliation Times

**MASS CELEBRATED AT  
5 FIORELLI BLVD CRANBOURNE  
EAST**

#### Sunday Masses

Saturday Vigil: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am

#### Weekday Masses (week of 11<sup>th</sup> July – 15<sup>th</sup> July)

**Monday - Saturday: 9.30am** followed by praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

*No Reconciliation after Friday Mass this week*

#### 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.

#### Blessed Sacrament

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament  
Every Friday after morning Mass to 7pm

### 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

Zeh 9:9-10

See now, your king comes humbly to you

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 144(145):1-2,8-11,13b-14

**R: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.**

I will give you glory, O God my king,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. **R.**

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. **R.**

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. **R.**

## Second Reading

Ro 8:9, 11-13

If by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body, you will live

The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Matt 11:25-30

You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to little children

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

## OUR 2023 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

### NEW STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS

Thank you to all parishioners for the generous response to our Parish Renewal Program. The Program challenged us to make a new commitment to parish life – to ensure we have the resources for vibrant liturgy, quality pastoral care and outreach to the needy, as well as meeting the significant financial commitments on our beautiful new church, presbytery and parish land, in addition to the operational costs of the parish. Your support for and participation in the Program has been very much appreciated.

We appealed for parishioner support to increase our weekly Stewardship income from \$4,600. At this stage we have received pledges totaling nearly \$7,000. It's a terrific result and we thank you once again!

Letters of thanks and acknowledgement of your new pledge are available for your collection in the church foyer at all Masses this weekend. These will be in ALPHABETICAL order. A reminder that the new financial commitments take effect next weekend – Sunday 16 July.

Those who have chosen to contribute by Direct Debit for the first time or amended their previous pledge, will have the appropriate Direct Debit authorization form enclosed with their letters. We ask you to complete and return the form to the Parish Office during the week. For those contributing by envelopes for the first time, a set of envelopes is enclosed with their letters.

There will also be a sheet available for those who are unable to find their letter – simply add your details and the Parish Office staff will be in touch.

### NOTICES



**YOUTH EVENT – JESUS, PIZZA & PRAISE!!:** Calling all Youth! Join us for an exciting night of praise & worship, powerful youth testimonies, healing Mass, inspiring music, FREE pizza & supper! For youth aged 13-35 years, however all are welcome! Sunday 6th August, 4.30pm – 7.30pm at St Thomas the Apostle Church, Clyde North. Mass celebrated by Fr Francis O'tobo & Fr Denis O'Bryan. Remember to **scan the QR code for your FREE pizza!** Please note that all youth under the age of 18 are to be accompanied by an adult. For further enquiries please contact the parish office 5998 0947 or parish@stthomasap.org.au

**DYNAMIC DEACON HAROLD BURKE-SIVERS** – Deacon Harold Burke-Sivers – known around the world as the “Dynamic Deacon” – is one of the most sought-after speakers in the Church today. He is a powerful and passionate evangelist and preacher, whose no-nonsense approach to living and proclaiming the Catholic faith is sure to challenge and inspire those who hear him. Come and listen to Deacon Harold right **IN OUR PARISH!! Deacon Harold will be at 10.45am Mass on Sunday 16th July and the talk starts at 12.30pm. Topic: How to be Contagiously Catholic.** A rare opportunity indeed so keep the date free!! Light refreshments available before the talk. Donation will be taken up on that day.

**1<sup>st</sup> HOLY COMMUNION** – First Holy Communion Enrolment is now open! Please email parishofstthomasap@gmail.com for more information & registration. Enrolment closes Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION CHILDREN RETREAT** – 14 July 11am in the Church. An email has been sent to the families of the children participating in this retreat.

**LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS** – An invitation for all primary school aged children Prep – Gr 6 from both government and Catholic schools to join in an exciting new program!! It is an opportunity for our young ones to learn more about Jesus and develop a deeper relationship with Him, and a deeper understanding of the faith as they prepare for their future Sacraments. **Parents please note that this is a pre-requisite for children making their Sacraments.** Date: Every Saturday during school term **beginning 5<sup>th</sup> Aug 2023** Time: 4 – 5pm Venue: St Thomas the Apostle Church. For more information, please call Sr Julie at the Parish Office.

**PIETY SHOP – NOW OPEN!!** after every weekend Mass. Purchase prayer books, crucifixes, statues, rosaries and more! Come visit the friendly team at the shop! **EFTPOS Available!!**

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** for Peter's Pence will be collected at all Masses this weekend. *Peter's Pence is the name given to the financial support offered by the faithful to the Holy Father as a sign of their sharing in the concern of the Successor of Peter for the many different needs of the Universal Church and for the relief of those most in need.* Please donate generously and support our Holy Father's charity.

### RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

Information Session: 1st August 2023 at 7pm. Our RCIA team will be offering this information session to explain about the process of RCIA 2023-2024. It will be a wonderful opportunity to gather together in a friendly conversational way encountering our Lord Jesus in his teachings and also exploring and learning about the Catholic faith. You may consider attending sessions if you are: 1. an unbaptised adult who is seeking to be Catholic, 2. a baptised adult in another Christian Church seeking full communion with the Catholic Church, 3. a Catholic adult baptised but has not celebrated Confirmation or Eucharist Sacraments, 4. or you may be Catholic or non-Catholic looking to know more about our faith. All are welcome! So please join us for our **RCIA Information Night on 1st August 2023 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church.** Please pick up a flyer from the glass table in the foyer. To register for the information session please contact the Parish Office by phone or email. Come and See!

**MORNING CUPPA** will be starting again on 23<sup>rd</sup> July after the 9am Mass. Come and meet fellow parishioners!

**ADORATION CHAPEL** - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is on every Friday after morning Mass till 7pm. For code to access the chapel, please contact the office on 5998 0947 or parish@stthomasap.org.au

**EVENTS AROUND THE DIOCESE** – To find out about events happening in the Diocese of Sale, visit the Diocese of Sale website <https://www.cdsale.org.au/parish-resource>

**CATHOLIC RESOURCES:** formed.org (get free access password from the parish office), shalomworld.org, EWTN.org, aleteia.org  
**LOST & FOUND ITEMS** – in recent weeks we have several items found in the church and have not been claimed. Please collect your items from the box in the foyer. Items not collected will be donated to charity organisations.

### 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. Direct Debit forms <https://stthomasap.org.au/stewardship-program-donation/>

**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, Ann Rode, can be contacted via email: [clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto:clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au) or call 5998 0947