

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.
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

Saturday (15/7) 6.00pm : Linus Johnson (Remb)
Sunday (16/7) 9.00am : People of the parish
 10.45am : Stefano Caminiti (1st Anniv)
Monday (17/7) : No Mass
Tuesday (18/7) : Repose of the soul Lilia Laureta (1st Anniv)
Wednesday (19/7) : B'day blessing for Otis & Elijah Gomez
Thursday (20/7) : Repose of the soul of Adoration de la Rosa (Anniv)
Friday (21/7) : Repose of the souls of Luc & Olga Mackay (Remb)
Saturday (22/7) : Repose of the souls of Clifford Nelson Edwards (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, Fr Ashton
Death Anniv/Remb : Edwin D'moss, Christable Simons, Saipele Taupau, Marie Candappa, Gravell L'evêque, Juliet Aquino Gutierrez, Ivor Peters

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: Wi 12:13,16-19 Ro 8:26-27 Mt 13:24-43

New Parishioner Registration

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

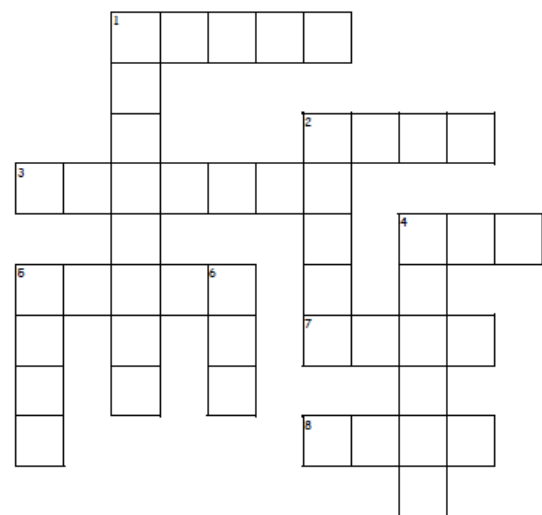
OR pick up a form from our worship space

OR call the Parish Office

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

CROSSWORD

God prepares the earth for the harvest



Across

- a large group of people
- this covers the ground in winter
- Jesus taught at this lake
- it appears in the sky and helps plants to grow
- animals that fly
- seeds are planted in this
- water that falls from the sky

Down

- young people
- plants start out as these
- those led by God's _____ are his children
- used for travelling on water
- the sun and moon appear in the ____

Is 55:10-11
 Ps 65:9, 11-12, 13, R, Lk 8:8
 Rom 8:14-18
 Mt 13:1-9

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



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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

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 16th 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 18th July – 22nd July)

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

Feast day:

Saturday 22nd July – St Mary Magdalen

Baptism

Baptism Preparation
 1st 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

Is 55:10-11

The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 64(65):10-14

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

You care for the earth, give it water,
you fill it with riches.
Your river in heaven brims over
to provide its grain. **R.**

And thus you provide for the earth;
you drench its furrows;
you level it, soften it with showers;
you bless its growth. **R.**

You crown the year with your goodness.
Abundance flows in your steps,
in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**

The hills are girded with joy,
the meadows covered with flocks,
the valleys are decked with wheat.

They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

Second Reading

Ro 8:18-23

The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Matt 13:1-23

A sower went out to sow

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such large crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied, 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

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 or call 5998 0947

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.

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

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. **This is available for children making their Sacraments.** Date: Every Saturday during school term **beginning 5th Aug 2023 Time: 4 – 5pm** Venue: St Thomas the Apostle Church. For more information, please call Sr Julie at the Parish Office.

CDF Investment – 5.5% p.a. 12-month term investment with CDF Community Fund. More information visit catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer or scan the QR code



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!

PIETY SHOP – NOW OPEN!! after every weekend Mass. **EFTPOS Available!!**

MORNING CUPPA will be starting again on 23rd 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, aletea.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

via donation envelope or <https://stthomasap.org.au/donate/> or EFTPOS. Donations are not tax deductible.