

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 (22/7) 6.00pm	: Thanksgiving Mass for the Yong family
Sunday (23/7) 9.00am	: People of the parish
	10.45am : Repose of the soul of Raymond Thompson
Monday (24/7)	: No Mass
Tuesday (25/7)	: Repose of the soul of Apolinario Gorne (B'day Remb)
Wednesday (26/7)	: Special Intention
Thursday (27/7)	: No Mass
Friday (28/7)	: Repose of the souls of Maseiga & Kelston Tuala
Saturday (29/7)	: Confirmation Mass
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	: Jayantha Peiris, Godwin Abutu (Fr Joseph's uncle)
Death Anniv/Remb	: Anna & Wilfred Peres, Ana De Herrera, Juan De Dios Jimenez, Clement Francis, Marie & Hector Burby, Fr Denis O'Callaghan, Fr Martin Hayes, Mgr John O'Hea, Fr Michael Murphy, Fr Reginald Wilson, Fr Francis Feruga

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: Dan 7:9-10,13-14 2 Pe 1:16-19 Mt 17:1-9

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)

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH


God is good and forgiving

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

Wis 12:13, 16-19
 Ps 86:5-6, 15-16dc, R, v.5a
 Rom 8:26-27
 Mk 13:24-30

Try to find these words:

barn
 burn
 children
 doubt
 enemy
 field
 prays
 right
 sleeping
 strength
 weak
 weed



St Thomas the Apostle

Catholic Parish, Clyde North

"My Lord and My God!"

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Parish Safeguarding Officer: Ann Rode (Wednesday 9.00am – 3.00pm)
Email: Clydenorth.Safety@cdsale.org.au

WELCOME TO OUR

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 23rd July 2023

Masses & Reconciliation Times	Parish Schools
<p>MASS CELEBRATED AT 5 FIORELLI BLVD CRANBOURNE EAST</p> <p>Sunday Masses Saturday Vigil: 6pm Sunday: 9am, 10.45am</p> <p>Weekday Masses (week of 25th July – 29th July)</p> <p>Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday: 9.30am followed by praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass</p> <p>No Mass on Thursday 27th July</p> <p>Confirmation Mass: 29th July 11am & 2pm</p> <p>No Reconciliation on Saturday morning. <i>Feast day:</i> Tuesday 25th July – St James the Apostle</p>	<p>St Thomas the Apostle Primary School 5 Fiorelli Boulevard, Cranbourne East Phone: 5998 9293 Principal: Mrs Kate Dourley</p> <p>St Peter's Secondary College (Clyde North Campus) 55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North Phone: 5990 7777 Principal: Mr Chris Black</p>

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

Ws 12:13,16-19

You will grant repentance after sin

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

R. Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **R.**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **R.**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **R.**

Second Reading

Ro 8:26-27

The Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words

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 13:24-43

Let them both grow till the harvest

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

He put another parable before them: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.' He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour till it was leavened all through.'

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed, he would never speak to them except in parables. This was to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden since the foundation of the world. Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his disciples came to him and said, 'Explain the parable about the darnel in the field to us.' He said in reply, 'The sower of the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his kingdom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil, and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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 ENVELOPES

The new stewardship envelopes (blue print) are now ready for collection. We ask that you DO NOT continue with the old envelopes (red print) as your Stewardship number is no longer active. This is the last weekend to collect your envelopes from the foyer.

NOTICES



YOUTH EVENT – JESUS, Pizza & Praise!!: YOUNG PEOPLE ages 13 - 35!! We are inviting YOU!! If you have not yet had a chance to register for this exciting Youth Event, there's still time!! Sunday 6th August 4:00pm SHARP. St Thomas the Apostle Church.

Join us in an afternoon to praise Jesus together in song and celebration before the Healing Mass! Be inspired in your faith with powerful testimonies about the transforming presence of Jesus in the lives of other young People.

'COME TO ME ALL YOU WHO ARE WEARY AND BURDENED, AND I WILL GIVE YOU REST' (Matt 11:28)

Wherever you are in your life with your faith, no matter what you are going through, Jesus extends this invitation to YOU. Sometimes we seek to satisfy the deepest longings in our hearts with things that end up wounding us, when Jesus is really the answer. His presence is real!! He is truly ALIVE!! ... and waiting for you to invite Him in!

Come and experience his beautiful, powerful presence in a new and life changing way!! Jesus LOVES YOU so much!!

This will be followed by an epic FREE supper including PIZZA!!!

Please note you must register using the QR Code or link <https://www.trybooking.com/CJLBI> as it allows us to cater for enough pizza!! Bring your friends!! We hope to see you there!! For enquires phone 03 5998 0947 or parish@stthomasap.org.au

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 or email friendsofjesusstap@gmail.com

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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!

ST VINNIES FOOD BIN – if you'd like to help those in the community that are doing it tough this winter, the St Vinnies Food bin in the foyer is available for you to donate nonperishable food. Thank you.

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

MORNING CUPPA NOW AVAILABLE 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

RETREAT IN EVERYDAY LIFE – Moments of Grace – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 31 July and concluding 28 August (at Heart of Life, Malvern, or via Zoom) Flexible timing. Mindfulness & Meditation – Saturday, 28 August 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm (in-person), Treasuring Our Later Years (in-person event), Sat 5 Aug, 10am–4pm

Enquiry & Registration visit <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/retreat-in-everyday-life-moments-of-grace/> or info@heartoflife.melbourne

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

We kindly ask that you keep the house of GOD clean No Food & Drinks in the Church and check that you did not leave any belongings behind before leaving Church.

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.