

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
LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS – teaching of the catholic faith to children from Prep – Gr 6. Every Saturdays (school term) email: friendsofjesusstap@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 (2/9) 6.00pm : Repose of the souls of Frank & Lise Donaldson
Sunday (3/9) 9.00am : Thanksgiving for Nisha & Tom Vellaramkunnel & family
 10.45am : B'day blessings for Paolo & Emily Tan
Monday (4/9) : No Mass
Tuesday (5/9) : No Mass
Wednesday (6/9) : No Mass
Thursday (7/9) : No Mass
Friday (8/9) : No Mass
Saturday (9/9) : No Mass
Pray for the sick: : Fr Bernard Buckley, Fr Brian Gleeson, Lucile Noel, Sue Dower, Salvador Guidos, Albert Hartung, Greg Recalde, Carol Vincenz, Baby De'andre Hooft, Anura Fernando, Ross Smith, Clermont Ignace, John Stray, Odelia Schreurs, Daphne Philomena Louis, Maria Krotwarr, Ben Kerr, Ethel Manuel (Den Michael's sister)
Recently deceased : Carmen Katharina Golonski
Death Anniv/Remb : Peter McHugh, Bernadette May, Pacita Dela Cruz, June & Theodore Aldons, Anna & Wilfred Peres, Patrick O'Bryan, Fr John Kavanagh

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: Ez 33:7-9 Ro 13:8-10 Mt 18:15-20

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)

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

My soul is thirsting for God

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

Jer 20:7-9
 Ps 63:1abc, 2-3, 4-5, R. v.2b
 Rom 12:1-2
 Mt 16:21-25

Try to find these words:

cross
 fire
 good
 holy
 Jeremiah
 Jerusalem
 Peter
 quiet
 rise
 sacrifice
 Satan
 three

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: parish@stthomasap.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

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 3rd September 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 4th Sep – 9th Sep)

No weekday morning Mass while Fr Denis is away

Feast day:

Fri 8th Sept – Birthday of the BVM

Baptism

Baptism Preparation
 1st Sunday every month.

Sacrament of Baptism
 most Sundays.

Reconciliation

Every Saturday
 between 5.30pm to
 5.45pm on request.
 Please give office
 early notice.

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

Jer 20:7-9

The word of the Lord has meant insult for me

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 137(138):1-3, 6-8

R. My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **R**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **R**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **R**

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **R**

Second Reading

Rom 12:1-2

Offer your bodies as a living sacrifice

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Matt 16:21-27

'Get behind me, Satan!'

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life?'

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

NOTICES

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND WORKSHOPS

MINISTRY OF HOLY COMMUNION WORKSHOP – on Saturday 2nd Sept 12noon – 2pm in Church. Current & those interested to join this ministry are invited.

ST VINNIES MEETING – For all parishioners volunteering to assist with SVDP. Wednesday 6th September at the Church from 7pm – 8.30pm

YOUNG ADULTS YOUTH MEETING – (age 18 -35 years) will be meeting again next Sunday 10th Sept from 6-8pm. New members welcomed. Please contact the parish office.

YOUTH GROUP – (ages 13-17 years). There will be an exciting event for teens coming soon. Watch this space. Please register your interest after Masses on the sign-up sheets this weekend. For further enquiries, please contact parish office on 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!! Suitable for children preparing for their sacrament. Every Saturday at 4pm during school term. For more information, please call Sr Julie at the Parish Office or email friendsofjesussttap@gmail.com

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION CANDIDATES – Retreat Date: 7th September Time: 11am – 3.15pm Venue: Church
****All worksheets to be returned by this weekend's Masses****

RAFFLE TICKETS – on sale NOW! \$2.00 per ticket or \$20.00 a book. Draw on Saturday 2nd Dec. 1st Prize Kia Picanto S 1.25ltr Auto. Raffle Permit No: 10175/23. Books to be returned no later than 22nd Oct to be in the draw.

FAREWELL GIFT FOR SR MARY – Sr Mary Olofu has taken up the role as Mother General of the Sisters of the Nativity in Nigeria. Sr Mary has shared her wealth of spiritual wisdom with our parish from the very first day of our establishment. We are sad to see her go but we trust the Lord and his goodness. Please keep Sr Mary in your prayers. An extra collection will be taken up next weekend as our farewell & thank-you gift to Sr Mary. We appreciate your contribution.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS - Fritz Laguador and Shenali Perera have come together for their third week of RCIA sessions. During these sessions we have shared and discussed the Gospels as well as reflected on what God might be saying to them through His holy word. They have also watched the Symbolon programme on Formed on topics such as the Journey of Faith, Divine Revelation and the Bible. As they come to know God's word more and more may they live out His word and be an example of all that God wants for their lives. We ask our parishioners to accompany them as they journey to receiving the Sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation.

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.

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

SPIRITUAL RETREAT ON THE HOLY MASS (for children aged 5 – 15) – Organise by Divine Kids Date: 16 & 17 Sep Time: 9.00am – 3.30pm Venue: Holy Family Parish, Doveton. Food provided, enrolments required www.divinekids.com.au

RETREATS AT JESUITS AND IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY AUSTRALIA: <https://jisa.org.au/vic-campion/>
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
All enquiries for Church booking, please speak with Christine or Fiona in the office.

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.

Blessing Prayer for Fathers

Lord God, who is Father of all, send your blessing down on these men who are fathers.

For those who in the night worry for their child, grant them your comfort.

For those who in the day work and struggle to provide for their child, send them your strength.

For those who mourn a child, hold them in your love.

For those who play, laugh, sing and dance with their child, you share in their joy.

Lord God, who is Father of all, walk with these fathers, in the light times and the dark.

Bless them, and may they each be a living symbol of your fatherly love; a symbol to their children and all who they encounter. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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.

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

Child Safety Week

3 - 10 September 2023

'Child safety in action in the Diocese of Sale'

