

## 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

**LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS** – teaching of the catholic faith to children from Prep – Gr 6. Every Saturday (school term) email:

friendsofjesusstap@gmail.com

**YOUNG ADULT GROUP:** Ages: 18-35 years. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.

**ST VINNIES PHONE ROOM** – if you or someone you know need assistance from St Vinnies, please call 5995 0211.

### Mass Intentions

**Saturday (11/11) 6.00pm** : People of the Parish  
**Sunday (12/11) 9.00am** : Repose of the souls of family & friends of the Vellaramkunnel families  
 10.45am : Special Intention

**Monday (13/11)** : No Mass

**Tuesday (14/11)** : Repose of the soul of Mary Margarita Waas

**Wednesday (15/11)** : B'day blessings for Martha Monteiro & Andrew Teo

**Thursday (16/11)** : Repose of the souls of Thomas & Annamma Thomas

**Friday (17/11)** : B'day blessing for Peyton Trousse

**Saturday (18/11)** : Repose of the souls of Concetta Mcvicar & John Mcvicar

**Pray for the sick:** Fr Bernard Buckley, Luicile Noel, Sue Dower, Salvador Guidos, Albert Hartung, Greg Recalde, Carol Vincenz, Baby De'andre Hooft, Anura Fernando, Ross Smith, Clermont Ignace, John Stray, Ben Kerr, Joan Hughes, Gillian Apollon

**Death Anniv/Remb** : Judith Tanay, Rita Casey, Gerry Perera, Stella Pasnin, Fr Denis O'Callaghan, Fr John Gavan & Fr Daniel O'Reily

### 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: Pro 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31 1 The 5:1-6 Jh 15:4, 5

## New Parishioner Registration

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

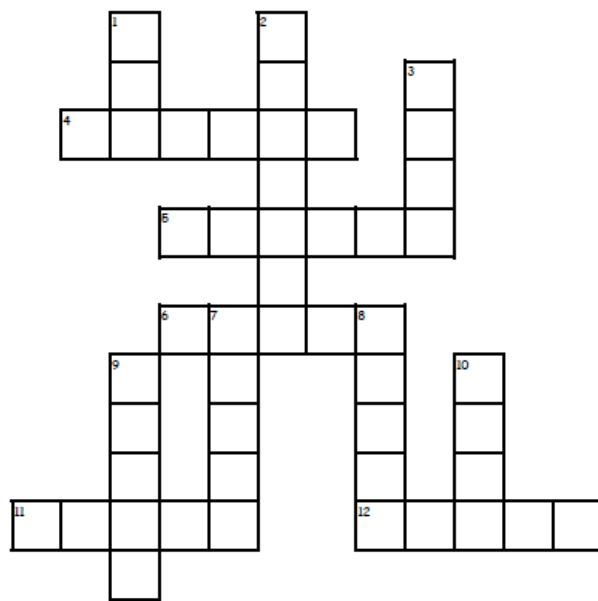
OR pick up a form from our worship space OR call the Parish Office

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

### CROSSWORD

Wisdom shines brightly for those who seek her

Wis 6:12-16  
 Ps 63:1, 2-3, 6-7, R. v.2b  
 1 Thes 4:13-18  
 Mt 25:1-13



#### Across

- 4: white and fluffy things that appear in the sky  
 5: lifted up  
 6: a heavenly being  
 11: the opposite of back  
 12: you do this when you get tired

#### Down

- 1: the liquid that was needed for the lamps  
 2: when people get married they have one of these  
 3: Jesus \_ \_ \_ \_ and was raised to life  
 7: the time when the sky is dark  
 8: the ten girls used these to see in the dark  
 9: a bride's husband-to-be  
 10: to have wisdom

# 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

**32<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 12<sup>th</sup> November 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 13<sup>th</sup> Nov – 18<sup>th</sup> Nov)

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30am

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

#### **Feast Days & Memorial:**

Friday 17/11: St Elizabeth of Hungary, religious

#### **ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec @ 7pm

#### Baptism

Baptism Preparation

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday every month.

Sacrament of Baptism most Sundays.

#### Reconciliation

Every Saturday between 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

Wi 6:12-16

**Wisdom is found by those who look for her**

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 62(63):2-8

**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.**

On my bed I remember you.  
On you I muse through the night  
for you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. **R.**

## Second Reading

1 Thes 4:13-18

**Do not grieve about those who have died in Jesus**

The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Be watchful and ready: you know not when the Son of Man is coming. **Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mt 25:1-13

**The wise and foolish virgins**

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Memorial Acclamation

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

<b>NEW, RELOCATING or LEAVING THE PARISH?</b> New Parishioners – please register @ <a href="https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/">https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/</a> Relocating or Leaving Parishioners – please call the parish office	<b>CHURCH BUILDING DONATION</b> via donation envelope or <a href="https://stthomasap.org.au/donate/">https://stthomasap.org.au/donate/</a> or EFTPOS. Donations are not tax deductible.
<b>SAFEGUARDING</b> – 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: <a href="mailto:clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au">clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au</a> or call 5998 0947	

**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.**

## NOTICES

**ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION** – Our whole parish reconciliation is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec. Other parishes Advent Reconciliation dates are : Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Dec St Patrick, Pakenham. Tue 19<sup>th</sup> Dec Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren. Thur 21<sup>st</sup> Dec St Agatha's, Cranbourne. All reconciliation is at 7pm.

**CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS TIMES:**

**Christmas Eve 24<sup>th</sup> Dec – 7pm**

**Christmas Day 25<sup>th</sup> Dec – Midnight, 9am & 10.45am**

**New Year's Eve 31<sup>st</sup> Dec – 7pm**

**New Year's Day 1<sup>st</sup> Jan – 10am**



**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (18-35 YEARS):** We are now on  Instagram [stthomasap.yag](https://www.instagram.com/stthomasap.yag)

Scan the QR code if you would like to follow us for updates & upcoming events.

**Next meeting on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov from 6-8pm.** Continuing with the Search Ep 4 'What's our story' on

FORMED.org. New members welcomed. For enquiries, please contact the parish office.

**CAROLS NIGHT** - The Parish Christmas Carols Night will be held on Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> Dec from 6.00 pm (Saturday evening Mass on that day is at 5pm) at the St. Thomas car park / basketball court. We invite our parishioners and their families & friends to come and participate in the celebration of "A Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols" with the various choir groups of the parish. This will be a fun filled night with food and drinks available for purchase on the evening. Please bring along your chairs, mats and rugs and enjoy the

festivities. Let us celebrate Christmas together!

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SACRAMENTS IN 2024** – Families of children preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation, Holy Communion or Confirmation in 2024 in this parish, please complete the form with the QR code or this link <https://forms.office.com/r/M1w8iT0rvt> to express your interest. Closing date: 22<sup>nd</sup> Dec



**VINNIES CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL** - The Christmas toy appeal aims to collect toys for ages 0 - 14 years which volunteers from Vinnies will distribute to needy families. Help bring a smile to a child's face this Christmas. Collection boxes will be available in the foyer from this weekend till Sunday, 17<sup>th</sup> Dec.

**ADVENT & CHRISTMAS 2023 REFLECTION BOOKLET** – For those who seek to deepen their faith, foster a sense of contemplation, or simply embrace the beauty of everything that Advent and Christmas brings, The Sign leads you through these sacred stories that continue to resonate throughout the ages. The Sign also features beautiful religious artworks from the Masters (Caravaggio, Di Pietro, Carolsfeld, Copley, Le Brun and Fra Angelico, with reflections on the art written by Mons. Graham Schmitzer. The Sign will be on sale next week @ \$5 per book! cash preferred.



**STAGHORN FERN ON SALE** – Help raise funds for the Church with every purchase. Only \$20!! **Sale on Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov after the 9am Mass.** Cash or EFTPOS available.

**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR SUNDAY EVENING MASS TIME:** Father is seeking Expression of Interest for an additional Mass on Sunday evenings: 5pm, 5.30pm OR 6pm, and volunteers to assist at that Mass. Please complete the survey form available in the foyer and either return today or by the weekend of 18<sup>th</sup> / 19<sup>th</sup> Nov.

**'WHERE THERE'S A WILL, THERE'S A WAY'** – Why not get around to making or updating that Will you've been putting off and help our parish fund raising at the same time? The firm I work for usually charges \$200 +GST for each Will but will only charge half and donate the other half of our costs to the church fund; so, you can help me help you help our parish at no extra cost to you! Interested? Email [michael@bigpond.com](mailto:michael@bigpond.com) or call 035996 6789 or 0458316165. Clipboard available in the foyer to register your interest.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND FOR THE MILITARY ORDINARIATE**

The Catholic Military Ordinariate of Australia has been charged with the pastoral care of uniformed members of Australia's Navy, Army and Air Force, their families and of the civilians employed by the Department of Defence. The Military Diocese is proud of its faithful service under God. It fully supports the Australian Defence Force's priority of holistic care for the wellbeing of all members of the ADF and seeks to achieve this through the provision of religious support and pastoral care of all members in collaboration with the various Faith Groups represented within Defence. Your prayers and support for our chaplains are greatly appreciated.

**NEW TO THE PARISH?** – For registration, please ring the office.

**DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH – TAP POINT TERMINALS:** Terminals are located in the foyer on the on the table under the painting of Our Lady. Please note that these donations are NOT combined with the Planned Giving Stewardship donations. To join or donate to the Planned Giving Stewardship Program please contact the parish office.

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

**ADORATION CHAPEL** - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament 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](mailto:parish@stthomasap.org.au)

**SHINE THE LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** - Loving one's neighbour means respecting and protecting them from harm, including domestic violence. Over the weekend of November 17 to 19, parishes of the Sale Diocese will be shining a light on Domestic Violence and praying for its end. Everyone is encouraged to wear white to Mass that weekend and all are invited to attend a special liturgy on Friday November 17th in one of these parishes: St Michael's Parish Berwick, St Michael's Traralgon, Sion House, Warragul, St Mary's parish, Bairnsdale and St Mary's Yarram.

**ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONVERSATION** – the Anglican Bishop of Gippsland and Bishop of Sale invite clergy and lay people from both Diocese to join them for an Advent Conversation. Date: Thursday 23 Nov Time 10am – 3.30pm Cost: \$25/person RSVP by: 17 November to [info@theabbey.org.au](mailto:info@theabbey.org.au)

**GOSPEL OF MARK** – you are invited to an evening over Zoom with Fr Francis Otobo, while he takes us through the Gospel of Mark for Year B. Date: Tuesday 21st Nov Time: 7.30pm to 9pm Registration for zoom link: [www.trybooking.com/CMOVR](http://www.trybooking.com/CMOVR) or email: [sijid@sale.catholic.org.au](mailto:sijid@sale.catholic.org.au) / 5614 5163

**CATHOLIC RESOURCES:** [formed.org](http://formed.org) (get free access password from the parish office), [shalomworld.org](http://shalomworld.org), [EWTN.org](http://EWTN.org), [aleteia.org](http://aleteia.org)