

## 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 (18/11) 6.00pm** : People of the Parish  
**Sunday (19/11) 9.00am** : Repose of the soul of George Andrews  
 10.45am : Repose of the soul of Raymond Thompson  
**Monday (20/11)** : No Mass  
**Tuesday (21/11)** : Repose of the soul of Mary Ann Almedia  
**Wednesday (22/11) 8am** : Repose of the souls of family & friends of Mary & Andrew Schulberg  
**Thursday (23/11)** : Thanksgiving Mass for Clancy  
**Friday (24/11)** : Thanksgiving Mass for the Thomas family  
**Saturday (25/11)** : Repose of the soul of Lancy D'Souza  
**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  
**Recently deceased** : Shamila Barclay, Sheldon Widrose, Roland Williams  
**Death Anniv/Remb** : Swarna Fernando, Cecilia Miranda, Fr Edward O'Malley, Bishop Jeremiah Coffey, Fr Raymond McInnes, Monsignor William Caffrey

### 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 34:11-12, 15-17 1 Cor 15:20-26, 28 Mt 25:31-46

## New Parishioner Registration

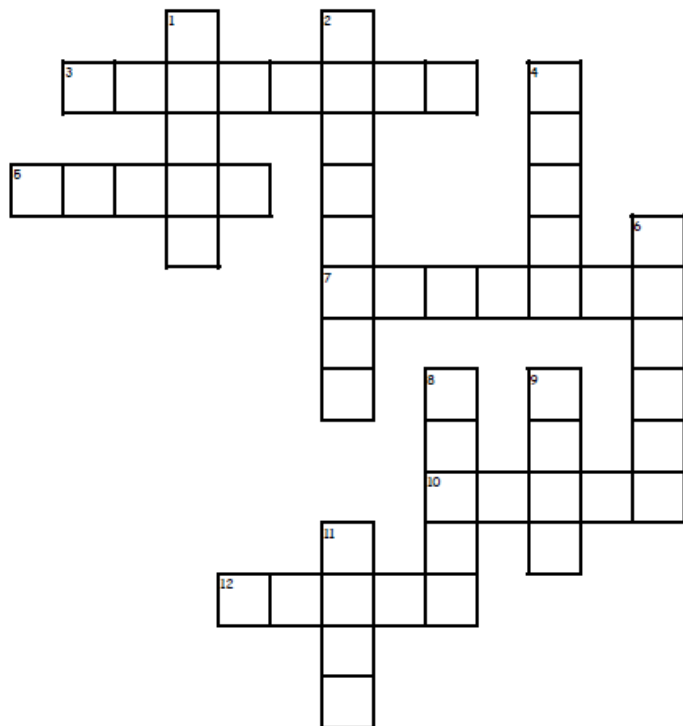
Please register online at <https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/>

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

The day of the Lord is coming



#### Across

- 3: the man gave five \_\_\_\_\_ coins to the first servant  
 5: someone who steals  
 7: people you care about  
 10: when you are not asleep you are this  
 12: you do this with a pen

#### Down

- 1: you use this to buy things  
 2: dependable, trustworthy  
 4: a female adult  
 6: to get free from capture  
 8: the man invited the servant to \_\_\_\_\_ in his happiness  
 9: absent, gone  
 11: between four and six

1 Thes 5:1-5  
 Ps 27:1, 13-14, R. v.1a  
 Mt 25:14-15, 19-21

# 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

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

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

## WELCOME TO OUR MASS

33<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 19<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 20<sup>th</sup> Nov – 25<sup>th</sup> Nov)

Monday: No Mass  
 Tuesday, Thursday, Friday & Saturday: 9.30am  
**Wednesday: 8am**  
 Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

#### Memorial:

Wed 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov: St Cecilia, Virgin, Martyr  
 Thu 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov: St Clement I, Pope, Martyr  
 Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Nov: Sts Andrew Dung-Lac & companions, Martyr

#### 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

Pr 31:10-13,19-20,30-31

**A perfect wife - who can find her?**

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 127(128):1-5

**R. Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper. **R.**

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
all the days of your life! **R.**

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table. **R.**

## Second Reading

1 The 5:1-6

**God will bring with him those who have died in Jesus**

The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit. **Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mt 25:14-30

**You have been faithful in small things: come and join in your master's happiness**

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out.

‘The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money.

‘Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made.”

‘His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.”

‘Next the man with the two talents came forward. “Sir,” he said “you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made.” His master said to him, “Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master’s happiness.”

‘Last came forward the man who had the one talent. “Sir,” said he “I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back.” But his master answered him, “You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.”

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.

## 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

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

**Meeting this Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> Nov from 6-8pm.** Continuing with the Search Ep 4 ‘What’s our story’ on FORMED.org. and **Christmas Party** on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec. Book your calendar! 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 with reflections on the art written by Mons. Graham Schmitzer. On sale from this weekend @ \$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.

**SHINE A LIGHT ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE** – information on the Catholic Church’s teaching on Separation, Divorce & Annulment pamphlet is available in the church foyer. Please take home a copy or visit [www.cdsale.org.au/tribunal](http://www.cdsale.org.au/tribunal) or ring 03 5622 6600

**DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH – TAP POINT TERMINALS:** Terminals are 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)

**ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONVERSATOIN** – 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 Otopo, 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)

### 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](mailto:clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au) 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.**