

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 Saturday (school term) email: friendsoffjesusstap@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 (2/12) 6.00pm : Repose of the souls of Felice & Gerardo Ferrara and members of the Ferrara families
Sunday (3/12) 9.00am : Thanksgiving for the Vellaramkunnel families
 10.45am : People of the parish
Monday (4/12) : No Mass
Tuesday (5/12) : Repose of the souls of Anna & Wilfred Peres & June & Theodore Aldons
Wednesday (6/12) 9.30am: Repose of the souls of family & friends of the Noel family
 12noon : Repose of the souls of family & friends of D'Monte family
Thursday (7/12) 8.00am : Thanksgiving for the Gorne-Dalida family
Friday (8/12) : Repose of the souls of family & friends of the Lillo families
Saturday (9/12) : Repose of the soul of Apolinario Gorne
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, Gillian Apollon, Carmen Vella
Recently deceased : Precita Nerviol, Aurora Mesa-Manzanilla Vda Jover
Death Anniv/Remb : Charlotte D'Souza, Frank D'Souza, Nelomie Perera, Roland Williams, Carlton Narcis, Gloria, Miranda Detabali, Doroteo Q Marquez, Fr James Hayes, Fr David Cagney, Fr Frank Young

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: Is 40:1-5,9-11 2 Pt 3:8-14 Mk 1:1-8

New Parishioner Registration

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

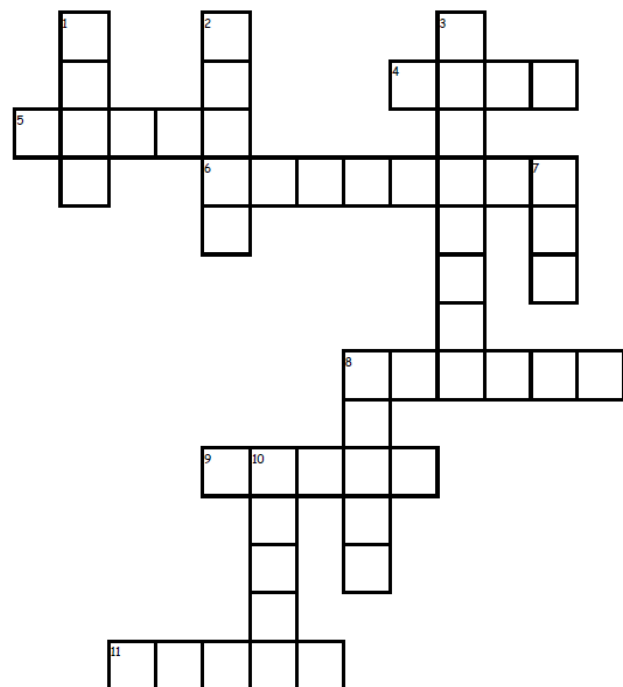
OR pick up a form from our worship space OR call the Parish Office

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

CROSSWORD

We wait for Christ's return

1 Cor 1:3-9
 Ps 85:8, 9, 10, R. Sir 36:16
 Mk 13:33-37



Across

- 4: nice to others
 5: a type of building people live in
 6: when a man goes away he puts these people in charge
 8: to go back from where you came
 9: talk
 11: you do this when you go to bed

Down

- 1: Jesus said to his disciples, 'You don't _____ when the time will come'
 2: the Lord Jesus Christ will _____ you with peace
 3: the middle of the night
 7: the opposite of daughter
 8: prepared
 10: to have no war and fighting

St Thomas the Apostle

Catholic Parish, Clyde North



"My Lord and My God!"

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Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm

Parish Office Phone: 5998 0947

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Pastoral Associate: Sr Juliana Ogbole **Email:** Clydenorth.pastoralassociate@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretaries: Christine Salu **Email:** parish@stthomasap.org.au

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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 MASS

1st SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B) – 3rd December 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 Dec – 9th Dec)

Monday: No Mass
 Tues, Wed*, Fri & Sat: 9.30am
 *Wed Mass: 9.30 (St Thomas the Apostle School) & 12 noon (St Peter's College). All parishioners welcome.

Thur: 8am

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

Feast day:

Fri 8th Dec - Immaculate Conception of the BVM & Episcopal Ordination of Bishop Greg Bennet

ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 20th Dec @ 7pm

Baptism

Baptism Preparation
 1st 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

Is 63:16-17,64:1,3-8

O that you would tear the heavens open and come down

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 79(80):2-3, 15-16,18-19

R. Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. **R.**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **R.**

May your hand be on the man you have chosen,
the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:3-9

We are waiting for our Lord Jesus Christ to be revealed

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 13:33-37

If he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay awake, because you never know when the time will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has gone from home, and left his servants in charge, each with his own task; and he has told the doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because you do not know when the master of the house is coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep. And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

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

NOTICES

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

CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS TIMES:

Christmas Eve 24th Dec – 7pm
Christmas Day 25th Dec – Midnight, 9am & 10.45am
New Year's Eve 31st Dec – 7pm
New Year's Day 1st Jan – 10am



YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (YAG) for 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.

YAG CHRISTMAS PARTY! With food, fun and fellowship on Sunday 3rd Dec at 6pm. For

catering purpose, book with QR Code or this link <https://www.trybooking.com/CNOVO>. New members welcomed. For enquiries, please contact the parish office.



DIVINE KIDS – Advent retreat for children (ages 5-15) 'Prepare the Way'. Date: 9 & 10 Dec 2023 Time: 9am – 3.30pm
Venue: Holy Family Church Hall, Doveton. For enrolment, visit www.divinekids.com.au email: divinekidsministry@gmail.com

CAROLS NIGHT - The Parish Christmas Carols Night will be held on Saturday, 9th 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. For logistic purpose, please scan QR Code. 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: 22nd 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, 17th 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.



SPECIAL COLLECT ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE – To support the people in the war-torn Ukraine, a special collection will be collected on the weekend of 16/17 Dec at all Masses. Please support generously.

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

AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE

The annual Australian Nativity Scene (ANS) celebrates 20 years and a big thank you to Fr. Tad, parishioners and well-wishers from all over, who have been supporting this event year after year. The public display opens on 4th December 2023 and concludes on 12th January 2024. Family, friends and groups are invited to view this display before and after the mass, or any other time by prior appointments only. Contact Parish office on 9795 6217 or Wilson on 0428 927 110 for a personalised tour. For more details, visit: www.australiannativityscene.org
To mark the 20th Anniversary, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli would be celebrating the Vigil Mass on the first Sunday of Advent followed by light refreshments. The details are as below:

When: **Saturday, 2 December; 6.30 PM**

Where: **St. Elizabeth's Parish, Dandenong North**

So, please join us with family and friends. Thank you.

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.

