

## 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:

friendsofjesustap@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 (9/12)** 6.00pm : Repose of the souls of Angela & Nicola Angelone  
**Sunday (10/12)** 9.00am : Repose of the souls of Bibiana & William Crasto  
 10.45am : Mass for the People of the parish  
**Monday (11/12)** : No Mass  
**Tuesday (12/12)** 8am : Repose of the souls of family & friends of the Gerdiman family  
**Wednesday (13/12)** : Repose of the souls of family & friends of the Dela Haye family  
**Thursday (14/12)** : Special Intention  
**Friday (15/12)** 8am : B'day thanksgiving for Chivon Trousse  
**Saturday (16/12)** : Repose of the souls of Gerry & Nelomie Perera & Otto Weerakoon  
**Pray for the sick:** Fr Bernard Buckley, Luicile Noel, Sue Dower, Salvador Guidos, Albert Hartung, Greg Recalde, Carol Vincenz, Anura Fernando, Ross Smith, Clermont Ignace, John Stray, Ben Kerr, Gillian Apollon, Carmen Vella  
**Death Anniv/Remb** : Judith Alfelor Tanay, Hiran Adhihetty, Mary Margarita Waas, Abraham John, Godfrey Slyster Barlow, Archbishop Eric D'Arcy

### 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 61:1-2, 10-11 1 The 5:16-24 Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

## New Parishioner Registration

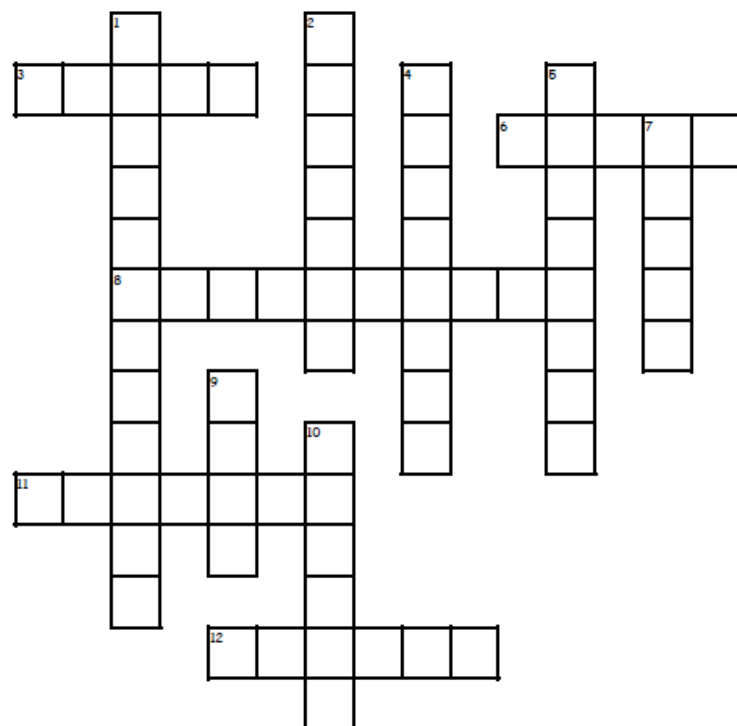
Please register online at <https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/>

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

## Clear a path for the Lord



#### Across

- 3: what we say when we apologise  
 6: what you hear when someone speaks  
 8: John told the people God would baptise them with the H\_\_\_\_\_ S\_\_\_\_\_ (two words)  
 11: to get ready  
 12: John the Baptist baptised people in this river

#### Down

- 1: John ate these insects  
 2: John the \_\_\_\_\_ baptised people in the Jordan River  
 4: the opposite of crooked  
 5: a very high piece of land  
 7: a large group of people  
 9: a pathway used by vehicles  
 10: a hot and sandy place

Is 40:3-5  
 Ps 85:8-9, 10-11, R. v.8  
 Mk 1:1-8

# 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



www.facebook.com/stthomasap

**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 MASS

**2<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT (Year B) – 10<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> Dec – 16<sup>th</sup> Dec)

Monday: No Mass  
 Wed, Thur & Sat: 9.30am  
**Tues & Fri: 8am**

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

#### Memorial

Wed 13th Dec – Sr Lucy, Virgin, martyr  
 Thur 14th Dec St John of the Cross, priest, doctor

#### **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

Is 40:1-5,9-11

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Psalm 84(85):9-14

**R. Lord, let us see your kindness, and grant us your salvation.**

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,  
a voice that speaks of peace,  
peace for his people.  
His help is near for those who fear him  
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;  
justice and peace have embraced.  
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth  
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper  
and our earth shall yield its fruit.  
Justice shall march before him  
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

## Second Reading

2 Pe 3:8-14

**We are waiting for the new heavens and the new earth**

The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mk 1:1-8

**A voice cries in the wilderness: prepare a way for the Lord**

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah:

Look, I am going to send my messenger before you;  
he will prepare your way.  
A voice cries in the wilderness:  
Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight.

and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread, and drink this Cup, we proclaim your name of Lord, 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](mailto:clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au) or call 5998 0947

## 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 (YAG) for 18-35 YEARS:** We are now on Instagram



[stthomasap.yag](https://www.instagram.com/stthomasap.yag)

Thank you to all who came to make the Christmas celebrations a fun one! We thank the Lord for His many Blessings throughout the year & the fellowship & dedication of our Adult leaders and Young Adults. 2024 is going to be another exciting year ahead for our Young Adult Groups & our Teen Youth Group. Keep watching this space for updates. New members welcomed. For enquiries, please contact the parish office.



**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. Next weekend is the last weekend to bring your contribution.

**SPECIAL COLLECT ADVENT APPEAL FOR UKRAINE** – During Advent 2022, all Australian dioceses were invited to take up a special collection(s) for the people of Ukraine. Hundreds of thousands of dollars was raised to support people in the war-torn nation through the work of *Mudra Sprava* (Wise Action), a Patriarchal Charitable Foundation in Ukraine. The organisation has three focus areas: Evacuation of people from frontline territories; Food packages for people in need; Shelters for internally displaced persons. To read more about how the funds from Australia supported people in Ukraine, go to <https://tinyurl.com/mts7xvch>

At the Bishops Conference's November 2023 meeting, bishops were asked to again consider if an appeal could be taken for the people of Ukraine during Advent. The proposal was made by Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR, Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul for the Ukrainian Catholic Church in Australia, and Hobart Archbishop Julian Porteous, who visited Ukraine with an Australian delegation in August. Please donate generously through the parish office. To support this cause, a special collection will be collected next 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](mailto: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 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023 and concludes on 12<sup>th</sup> 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](http://www.australiannativityscene.org)  
To mark the 20<sup>th</sup> 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](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)

**FREE ONLINE ADVENT RESOURCE 2023** – Listen to the Word from the Sydney Archdiocese. <https://gomakedisciples.org.au/>

**JESUIT & IGNATIAN SPIRITUALITY CENTRE** – Looking for retreats or spiritual formation? Visit [www.jisa.org.au](http://www.jisa.org.au)

**MAGI HOLIDAYS PILGRIMAGE** - Fr Maria Raju would like to invite you for an 18-day pilgrimage, departing on 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2024. This pilgrimage features Fatima, Lourdes, Turin, Milan, Padua, Venice, Florence, Assisi, Rotondo and Rome for an all-inclusive price of \$8790. The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us [pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au](mailto:pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au).

**THE BILLINGS OVULATION METHOD**® - This is a natural method of fertility management. It teaches you to recognise your body's natural signal of fertility. For more information, go to <https://billings.life/en/>

**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.**