

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. For enquiries, contact Ruth Marais on 0430 716 664 or the Parish Office.

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) 4pm 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.

LEGION OF MARY PRAESIDIUM – For enquiries or to express your interest, please call Mary on 0432 166 850 or the Parish Office

LITURGY MINISTRIES (Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers, Altar set-up/pack-up, sacred linen care) please call Emma 0418 918 787 | Eugene 0404

170 798 | Mary 0432 166 850 | Asilo 0452 434 681.

Mass Intentions

Saturday (24/8) 6.00pm : Repose of the soul of Pacita Dela Cruz (5th death anniv)

Sunday (25/8) 9.00am : Thanksgiving Mass for Emil Tom

10.45am : People of the parish

5.00pm : Repose of the soul of M C Philip (16th death anniv)

Monday (26/8) : No Mass

Tuesday (27/8) : Repose of the soul of Fr Valerian Mendonca (recently deceased)

Wednesday (28/8) : For all departed souls in purgatory

Thursday (29/8) : Repose of the soul of Hiran Adhietty

Friday (30/8) 9.30am : For the works of the Legion of Mary

12noon Senior's Mass : Repose of the souls of Paul Scicluna & Anthony Drago

Saturday (31/8) : Thanksgiving Mass for Alfons Abraham

Pray for the sick : Shireen Chater, Caleb Ginger, Cesar Huezo, Merlyn Crocker, Rasanga Fernando, Merlyn Crocker (names more than 2 months in sick list will be removed)

Recently deceased : Desmond Oaks, Fr Matthew Shins

Death Anniv/Remb : Peter McHugh, Raynald Pierrus, Felipa Romea Correos & deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale

Parish Council

Members:

Fr Denis, Dcn Michael, Jonathan Rubite, Sandra Ignace, Dezlene Orchard, Jerusha Benjamin,

Parish Finance

Members: Fr Denis, Shereen Anandappa, Heidi Keel, Declan McDermott, Ruwan Kumaraperu, Charlton Mendes, Sinclair Thomas, Peter Gomez, Patrick Ross

Next week's readings: Deut 4:1-2,6-8 James 1:17-18,21-22,27 Mk 7:1-8,14-15,21-23

New Parishioner Registration

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

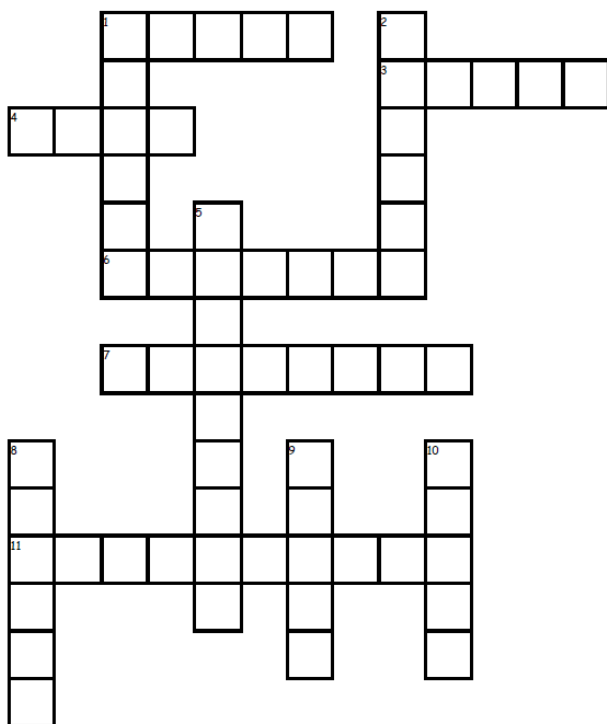
OR pick up a form from our worship space OR call the Parish Office

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

CROSSWORD

We will serve the Lord God

Jos 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b
Ps 34:1-2, 17-18, 19-20, R, v, 9a
Eph 6:1-4
Jn 6:60-69



Across

- 1: the Lord asks parents to _____ their children about him
- 3: the disciples heard Jesus do this
- 4: to do as you are told
- 6: Simon Peter said to Jesus, 'Your words give _____ life!'
- 7: young people
- 11: this man told Jesus that he was God's Holy One (two words)

Down

- 1: Jesus asked the _____ disciples if they were going to leave him
- 2: Joshua brought together all the tribes of this place
- 5: the opposite of end
- 8: this man told the people to come into the presence of God
- 9: the disciples heard Jesus speak about the _____ of life
- 10: the people said, 'The Lord is our God, and we will _____ him too!'

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)

Assistant Priest: Fr Jithin Anto

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – 25th August 2024

Masses & Reconciliation Times

MASS CELEBRATED AT
5 FIORELLI BLVD CRANBOURNE EAST

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

Weekday Masses (week of 26th – 31st Aug)

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30am

Solemnity (S), Feast (F) & Memorial (M)

Tuesday 27/8 – St Monica (M)

Wednesday 28/8 – St Augustine, bishop, doctor (M)

Thursday 29/8 – The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr (M)

Baptism

Baptism Preparation 1st

Sunday of every month.

Sacrament of Baptism most Sundays.

Reconciliation

Every Friday & Saturday after morning Mass & Saturday between 5.30pm to 5.45pm.

Blessed Sacrament

24hrs except 1 hr before every Mass. Obtain access code from the Parish Office.

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

St Josephine Bakhita Primary School (planned opening in 2025)

40 Wild Goose Way, Clyde North.
Enquiries for student places, visit:
<https://www.sjbcllydenorth.catholic.edu.au/>
Principal: Mrs Kathryn Pepper

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

Joshua 24:1-2,15-18

We will serve the Lord, for he is our God

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33(34):2-3,16-23

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. **R.**

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

Second Reading

Eph 5:21-32

Christ loves the Church, because it is his body

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Your words, Lord, are spirit and life: you have the words of everlasting life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Jn 6:60-69

Who shall we go to? You are the Holy One of God

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, who shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your 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

DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH – TAP POINT TERMINALS: 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.

SAFEGUARDING – Please always supervise your child/ren 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

We kindly ask that you keep the house of God clean. NO Food & Drinks in the Church and check that you have not left any belongings behind before leaving Church.

NOTICES

FR PETER BICKLEY – We extend a warm welcome to Fr Peter Bickley at St. Thomas. Fr Peter will be assisting Fr Jithin with the Sunday Masses during Father Denis's sabbatical leave. We ask for your prayers for Fr Denis as he undertakes a 30-day retreat.

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP (YAG) for 18-35 YEARS



We are now on instagram [stthomasap.yag](https://www.instagram.com/stthomasap.yag) For further details, email parish@stthomasap.org.au. New young adults welcome. **Next meeting: 25th Aug** Time: 6.30pm Talk: Theology of the body: You Are Good.

ADORATION CHAPEL – new code generated, please contact the Parish Office for access.

WORKSHOP FOR ALL Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Please save this date on your calendar **7th Sept Saturday** - Workshop for all Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion who have not attended any session last year and this year, and all new volunteers to this ministry. Any enquiries, please call Emma on 0418 918 787.



ALPHA registration closing on 31st Aug! ALPHA is a friendly and informal environment for people of all ages and beliefs to explore the meaning of life, faith & God. We ask all parishioners to consider inviting family and friends who may not necessarily be church goers or of the same faith. Regardless of what they believe - all are welcome at

Alpha! Each night is simple - we start with dinner, watch a thought-provoking video exploring life from a Christian perspective and have a time of sharing in small groups. As the weeks progress we'll get into various topics, exploring the faith in greater detail and have the opportunity to discuss our questions with each other.

Alpha is a **FREE event** and everyone is welcome to join - we ask for people to come and see for themselves what it's all about! **DATES:** First session starts 4 September 2024 and runs for 10 sessions (every Wednesday) 7.00pm - 9.00pm in the parish foyer. The team is available in the church foyer to address any questions you may have or provide further information upon request. **Register with QR code or trybooking link**

https://www.trybooking.com/CTWCG Limited space, so don't delay.

SPECIAL COLLECTION taken up on 7th /8th Sept – **PRIEST WELFARE FOUNDATION** supports our sick and retired priests and deacons in their time of need by providing them with suitable accommodation and support services. They also support those overseas priests working in our diocese in times of sickness. Donations of \$2 or more are tax deductible. Envelopes available in the foyer.

FR ROBERT MCCULLOCH – Fr Robert McCulloch is from Melbourne and is a member of the Missionary Society of St Columban. He spent 4 years as a missionary in Mindanao in the Philippines and then has spent more than 34 years in Pakistan. At the same time as teaching in the seminary in Karachi and looking after a big parish, Fr Robert heads a healthcare system that includes a 100-bed hospital, home-based palliative care for terminally ill cancer patients, a mobile medical outreach programme, a School of Nursing and Healthcare Sciences and a residential School of Midwifery for Christian women in Hyderabad Pakistan. This is the public face of the Catholic Church in Hyderabad. In 2007, Father Robert founded 2 centres of education which enable Catholic boys and young men overcome the religious discrimination which surround them because they are Christians in the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. Fr Robert will be speaking at all the Masses next Sunday about these works which depend on the generous support of Catholics. Please welcome Fr Robert who will be celebrating Mass at our parish on the 31st Aug & 1st Sept. **VOLUNTEERS FOR LITURGY MINISTRIES** (Lectors, Extraordinary Minister, altar set-up/pack-up, sacred linen care) – Appealing for volunteers to join in any of the Liturgy Ministries. As the parish has grown with 4 Sunday Masses, we need volunteers for service at all these Masses, particularly the 5pm Sunday Mass. These ministries are so important for our divine worship and is a means for all parishioners to be of service to the parish. Please register your interest on the clipboard provided in the foyer or contact the Core group members Emma 0418 918 787 | Eugene 0404 170 798 | Mary 0432 166 850 | Asilo 0452 434 681.

VOLUNTEERS TO ASSIST WITH FUNERALS, WEDDINGS & OTHER EVENTS – If you can assist the parish by helping to prepare for these ceremonies including the opening and locking of the church during the day, please contact the parish office to express your interest. Training provided.

VOLUNTEERS TO VISIT NURSING HOME - Dear parishioners, we appeal to Eucharistic Ministers as well as anyone who has the time and will, to join our team to bring Holy Communion to the Nursing homes (on Wednesdays) and to those who are house bound. It is such a special and vital ministry. Please call the parish office or contact Mary Schulberg on 0432166850.

INVITATION to ALL GRANDPARENTS & ELDERLY - Mass and Anointing service for the elderly is on Friday, 30th August, at 12:00 noon. We extend a special invitation to all parish volunteers who have retired from active service, as a gesture of gratitude for your contributions.



MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST (MFC) Singles Australia invites you to the upcoming MFC AUSTRALIA SINGLES CONGRESS! Many things in our lives may change, but our God remains constant and unchanging all throughout our days.

Let's remain grateful and steadfast in faith; let's keep our eyes FIXED ON JESUS ❤️. **Australia Singles Congress 2024** is here! **REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN.** Join us for some fun, fellowship, and a whole lot of praise and worship. Don't forget to bring your friends with you - this event is open to all Single Catholic young adults aged 20 and above. We can't wait to see you!

👉 **Register at bit.ly/MFCSinglesASC2024 or with QR Code** 📅 **20-22 September 2024** (Friday 5:30pm registration. Ends Sunday 3pm.) 📍 Don Bosco Retreat Centre, Lysterfield, VIC. For questions, email: mfcsgingles.australia@gmail.com