

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

**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) 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 (7/9)** 6.00pm : Thanksgiving from Ricardo Trousse family

**Sunday (8/9)** 9.00am : Thanksgiving Mass for Anura & Crishanthi Fernando

10.45am : Repose of the soul of Apolinario Gorne (Bday remb)

5.00pm : People of the parish

**Monday (9/9)** : No Mass

**Tuesday (10/9)** : Special Intention

**Wednesday (11/9)** : Repose of the soul of K.T Joseph Kunnamkottu (21<sup>st</sup> death anniv)

**Thursday (12/9)** : Repose of the souls of Aileen & Tony Delouto (death anniv)

**Friday (13/9)** : Special Intention

**Saturday (14/9)** : Repose of Ivy Apollon (2<sup>nd</sup> death anniv)

**Pray for the sick:** : Dominica Laboucherie, Caleb Ginger, Cesar Huezo, Merlyn Crocker, Rasanga Fernando, Merlyn Crocker, Remedios Patawaran (names more than 2 months in sick list will be removed)

**Recently deceased** : Vince Atulia

**Death Anniv/Remb** : Virgilio Corro Campos, Annamma Abraham, Faustina & Gerrit Van Den Akker, Estilleta Nanaman, Shane Rainbird, Primo Bunghandy Jr., Lucia & Benito Padernos & deceased members of the Trousse family & 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: Is 50:5-9 Jm 2:14-18 Mk 8:27-35

## New Parishioner Registration

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

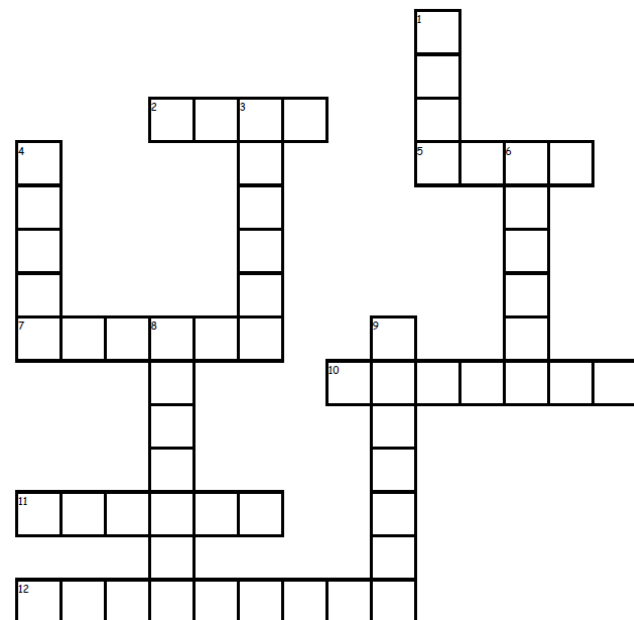
OR pick up a form from our worship space OR call the Parish Office

## SUNDAY ACTIVITY (do not draw/write on the seat)

### CROSSWORD

God gives to all who love him

Is 35:4-7a  
Ps 146:6d-7, 7c-9a, 9bcd-10, R, v.1b  
Jas 2:1-5  
Mk 7:31-37



#### Across

- 2: the opposite of worst  
5: a man who was \_\_\_\_\_ was brought to Jesus for healing  
7: a hot and sandy place  
10: God has promised poor people a share in this  
11: Jesus tells us that we should not treat some people \_\_\_\_\_ than others  
12: Jesus went to this land and made a deaf man hear

#### Down

- 1: the people talked about Jesus, saying 'Everything he does is \_\_\_\_\_!'  
3: if something is making no noise it is \_\_\_\_\_  
4: someone who can't see is \_\_\_\_\_  
6: the people felt this way after Jesus made the deaf man hear  
8: Jesus said this word, which means 'open up'  
9: to heal the deaf man, Jesus put his \_\_\_\_\_ in the man's ears

# 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

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B) – 8<sup>th</sup> September 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 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Sept)

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30am

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

Friday 13/9 – St John Chrysostom, bishop, doctor (M)

Saturday 14/9 – The Exultation of the Cross (F)

#### Baptism

Baptism Preparation 1<sup>st</sup>

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

Is 35:4-7

**The blind shall see, the deaf hear, the dumb sing for joy**

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(146):7-10

**R.** Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,  
who is just to those who are oppressed.  
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,  
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan  
but thwarts the path of the wicked.  
The Lord will reign for ever,  
Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,  
who raises up those who are bowed down.  
It is the Lord who loves the just,  
the Lord, who protects the stranger. **R.**

## Second Reading

James 2:1-5

**God chose the poor according to the world to be rich in faith**

The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. **Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Mk7:31-37

**'He makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak'**

Returning from the district of Tyre, Jesus went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, right through the Decapolis region. And they brought him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they asked him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, put his fingers into the man's ears and touched his tongue with spittle. Then looking up to heaven he sighed; and he said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And his ears were opened, and the ligament of his tongue was loosened and he spoke clearly. And Jesus ordered them to tell no one about it, but the more he insisted, the more widely they published it. Their admiration was unbounded. 'He has done all things well,' they said 'he makes the deaf hear and the dumb speak.'

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.

### 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 Officer, 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 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.

**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](mailto:parish@stthomasap.org.au). New young adults welcome.

**DIOCESAN ASSEMBLY** – Consultation Phase 2 “Looking to the Future”. Save the dates 19<sup>th</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> / 27<sup>th</sup> Oct.

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL CLYDE NORTH CONFERENCE COMMISSIONING** – During the 9am Mass this Sunday, the volunteers for the St. Vinnies Clyde North Conference will be commissioned by the Bishop of the Diocese of Sale, Bishop Greg Bennet.

**SPECIAL COLLECTION** taken up on 7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> Sept at all weekend Masses for **FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE**: This fund supports the priests and deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement. At present the Foundation is supporting nine priests and three deacons and their wives in retirement and is responsible for the other priests, including our overseas priests, and deacons in time of sickness. The budgeted expenditure of the Foundation for them over the next year will be over \$200,000. This includes wages for a clinical nurse and case manager (2 days per week equivalent). Online donations can now be made at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> The foundation is most appreciative of your support for our priests and deacons in sickness and retirement. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided. Envelopes available in the foyer.

**DEPLOYMENT OF CLERGY IN THE DIOCESE OF SALE**

Fr Janeesh Puthenpurackal, currently Parish Priest of Pakenham, will return home to India mid-September. In light of this, effective 25<sup>th</sup> September, Bishop Greg has appointed

1. Fr Jeff Klynjians – currently Parish Priest of Berwick, appointed Parish Priest of Pakenham.
2. Fr Paul Zaher – currently Assistant Priest of Berwick, appointed Administrator of Berwick.

**PRIESTS MIGRANT AND REFUGEE MASS 29 SEPTEMBER AT 3.00PM AT ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH BERWICK**

“God walks with His people”, is the title chosen by Pope Francis for his Message for the upcoming World Day of Migrants and Refugees.

The Holy Father reminds us that all of us, God's people, are migrants on this earth, on our way to the “true homeland”, the Kingdom of Heaven. St Michael's, Berwick will host this wonderful occasion for all our different cultures to come together and celebrate the diversity within our Diocese.

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet, together with Fr Jeff, Fr Paul and priests and deacons from our Diocese, followed by a sit-down function in the St Michael's School Stadium.

We would like to have as many countries as possible represented: in food preparation, cultural dancing and singing and general help on the day. Please contact Dorota Shields at the Parish Support Centre on 9707 1355

or [secretary@stmichaelsparish.org.au](mailto:secretary@stmichaelsparish.org.au) if you can assist in any way. If you are bringing food, (no nuts please) please list all the ingredients used. Also, if you have your country's flag and would like to carry it into the Church, please let the Parish know, as we already have a large number of flags. You are encouraged to wear national dress from your country of origin.

Everyone welcome!!

**CHILD SAFETY WEEK**



The Parish of St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church and the Diocese of Sale are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:  
<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

**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 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.

**MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** – Want to feel more deeply connected with your spouse? Come and experience a weekend away with your spouse from Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> November at St Joseph's Primary School, Trafalgar. For further details, please contact Mercy & James Bvirakare phone: 0409 183 676 or email: [vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au).