

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. Mon – Fri 10am – 2pm

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 (30/11) 6.00pm : People of the Parish

Sunday (1/12) 9.00am: Repose of the soul of Marie Candappa

10.45am : Departed members of the Schulberg & Joyce families

5.00pm : Repose of the soul of Annie Meneaud

Monday (2/12) : No Mass

Tuesday (3/12) : No Mass

Wednesday (4/12) : Repose of the soul of Elma Lim

Thursday (5/12) : Special Intention

Friday (6/12) : Repose of the souls of Gerry Perera & Nelomie Perera

Saturday (7/12) : Special Intentions

Pray for the sick : Angelo D'Souza, Rita Scicluna, Caleb Ginger, Eric, Rutia Aiava, Dominica Laboucherie, (names more than 2 months in sick list will be removed)

Death Anniv/Remb : Roland Williams, Carlton Narcis, Repose of the souls of Charlotte & Frank D'Souza & Tony & Aileen Decouto, Brigido De Sousa, Roberto De Sousa Vicente, Narciso Babo, Bernard & Violet Zuzarte & deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale

Parish Council

Members:

Fr Denis, Fr Jithin, Sr Julie, 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 Sunday's readings: Bar5:1-9 Phil 1:4-6, 8-11 Lk 3:1-6

New Parishioner Registration

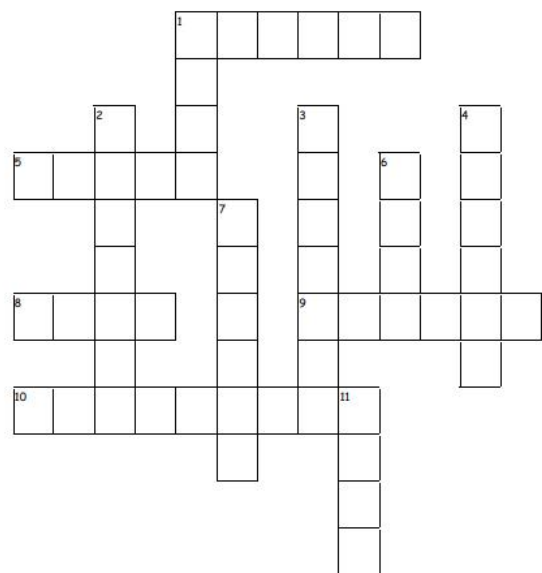
Please register online at <https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/>

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

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

CROSSWORD

The Lord is our protector



Across

- 1: the group of people we are related to
5: the opposite of war
8: the brightest light in the night sky
9: the Jewish homeland
10: Jesus' followers

Down

- 2: large groups of people that belong to different countries
3: to give your word to someone
4: to be moved quickly back and forth
6: to be reasonable
7: to flee from imprisonment
11: a place where valuables are kept

Jer 33:14-16
Ps 25:4-5, 8-9 R.1.b
Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

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

1st Sunday of Advent (Year C) – 1st December 2024

Masses & Reconciliation Times

MASS CELEBRATED AT
5 FIORELLI BLVD CRANBOURNE EAST

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm

(Saturday 7th Dec Vigil Mass is at 5pm due to Christmas Carols event)

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

Weekday Masses (week of 2nd – 7th Dec)

Monday & Tuesday: No Mass

Wednesday - Saturday: 9.30am

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass.

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

Tuesday 3/12 – St Francis Xavier, priest (M)

Saturday 7/12 – St Ambrose, bishop, doctor (M)

Baptism

Baptism Preparation 1st Sunday of every month.

Sacrament of Baptism most Sundays.

Reconciliation

Every Friday & Saturday after morning Mass & Saturday between 5.20pm to 5.40pm.

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

Jer 33:14-16

I will make a virtuous Branch grow for David

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 92(93):1-2,5

R. To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:

for you are God my saviour. **R.**

His ways are faithfulness and love

for those who keep his covenant and law.

The Lord's friendship is for those who revere him;

to them he reveals his covenant. **R.**

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Thess 3:12-4:2

May you be blameless when our Lord Jesus Christ comes again

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

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

Gospel

Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

That day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun and moon and stars; on earth nations in agony, bewildered by the clamour of the ocean and its waves; men dying of fear as they await what menaces the world, for the powers of heaven will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. When these things begin to take place, stand erect, hold your heads high, because your liberation is near at hand.

'Watch yourselves, or your hearts will be coarsened with debauchery and drunkenness and the cares of life, and that day will be sprung on you suddenly, like a trap. For it will come down on every living man on the face of the earth. Stay awake, praying at all times for the strength to survive all that is going to happen, and to stand with confidence before the Son of Man.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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 or call 5998 0947

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICES: In immediate danger CALL 000 | Orange Door: 1800 319 354 (Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm) | Safesteps: 1800 015 188 or safesteps.org.au – any time | 1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732 or 1800respect.org.au – any time | MensLine: 1300 78 99 78 or mensline.org.au – any time | Djirra: (Aboriginal Support Service): 1800 105 302 (Monday to Friday, 9am – 10pm) For more information head to <https://safeandequal.org.au/>

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

***** ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE CHRISTMAS CAROLS & NATIVITY PLAY *****



"Join us for the St Thomas the Apostle, Christmas Carols & Nativity Play, on the 7th of December (Saturday), from 6pm onwards, at St Thomas the Apostle Primary School Basketball courts. This will be a night filled with PRAYERS, PRAISE, SONG and CELEBRATION of the birth of our Lord! Food and drinks will be available for purchase and **please BYO chairs &/or picnic mats for the evening.** For catering purpose, please register with the QR Code. **FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN!" Do note that Saturday evening Mass on 7th December will be at 5pm.**

ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION

Wednesday 18th Dec at 7pm

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

Tuesday 24th Dec : 7pm & 9pm

Wednesday 25th Dec : midnight, 9am & 10.45am

NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Tuesday 31st Dec : 7pm

Wednesday 1st Jan : 10am

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTION BOOK – on sale now at the Piety Shop! \$6 / book.

FUNDRAISING WITH FOOD –The Social Club is calling on you again to support our Aussie themed Grill and Bake sale.

There will be a sausage sizzle and baked food on sale after the 9am and 10.45am Masses on Sunday 15th December. Please do come and support us, get to know other parishioners and enjoy the food . We would greatly appreciate your support in helping to spread the word.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2025 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN – any families in the parish with children Gr 3 and up who would like to enrol for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in 2025, please scan the QR Code to register.



ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL - Our Conference will again be distributing

Christmas presents to those most in need within the Cranbourne/Clyde area. We ask for your generous donation of toys for children

0-14 years of age. Please bring unwrapped toys 30 mins prior to each Mass on the weekend and hand it to a St Vincent de Paul representative. Last day for collection is Sunday 15th Dec before the 5pm Mass. Please DO NOT leave donated toys in the church if representative is not present.

OFFICE CLOSURE DATES - The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday 5th Dec and Wednesday 11th Dec. And will be closed for the Christmas and New Year period from 21st Dec 2024 and reopen on 4th Feb 2025. For any urgent matters and you need to communicate with the office, please send through an email or drop your Mass Intention envelope (with your contact email or mobile number) in the Parish Office Box in the foyer.

ST VINNIES FOOD BIN – donate non-perishable food to St Vinnies to help those in the community that are in need. St Vinnies Food bin is in the foyer. Thank you for your generous donation.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S LEBANON CRISIS APPEAL - Communities are being devastated by conflict and economic instability, leaving countless families without access to basic needs like food, water, and medical care. Our Caritas Australia partners on the ground are doing everything they can, **but they desperately need your help.** Please donate at www.caritas.org.au/lebanon today to help supply essential items such as food, shelter, and medical aid, as well as long-term support to rebuild communities.

HAVE YOU EVER WANTED TO READ THOMAS AQUINAS? The Melbourne Thomistic Institute in Camberwell is offering a series of short modules designed to introduce you to the thought of Thomas Aquinas and gradually take you through his Summa Theologiae. After a successful start this year, the series will start again early in 2025. For more information, limited copies of the flyer in the foyer, or go to www.mti.op.org.au

AUSTRALIAN NATIVITY SCENE (ANS) AT ST ELIZABETH'S PARISH, Dandenong north.

Event display: Monday, 9 December, 2024 to Friday, 10 January, 2025

Where: St Elizabeth's Parish, 107 Baker Rd, Dandenong North

Come along to watch Australia's well-renowned and the largest traditional nativity scene display in its **21st year on display** at St. Elizabeth's Parish in Dandenong North. The display is open to all age group and is **FREE**.

NOTE: ANS Display is closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day

Cost: FREE and open to all age groups. Children are to be accompanied by an adult/guardian/parents

Viewing time: After mass times, and any other time by **APPOINTMENTS ONLY**

Contacts: For **APPOINTMENTS** contact Wilson on 0428 927 110 or 9795 6217 (parish office)

Website: <http://www.australiannativityscene.org/> | <http://www.facebook.com/AustralianNativityScene/> | https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nativity_scene#In_Australia