

First Reading

Dan 12:1-3

Some will wake to everlasting life, some to shame and disgrace

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145(146):7-10

R. Keep me safe, O God; you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. **R.**

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness for ever. **R.**

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. **R.**

Second Reading

He 10:11-14,18

When all sins have been forgiven, there can be no more sin-offerings

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mk 13:24-32

The stars will fall from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken

Jesus said to his disciples: 'In those days, after the time of distress, the sun will be darkened, the moon will lose its brightness, the stars will come falling from heaven and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory; then too he will send the angels to gather his chosen from the four winds, from the ends of the world to the ends of heaven.

'Take the fig tree as a parable: as soon as its twigs grow supple and its leaves come out, you know that summer is near. So with you when you see these things happening: know that he is near, at the very gates. I tell you solemnly, before this generation has passed away all these things will have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But as for that day or hour, nobody knows it, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son; no one but the Father.'

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. Please register with the QR Code for catering purposes. FOR UNTO US A CHILD IS BORN!"
Do note that Saturday evening Mass on 7th December will be at 5pm.

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

NAMES OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED – The month of November is dedicated to praying for all our faithful departed. We invite you to write the names of deceased families and friends and place them in the basket provided in the foyer. The basket will be brought to the altar at every Mass in November.

ALL SOULS SPECIAL MASS – We invite all families who have lost a loved one within the past year to attend this Mass and pray for the repose of their souls. The Mass will be held on **Thursday 21st November at 7:30pm.**

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



INVITATION TO AN ECUMENICAL ADVENT CONVERSATION with Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland and Bishop Greg Bennet, Catholic Bishop of Sale invite clergy and lay people from both Dioceses to join them for an Advent Conversation. A seasonal study of Old and New Testament passages drawn from our common lectionary alongside some of the great Advent Themes. This will be held from 10am - 3.30pm on Friday 29 November 2024. Morning tea and a light lunch will be served. Cost - \$25per person. RSVP by 22 November. Venue: The Abbey, Raymond Island. Bookings essential to: info@theabbey.org.au

POSITION VACANT: OPERATIONS ACCOUNTANT

The Diocese of Sale is seeking a qualified Accountant to assist the Diocesan Business Manager in the day-to-day financial operations of the Diocese and its associated entities. This is a permanent part time role of 30 hours per week with flexible days to be negotiated. The salary for the successful candidate will be based on experience, education and skill level. Applications will be open until 5pm Monday 25 November 2024.

For further information please see the Positions Vacant section of our website <https://www.cdsale.org.au/job-vacancies> or contact Mary Winter (Diocesan Business Manager) by email at maryw@sale.catholic.org.au

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.

CHILDREN'S ADVENT RETREAT - A 2-day Retreat for Children and Teens (ages 5 - 15) facilitated by Divine Kids.

Date and Time: Saturday Nov 30 and Sunday Dec 1 9:00 AM to 3:30 PM. Venue: St Agatha's Church, Cranbourne

For parents who wish to enrol their children to the retreat can visit our website www.divinekids.com.au

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.

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 Australian Nativity Scene (ANS) has grown bigger and better each year and is regarded as Australia's best traditional nativity scene. The display is open to all age group and is **FREE**.

Be enchanted by Wilson Fernandez's display as the designer, creator and artist of the annual nativity scene display. Crowds from near and far line up with an early booking to ensure they get to watch the beautiful display of the nativity scene during Christmas season. The community loves it; and there has been a growing passion to view the weekly story of the Australian Nativity Scene. It features scenes starting with Mary and Joseph looking for a place to stay, finding only a stable free, the birth of Jesus, visits from the shepherds, the three kings and ends with the holy family fleeing to Egypt.

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