

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 (7/12) 5.00pm : People of the Parish

Sunday (8/12) 9.00am: Repose of the souls of Bibiana & William Crasto

10.45am : Repose of the souls of Joseph Rebello & Assucena Dias (Remb)

5.00pm : Repose of the souls of William Willow & deceased members of the Willow family

Monday (9/12) : No Mass

Tuesday (10/12) : Repose of the soul of Chacko Chacko

Wednesday (11/12) : Repose of the soul of Melissa Civil Aranda

Thursday (12/12) : Special Intention

Friday (13/12) : Repose of the soul of Evangelina Castro

Saturday (14/12) : Holy souls in purgatory

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 : Oswaldo Freitez, Trevor Stuart, Valerie Mendes, Nanay Arlene, Roberto, Lou Bim & 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: Zep 3:14-18 Phil 4:4-7 Lk 3:10-18

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)

SENIOR WORDSEARCH


Prepare the way of the Lord

Y G H C N H Z D G I U O J R S R V
 Q E I N H T Y Y J O P J B O G S D
 K Q L U M H W S C F H R C G Y W A
 C B E L I K O E X T N A V H W R D
 E Z U P A R K P D R I I W K O T F
 L D J M R V T Y W W A H E S F D D
 E G U O P A L N E N T K W H K G F
 B N W Y U F X T E G N I T U O H S
 R I L B S A L V N R U A O Y I U G
 A V Q E X I I E R H O L A Y S E N
 T A Y L J G T Y X F M O C Y S T R
 I S Q B R R M Y U S R E Y A R P G
 N M A O E Z J J J J W L Q A E O P
 G X F S F U P N D F W C T L O D P
 R D E R O R E P M E J D P D B G E
 I D J L T I I N C O M P L E T E U

Ps 5:1-5,7
 Ps 126:1-2ab, 2cde-3 R.v.3
 Phil 1:4-6
 Lk 3:1a, 2-6

Try to find these words:


celebrating
 complete
 desert
 emperor
 forgiven
 good
 mountain
 prayers
 saving
 shouting
 sorrow
 valley



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 **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

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year C) – 8th December 2024

Masses & Reconciliation Times	Parish Schools
<p>MASS CELEBRATED AT 5 FIORELLI BLVD CRANBOURNE EAST</p> <p>Sunday Masses Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm</p> <p>Weekday Masses (week of 9th – 14th Dec) Monday: No Mass Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30am</p> <p>Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass.</p> <p>Solemnity (S), Feast (F) & Memorial (M) Mon 9/12 – Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S) Fri 13/12 – St Lucy, virgin, martyr (M) Sat 14/12 – St John of the Cross, priest, doctor (M)</p>	<p>St Thomas the Apostle Primary School 5 Fiorelli Boulevard, Cranbourne East Phone: 5998 9293 Principal: Mrs Kate Dourley</p> <p>St Peter's Secondary College (Clyde North Campus) 55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North Phone: 5990 7777 Principal: Mr Chris Black</p> <p>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</p>

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

Baruch 5:1-9

God means to show your splendour to every nation

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125(126)

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second Reading

Phil 1:4-6,8-11

May you become pure and blameless in preparation for the day of Christ

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

Lk 3:1-6

The call of John the Baptist

In the fifteenth year of Tiberius Caesar's reign, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judaea, Herod tetrarch of Galilee, his brother Philip tetrarch of the lands of Iturea and Trachonitis, Lysanias tetrarch of Abilene, during the pontificate of Annas and Caiaphas the word of God came to John son of Zechariah, in the wilderness. He went through the whole Jordan district proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the sayings of the prophet Isaiah:

A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. Every valley will be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, winding ways will be straightened and rough roads made smooth. And all mankind shall see the salvation 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 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

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.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY – We wish Bishop Greg (Ordination date: 8th Dec) & Fr Jithin (Ordination date: 12th Dec) congratulations on their 4th Ordination Anniversary. We give praise & thanksgiving to God for blessing us with holy & wonderful shepherds. Please continue to keep Bishop Greg, Fr Jithin and all our clergy in your prayers.

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

NEW PARISH SCHOOL NAME – In June, we submitted a list of saint's names, voted by our parishioners, to Bishop Greg to choose for our the parish school. After careful consideration, Bishop Greg has selected the name Blessed Carlo Acutis whom the Vatican has indicated will be canonised in 2025.

APPOINTMENT OF DIOCESAN SAFEGUARDING OFFICER – Bishop Greg has appointed Lorraine Jennings as the new Diocesan Safeguarding Officer. Lorraine has over 35 years of professional experience in human resources, safeguarding and community engagements. Lorraine will oversee the implementation of safeguarding frameworks, deliver training to clergy, staff and volunteers and empower stakeholders to continue to foster a culture of safety and trust throughout the Diocese.

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