

First Reading

Mal 3:1-4

The Lord you are seeking will suddenly enter his Temple

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 23(24):7-10

R. Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory! **R.**

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war. **R.**

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory. **R.**

Second Reading

He 2:14-18

He took to himself descent from Abraham

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! This is the light of revelation to the nations, and the glory of your people, Israel. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Lk 2:22-40

My eyes have seen your salvation

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.

Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said:

'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.'

There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

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

NOTICES

PARISH CENSUS - A parish census will be conducted following the Homily at all Masses over the next two weekends – 1/2 and 8/9 February. This will enable us to update our parish records – adding new members of our community and noting changes with addresses, emails and phone numbers. This is particularly important as we welcome new families to our rapidly growing parish. Census cards and pencils will be placed in the pews prior to each Mass, and you are requested to return your completed cards and pencils into the designated baskets on your exit from Mass. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2025 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN – Sacrament of Reconciliation 2025 - PARENT Formation Night on Wednesday 12th February 6:45pm, ONE NIGHT ONLY. Parents only & please bring a copy of your child's baptism certificate. Enrolment with QR Code before attending. Attendance is pre-requisite for this sacrament program.



YOUNG ADULTS- ages 18-35: You're invited to the first meeting for 2025. Sunday 9th February at 6.30pm in the church foyer. New Members Welcome! St Thomas Young Adults is a group to meet new people, go on social outings together, learn about the faith, have interesting discussions and encounter Jesus in a new and powerful way! You are invited to journey with people your own age in exploring the faith and navigating this crazy life! Any enquiries, please contact the Parish Office or find us on instagram  [stthomasap.yag](https://www.instagram.com/stthomasap.yag)

NOTICE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE - The Parish Office will reopen on Tuesday 4th Feb 2025. Please take note that on Friday, 7th February, the office will be closed until 2.30pm as all office staff members will be attending the opening ceremony of St Josephine Bakhita School.

On Saturday 15th February, there will be **NO** 9.30am & 6pm Mass as all clergy in the Diocese of Sale and delegates will be attending the Diocesan Assembly Consultant Meeting in Churchil.


FIRST FRIDAYS ADORATION – Beginning 7th Feb 2025, join us every first Friday of the month for a sacred evening of worship, prayer, and reflection at our church from 7pm - 8pm. It's an opportunity to spend time with our Lord through Eucharistic adoration, music, and moments of peace. All are welcome.

INNER HEALING WORKSHOP - Burdened? In pain? Need a breakthrough in your life? Our Lady Help of Christian (OLHC) Spiritual Renewal ministry (SRM) invites you to come and receive your healing on 08.02.2025 (Session 1) & 08.03.2025 (Session 2) both sessions from 10.30am to 3pm. Register your interest with Br Franko: 0413 519 863 or Br Rony:0421 125 239.

VOLUNTERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR:

- **Church Cleaning** – If you can help with cleaning the church, please contact Ani Tom on 0432 565 588.
- **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.
- **Visits to Nursing Homes** - 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.

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.

 <p>Diocesan Assembly Prayer 2024-2025</p> <p><i>Holy Spirit of Wind and Fire, come! Startle us anew with your power and energy. Blow fresh life through our tired dreams.</i></p> <p><i>Fan into a flame the gifts you have given us. Light up the windows of our joy and purpose. Spark bright fires of optimism deep within us. Reveal more clearly a vision of what is possible. May we listen attentively to your quiet whisper at our very core. May we discern your call expressed in the voices and stories of others. May we build a Church that radiates and nourishes our unity of faith.</i></p>	<p><i>May we be at one with all of humanity and the rest of God's creation. May we develop the courage to be people of mission, alert to opportunities, always on the move, bringing Good News to our needy world, Wind and Fire for one another. Amen.</i></p> <p><i>Our Lady of Perpetual Help.</i></p> <p><i>Pray for Us.</i></p>
<p>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/</p>	

Please help us maintain the sanctity of our church. No food and drinks in the house of God and before you leave, ensure that you have taken all your belongings with you. Thank you for your cooperation.