

## 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. Instagram stthomasap.yag  
**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 | Asilo 0452 434 681.

**Mass Intentions**  
**Saturday (22/2)** 6.00pm : Repose of the soul of Pierre Clancy Souris  
**Sunday (23/2)** 9.00am: Repose of the souls of Emma Willow, Sr Margarida & deceased members of the Willow family  
 10.45am : Repose of the soul of Moria Francisca Dias (anniv)  
 5.00pm : People of the parish  
**Monday (24/2)** : No Mass  
**Tuesday (25/2)** : Thanksgiving Mass  
**Wednesday (26/2)** : No Mass  
**Thursday (27/2)** : Thanksgiving Mass for Chris, Dias & Family  
**Friday (28/2)** : For the Holy Souls in purgatory  
**Saturday (1/3)** : Repose of the soul of Chester  
**Pray for the sick** : Angelo D'Souza, Rita Scicluna, Caleb Ginger, Eric, Rutia Aiava, Dominica Laboucherie, Remedios Patawaran (names > 2 months in sick list will be removed)  
**Recently deceased** : Sr Julie Ogbole SON,  
**Death Anniv/Remb** : Dagmar Weerakoon, Frederick Lethorn, K J James & Deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale

**Parish Council Members:**  
 Fr Denis, Fr Jithin, Sr Julie, Dcn Michael, Jonathan Rubite, Sandra Ignace, Dezlene Orchard  
**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: Sirach 27:4-7      1 Cor 15:54-58      Lk 6:39-45

### 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)


#### Love your enemies

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

Lk 6:27-37

Try to find these words:

- cheek
- enemies
- forgive
- hard
- judge
- lend
- love
- money
- pity
- praise
- reward
- shirt




# 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  
**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

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### WELCOME TO OUR MASS

**7<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2025**

Masses & Reconciliation Times	Parish Schools
<p><b>Sunday Masses</b>                      Saturday: 6pm                      Sunday: 9am, 10.45am &amp; 5.00pm</p> <p><b>Weekday Masses</b>  <b>(week of 24<sup>th</sup> Feb – 1<sup>st</sup> Mar)</b>                      Monday &amp; Wednesday: No Mass                      Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday: 9.30am</p> <p>Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass.  <b>Ash Wednesday Mass Times:</b>                      Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 9.30am, 5.30pm &amp; 7.30pm  <b>Stations of the Cross</b> every Friday in Lent 7.00pm</p>	<p><b>St Thomas the Apostle Primary School</b>                      5 Fiorelli Boulevard,                      Cranbourne East                      Phone: 5998 9293                      Principal: Mrs Kate Dourley</p> <p><b>St Peter's Secondary College (Clyde North Campus)</b>                      55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North                      Phone: 5990 7777                      Principal: Mr Chris Black</p> <p><b>St Josephine Bakhita Primary School</b>                      40 Wild Goose Way, Clyde North.                      Enquiries for student places, visit:  <a href="https://www.sjbcllydenorth.catholic.edu.au/">https://www.sjbcllydenorth.catholic.edu.au/</a>                      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

1 Sam 26:2,7-9,11-13,22-23

**Do not lift your hand against the Lord's anointed**

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102(103):1-4,8-10,12-13

**R.** The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

## Second Reading

1 Cor 15:45-49

**The first Adam became a living soul; the last Adam, a life-giving spirit**

The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you. **Alleluia!**

## Gospel

Lk 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross & 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.

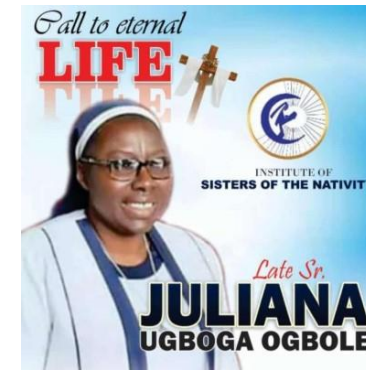
**SAFEGUARDING – Please always supervise your child/ren in the church and in the toilets.** Our parish is committed to providing a safe and supportive environment for all people with special concern for children, young people and adults at risk. Our Safeguarding Officer, Ann Rode, can be contacted via email: [clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto: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](https://safesteps.org.au) – any time | 1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732 or [1800respect.org.au](https://1800respect.org.au) – any time | MensLine: 1300 78 99 78 or [mensline.org.au](https://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/>

*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.*

## NOTICES

Message from our Parish Priest



Dear Parishioners,  
We have been praying earnestly for Sr Julie over the past two months as she has battled serious health problems. Many people have been able to visit with her and have shared their love and joined with her in prayer. Sr Julie very much appreciated all the prayer for her and the kindness of parishioners expressed through visits and messages.

Sr Julie's health deteriorated rapidly on Sunday and resulted sadly in her death in the early hours on Wednesday morning. She died peacefully surrounded by the love and prayers of her beloved Sisters of the Nativity.

As we remember Sr Julie in our prayers, we are also praying God's consolation and comfort for her mother and family, and for the Sisters of the Nativity, both here and in Nigeria.

Sr Julie's smiling and joyful presence among us has been a great blessing for St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Primary School and all in our parish.

As we have focused our gaze on Sr Julie in these past weeks, we have seen that her own gaze was firmly fixed on Jesus and his love for her. She has given us an extraordinary witness of what it means to be a Pilgrim of Hope.

May God welcome her to eternal glory

Funeral Details for Sr Julie

Vigil Mass: Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 6pm at St Agatha's Church, Cranbourne.

Requiem Mass: Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 11am at St Thomas the Apostle

**PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM** - Due to the passing of Sr. Julie Ogbola, the Parish Renewal Program will be rescheduled to a future date.

**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES:**

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> March – 9.30am, 5.30pm & 7.30pm

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. And abstinence from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS** – Every Friday in Lent at 7.00pm

**LENTEN REFLECTION BOOK on SALE NOW! - \$8 each.** Get your copy from the piety shop and make Lent 2025 a holy one.



**LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS (LFOJ)** - Registrations are now open for Little Friends of Jesus! To secure a place for your child, please scan the QR code and complete the registration process. Classes will begin on Saturday; 1st March 2025 at 4pm in the church. Please note that registration is mandatory and must be completed before the first session. We look forward to welcoming your child!

Link for Online: <https://forms.office.com/r/FBWj3kJR4Q>

**LENTEN RETREAT 2025**

You are warmly invited to join us for the Lenten Retreat at St Thomas the Apostle Church, Clyde North. Under the theme "Repent for the Kingdom of Heaven is near," we will gather for a time of spiritual renewal on **Saturday, 8th March: 11:00 AM - 4:30 PM** & **Sunday, 9th March: 12:30 PM - 5:00 PM** (Sunday Mass at 5pm).

We are honoured to have an International Catholic preacher, Brother Colin Calmiano, as our speaker on both days. Please BYO lunch. Flyers are available in the foyer. For more information, please contact Jon: 0411 381 924 or Emma: 0418 918 787

We hope to see you there for a blessed and enriching weekend!

**2025 YOUTH CONFERENCE – The L.A.M.P Youth Conference** is back! Join in for a day of Games! Food! Praise & Worship! & Moving Presentations! If you are in high school and are age 18+, do come for the Youth Conference on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 2025 from 12.30pm – 7.00pm at St Agatha's Parish Cranbourne. Please scan the QR code on the flyers & posters to register!

St Thomas the Apostle Parish Recruitment for more Volunteers.

**SERVICES NEEDING VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY;**

1. Liturgy of the Word (Readers) for all Masses especially 6pm on Saturdays and 5pm on Sundays.
2. Liturgy of the Eucharist (Eucharistic Ministers) for all Masses especially 6pm on Saturdays and 5pm on Sundays.
3. Altar Set-Up/Pack-Up at all Masses.
4. Sacred Linen Washers and Folders.

We are reaching out to all Parishioners of our Parish for your help and support to ensure smooth flow of our liturgy services to God through Mass. Our Young adults are also welcomed and encourage your participation as it will be a great service to our future Leadership in the Parish and Church. Once again, ALL are Welcome. Sign up now using Sign-up sheets in the foyer at the front of the church or contact Emma 0418 918 787 | Eugene 0404 170 798 | Asilo 0452 434 681. In God we trust.

**FIRST FRIDAYS ADORATION** – 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.