

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. 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 (8/3) 6.00pm : Repose of the soul of Philip Tyrone De Silva Thanapathy

Sunday (9/3) 9.00am : People of the parish

10.45am : Repose of the soul of Baby Ethan Russo

5.00pm : Repose of the soul of Claudette Sinclair

Monday (10/3) : No Mass

Tuesday (11/3) : Repose of the soul of Chester

Wednesday (12/3) : Repose of the soul of Thalmut Paulas

Thursday (13/3) : Thanksgiving for Dias & Clarke families

Friday (14/3) : Mass for Holy Souls

Saturday (15/3) : Repose of the soul of Amelam Carvalho

Pray for the sick : Remedios Patawaran, Corazon Laxamana, Eric, Rutia Aiava, Dominica Laboucherie, Remedios Patawaran (names > 2 months in sick list will be removed)

Recently deceased : Taormina Freitez, Anselmo Padernos, Dilia Jaimenez

Death Anniv/Remb : Oswaldo Freitz, Pradeep Aliyanage & 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: Gen 15:5-12, 17-18 Phil 3:17-4:1 Lk 8:28-36

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

In times of trouble the Lord is by my side

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

Try to find these words:

altar
angels
bread
desert
fortress
forty
grain
milk
protect
terrible
tested
worship

Dt 26:4-10
Ps 91:1-2, 10-11 R (see 15b)
Mt 4:4b
Lk 4:1-13

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

1st Sunday in Lent (Year C) – 9th March 2025

Masses & Reconciliation Times

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

(week of 10th – 15th Mar)

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30am

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass.

Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7.00pm

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

40 Wild Goose Way, Clyde North.
Enquiries for student places, visit: <https://www.sjbclaydenorth.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

Deu 26:4-10

The creed of the Chosen People

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 90(91):1-2,10-15

R. Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High
and abides in the shade of the Almighty
says to the Lord: 'My refuge,
my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall,
no plague approach where you dwell.
For you has he commanded his angels,
to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands
lest you strike your foot against a stone.
On the lion and the viper you will tread
and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him;
protect him for he knows my name.
When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you,'
I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

Second Reading

Ro 10:8-13

The creed of the Christian

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel

Lk 4:1-13

The temptation in the wilderness

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

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/>

NOTICES

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION! – Following the passing of Sr Julie, we had to postpone the celebration of Fr Denis' 70th birthday. This occasion is an opportunity to honor a lifetime filled with cherished memories, enduring friendships, and Fr Denis' unwavering dedication and hard work for the parish. Let us come together to express our heartfelt love and gratitude for Fr Denis, making his 70th year a truly memorable one. We warmly invite you to join us for this celebration on Sunday, 23rd March, following the 10:45 AM Mass, for a luncheon. Please bring a dish to share and write your name and dish on the clipboard. You are also invited to write a message to Fr Denis on the A3 paper in the foyer which will be bound to the birthday card. A special collection for the birthday gift will be taken next weekend on 15th / 16th March and the gift and the card will be presented to Fr Denis at the birthday luncheon.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Every Friday in Lent at 7.00pm followed by 1st Friday Adoration on 7th March.

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

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!

DIOCESAN CHOIR FOR RITE OF ELECTION – on behalf of Joan Robertson, Diocesan RCIA coordinator, as in previous years, the diocese is forming a Diocesan Choir for the Rite of Elections at St Mary's Cathedral Sale on Sunday 16th March 2025, at 3.00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale.

1.30-2.30 pm Choir rehearsal

3.00-4.00 pm Rite of Election

To register your interest, please contact Sophy Morley on Sophymorley@gmail.com or mobile No: 0413 590 007.

ALPHA is back at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish!

If you've been thinking about reconnecting with your faith or know someone who's been curious about Christianity/ Catholicism, this is the perfect opportunity to reach out. Alpha is a welcoming space to explore life's big questions, discover the evidence of Christianity, and connect with others. It's changed lives around the world - and maybe it's your turn! **Join us starting Wednesday, April 30 at 7pm, for 10 weeks.** We'll kick off with a meal, watch a thought-provoking video, and have meaningful small group discussions. Register now with the QR Code. For questions, please reach out to Anushka by email anushka.peiris727@gmail.com



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 15th 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!

LITURGY 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.

THE LEGION OF MARY invites all Legionaries, auxiliary members and all parishioners to the ACIES Ceremony and Holy Mass at St. Agatha's Church, Cranbourne on Saturday 29th March 2025 at 2pm. The ACIES is a ceremony of prayer of consecration to Our Holy Mother. Will be followed by afternoon tea.

LIVE LENT WITH LOVE WITH FR ELIO CAPRA at St Anne's Church, 84 Austin Road, Seaford. Lenten reflection by Fr Elio Capra every Wednesday from 12th March - 16th April at 7:00pm. For enquiries, ring St Anne's Church 9401 6398



PALMS AUSTRALIA - Ever thought volunteering overseas was beyond you? IT'S NOT. Palms always values our older participants for the wisdom and resourcefulness they share in communities! Palms is celebrating our seniors with a special online session showcasing older volunteers' experience and insights from the mission field. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online via Zoom- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 27 March 2025 Time: 11 am – 12 pm Contact: 02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au

Live Your Best Life in Love...**A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND** is for you...

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the passion alive. No group sharing required. The weekend is based around Catholic values. Couples of all faiths are welcome.

Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

Our next weekend is: 25-27 April 2025 at St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.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.