

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: friendsoffjesussttap@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.

<b>Mass Intentions</b>		<b>Parish Council Members:</b> Fr Denis, Fr Jithin, Dcn Michael, Jonathan Rubite, Sandra Ignace, Dezlene Orchard
<b>Saturday</b> (15/3 ) 6.00pm :	Repose of the soul of Arun D’Costa (Remb)	
<b>Sunday</b> (16/3) 9.00am :	Repose of the soul of Leo D’Monte (Anniv)	
	10.45am : People of the Parish	
	5.00pm : Repose of the soul of Sandra Windsor (Remb)	
<b>Monday</b> (17/3) :	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b> (18/3) :	Repose of the souls of family & friends of Wijesinghe & Fernando families	
<b>Wednesday</b> (19/3)9.15am:	Repose of the soul of Julieta Tagalo	
<b>Thursday</b> (20/3) :	Mass for the Holy Souls in purgatory	
<b>Friday</b> (21/3) :	Mass for the Holy Souls in purgatory	
<b>Saturday</b> (22/3) :	Repose of the souls of Noel & Marjie Herft	
<b>Pray for the sick</b> :	Remedios Patawaran, Corazon Laxamana, Eric, Rutia Aiava, Dominica Laboucherie, Mary David (names > 2 months in sick list will be removed)	
<b>Death Anniv/Remb</b> :	A K M Mansoor & Deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale	

<b>Parish Finance Members:</b> Fr Denis, Shereen Anandappa, Heidi Keel, Declan McDermott, Ruwan Kumaraperu, Charlton Mendes, Sinclair Thomas, Peter Gomez, Patrick Ross
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Next Sunday’s readings:	Ex 17:3-7	Ro 5:1-2,5-8	Jh 4:5-16,19-26,39-42
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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

Our Lord has power over everything

N S E S O M R W N O T S H Q V Q R  
I X J R G K X J G V Y G W J X X K  
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Phil 3:20-4:1  
Ps 147:1, 3-4, 5 and 7 R,(Is 30:18)  
Lk 9:28-36

Try to find these words:

clothes  
cloud  
everything  
faithful  
friends  
joy  
Moses  
mountain  
Peter  
pride  
shelters  
sisters

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



WELCOME TO OUR MASS  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent (Year C) – 16<sup>th</sup> March 2025

Masses & Reconciliation Times		Parish Schools
<b>Sunday Masses</b> Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm <b>Weekday Masses</b> <b>(week of 17<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> Mar)</b>  Monday: No Mass Tuesday, Thursday - Saturday: 9.30am <b>Wednesday: 9.15am</b>  Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass.  <b>Stations of the Cross</b> every Friday in Lent at 7.00pm  <b>Solemnity (S), Feast (F) &amp; Memorial (M)</b> Mon 17/3 – St Patrick, Bishop, Missionary (S) Wed 19/3 – St Joseph (S)	<b>Baptism</b> Baptism Preparation 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month. Sacrament of Baptism most Sundays. <b>Reconciliation</b> Every Friday & Saturday after morning Mass & Saturday between 5.20pm to 5.40pm. <b>Blessed Sacrament</b> 24hrs except 1 hr before every Mass. Obtain access code from the Parish Office.	<b>St Thomas the Apostle Primary School</b> 5 Fiorelli Boulevard, Cranbourne East Phone: 5998 9293 Principal: Mrs Kate Dourley  <b>St Peter’s Secondary College (Clyde North Campus)</b> 55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North Phone: 5990 7777 Principal: Mr Chris Black  <b>St Josephine Bakhita Primary School</b> 40 Wild Goose Way, Clyde North. Enquiries for student places, visit: <a href="https://www.sjbclidenorth.catholic.edu.au/">https://www.sjbclidenorth.catholic.edu.au/</a> 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

Gen 15:5-12,17-18

God enters a Covenant with Abraham, the man of faith

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 26(27):1,7-9,13-14

R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.	
The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; before whom shall I shrink? <b>R.</b>	It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. <b>R.</b>
O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: ‘Seek his face.’ <b>R.</b>	I am sure I shall see the Lord’s goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! <b>R.</b>

Second Reading

Phil 3:20-4:1

Our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes Christ to transfigure us

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father’s voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Lk 9:28-36

Jesus is transfigured before them

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, ‘Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.’ – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, ‘This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.’ And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

<b>NEW, RELOCATING or LEAVING THE PARISH?</b> New Parishioners – please register @ <a href="https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/">https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/</a> Relocating or Leaving Parishioners – please call the parish office
<b>DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH – TAP POINT TERMINALS:</b> <u>these donations are NOT combined with the Planned Giving Stewardship donations.</u> To join or donate to the Planned Giving Stewardship Program please contact the parish office.
<b>SAFEGUARDING – Please always supervise your child/ren in the church and in the toilets.</b> 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: <a href="mailto:clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au">clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au</a> or call 5998 0947
<b>DOMESTIC VIOLENCE SUPPORT SERVICES:</b> In immediate danger CALL 000   Orange Door: 1800 319 354 (Monday to Friday, 9am – 5pm)   Safesteps: 1800 015 188 or <a href="https://safesteps.org.au">safesteps.org.au</a> – any time   1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732 or <a href="https://1800respect.org.au">1800respect.org.au</a> - any time   MensLine: 1300 78 99 78 or <a href="https://mensline.org.au">mensline.org.au</a> – any time   Djirra: (Aboriginal Support Service): 1800 105 302 (Monday to Friday, 9am – 10pm) For more information head to <a href="https://safeandequal.org.au/">https://safeandequal.org.au/</a>

*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.*

<b><u>RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)</u></b>
<u>St Thomas the Apostle Adult Sacramental Programme - 2025.-</u> We welcome Salvador Calboutin, Tillie Calboutin, Mark Calboutin, Remona Rao and Tinotenda Mushonga to this time of catechesis which will lead them to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. Salvador and Tillie will also receive the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Their completion of the Sacraments of Initiation will take place at Easter Vigil on 19 April 2025. As they begin this sacramental programme, led by the Holy Spirit, may they come to know and understand the grace, mercy and love our dear Lord has in abundance for them. We ask our parishioners for their prayers of support and love.
<u>Rite of Sending and Rite of Election, 16th of March 2025.-</u> The Rite of Sending, to be celebrated at our 9am Sunday Mass, offers the parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the candidates Remona Rao, Tinotenda Mushonga, Mark Calboutin, Salvador Calboutin and Tillie Calboutin, have made. It also expresses their approval of the candidates' election to complete their Sacraments of Initiation. After Mass, our Priests and parish community will send them forth to our Bishop Greg Bennet with assurance of the parish's care and support. <u>The Rite of Election, will take place at St Mary's Catedral, Sale at 3pm.</u> It is at this celebration that the sponsors and catechists representing the parish, will acclaim the participant's readiness to continue the final preparation for initiation and called by Bishop Greg, their shepherd, to the holy mysteries to be celebrated at Easter. We ask our parishioners to hold these candidates in prayer at these two Rites.

**YOUTH FOR GOOD FRIDAY** - As we prepare for Holy Week, we invite all youth to take part in our Good Friday Mass and Stations of the Cross. This is a meaningful opportunity to reflect on Christ’s Passion and journey together as a community. If you’d like to be involved, please sign up on the clipboards in the foyer. We ask that you write down your name, phone number, whether you’d like to volunteer for the service and/or Stations, and any ministries you’re currently involved in. Thank you, and we look forward to journeying with you this Good Friday!

**BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION!** – Following the passing of Sr Julie, we had to postpone the celebration of Fr Denis’ 70th birthday. Now we would like to honor Fr Denis with cherished memories, enduring friendships, and Fr Denis’ unwavering dedication and hard work for his lifetime of faithful service to the Lord. Let us come together to express our heartfelt love and gratitude for our Parish Priest, making his 70<sup>th</sup> 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 finger food dish to share (no kitchen facility), write your name and dish on the clipboard and complete the allergen form. You are also invited to write a message to Fr Denis on the A3 paper provided in the foyer which will be bound to the birthday card. A special collection for the birthday gift will be taken up this weekend,15<sup>th</sup> / 16<sup>th</sup> March, and the gift and the card will be presented to Fr Denis at the birthday celebration.

**APPRECIATION MESSAGE FROM SR MARY OLOFU SON** – The Mother General of the Sisters of the Nativity (SON), along with all the sisters, expressed heartfelt gratitude to the parishioners of St. Thomas the Apostles for our support and compassion following the loss of Sr Julie. A copy of their message has been displayed on the notice board for reference.

**LENTEN REFLECTION BOOK on SALE NOW!** - \$8 each. Get your copy from the piety shop and make Lent 2025 a holy one. **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 Anushaka by email [anushka.peiris727@gmail.com](mailto:anushka.peiris727@gmail.com)

**LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS (LFOJ)** – If you have children in Prep – Gr 6 and would like them to learn more about Jesus, we invite you to enrol your child/ren in LFOJ. Please scan the QR code for registration. Classes has begun and is held every Saturday (school term) at **4pm in the church**. Please note that registration is necessary. 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 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 29<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 2pm. The ACIES is a ceremony of prayer of consecration to Our Holy Mother. Will be followed by afternoon tea.

**DIVINE KIDS LENT RETREAT** – ‘Walk with Jesus to Calvary’ for children ages 5 - 15. Date: Saturday & Sunday March 29 & 30, 2025 Time: 9am – 3.30pm Venue: Holy Family Church, Doveton. Food provided. To register, visit [www.divinekids.com.au](https://www.divinekids.com.au).

**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 16<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:Sophymorley@gmail.com) or mobile No: 0413 590 007.

**CARPARK NOTICE** – The parish received complaints about illegal parking in and around the church. Please observe ALL carpark signage and arrows especially the Keep Clear area for emergency vehicles.