

Groups and Meetings

BAPTISM PREPARATION: 1st Sunday of the month 2.00pm for more information or registration ring the Parish Office or visit our website.

MARRIAGES: At least 6 months' notice. Enquire at 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 (22/3) 6.00pm : Repose of the soul of Pedro Tabamo (recently deceased)

Sunday (23/3) 9.00am : Repose of the departed souls of the Ratnayake family

10.45am : Repose of the souls of Fortunata & Antonio Angelone & departed members of the Angelone & Ferrara families

5.00pm : People of the Parish

Monday (24/3) : No Mass

Tuesday (25/3) : Repose of the soul of Mary Lukose (Anniv)

Wednesday (26/3) : Repose of the souls of Linus & Mabel Johnson & Merlyn & Edward D Cruz

Thursday (27/3) : Repose of the souls of Abraham Chackalackal

Friday (28/3) : Repose of the souls of Aleyamma & Pennamma John

Saturday (29/3) : Mass for Holy Souls

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

Death Anniv/Remb : Preethi Raj, John Fernando, Jayani Jeevananda, Madara & Praveena Ratnayake, Gregoria Omega Lamb, Lise Donaldson & Deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale

Parish Council

Members:

Fr Denis, Fr Jithin, 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: Jos 5:9-12 2 Cor 5:17-21 Lk 15:1-3,11-32

New Parishioner Registration

Please register online at <https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/>

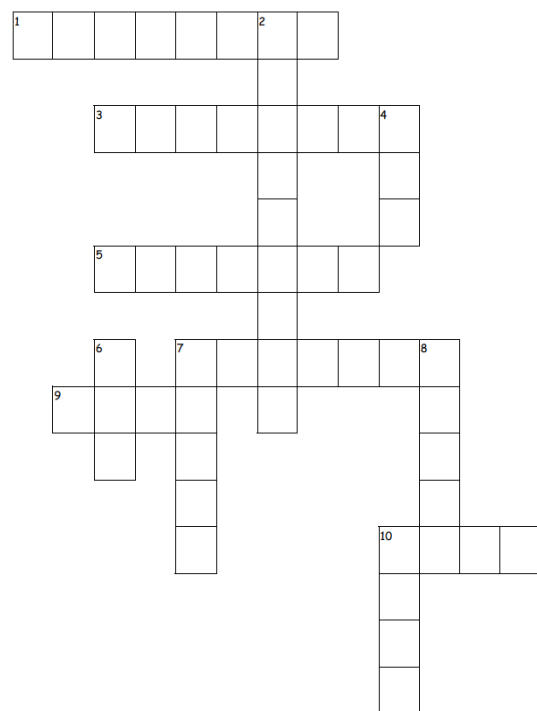
OR pick up a form from our worship space OR call the Parish Office

SUNDAY ACTIVITY (do not draw/write on the seat)

CROSSWORD

The Lord will save his people

Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15
Ps 103:1-2, 6-7, 8 and 11 R.v.8a
Lk 13:6-9



Across

- 1: someone who works in a garden
- 3: a plantation of grape vines
- 5: getting bigger
- 7: worn on the feet in hot climates
- 9: a large shrub
- 10: the vineyard owner couldn't find any _ _ _ _

Down

- 2: the people of Egypt
- 4: turn over and remove earth or dirt
- 6: to slice with a sharp tool
- 7: Moses took care of this kind of animal
- 8: The place known to the Hebrews as the mountain of God
- 10: an element that burns

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

3rd Sunday in Lent (Year C) – 23rd March 2025

Masses & Reconciliation Times

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

(week of 24th – 29th 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

Solemnity (S), Feast (F) & Memorial (M)

Tues 25/3 – The Annunciation of the Lord (S)

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

Ex 3:1-18,13-15

'I AM has sent me to you'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 102(103):1-4,6-8,11

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 does deeds of justice,
gives judgement for all who are oppressed.
He made known his ways to Moses
and his deeds to Israel's sons. **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.**

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12

The life of the people under Moses in the desert was written down to be a lesson for us

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.
Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Lk 13:1-9

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down."'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, 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/>

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

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)

St Thomas the Apostle Adult Sacramental Programme - 2025. - 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.

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! – Do join us for Fr Denis' 70th birthday celebration luncheon after the 10.45am Mass.

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.

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



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.

FIRST FRIDAYS ADORATION –join us every first Friday of the month for a sacred evening of worship, prayer, and reflection after Stations of the Cross on 7th Mar. It's an opportunity to spend time with our Lord through Eucharistic adoration, music, and moments of peace. All are welcome.

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.

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.

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.

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

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- register at palms.org.au/events

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

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