

## Groups and Meetings

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (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 (29/3)** 6.00pm : Repose of the soul of Rohan Willatgamuwa (6<sup>th</sup> anniv)

**Sunday (30/3)** 9.00am : Repose of the soul of Stefano Caminiti  
10.45am : 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of Andrew & Mary Schulberg  
5.00pm : People of the Parish

**Monday (31/3)** : No Mass

**Tuesday (1/4)** : Mass for souls in purgatory

**Wednesday (2/4)** : Mass for souls in purgatory

**Thursday (3/4)** : Mass for souls in purgatory

**Friday (4/4)** : Repose of the souls of Nicholas & Marjorie Goh

**Saturday (5/4)** : Thanksgiving Mass for Eric's recovery

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

**Recently deceased** : Paddy Mcging, Jacqueline Louis-Jean

**Death Anniv/Remb** : Marguerite Hennequin, Jocelyn Fanchette & 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: Is 43:16-21 Phil 3:8-14 Jh 8:1-11

## New Parishioner Registration

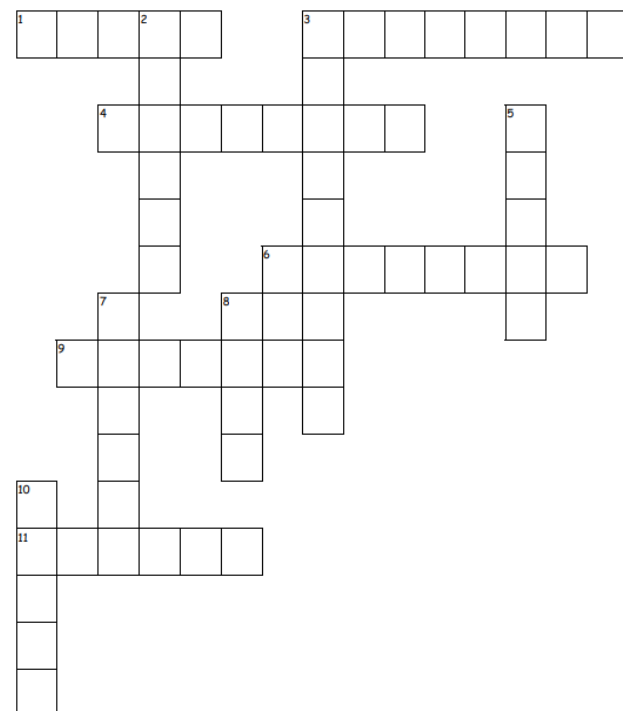
Please register online at <https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/>

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

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

### CROSSWORD

Through Christ we are reconciled with God



#### Across

- 1: when there is no conflict or fighting
- 3: likeable, easy to get along with
- 4: land that belongs to someone
- 6: very hungry
- 9: information that is passed on to someone else
- 11: to have done what you were told to do

#### Down

- 2: Messiah
- 3: past tense of forget
- 5: discovered
- 7: humans
- 8: consumes food
- 10: another name for the planet earth

2 Cor 5:17-19  
Ps 85:8,9,10 R.v.9b  
Lk 15:1-3, 11b-32

# 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

### 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent (Year C) – 30<sup>th</sup> March 2025

### Masses & Reconciliation Times

#### Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

#### Weekday Masses

(week of 31<sup>st</sup> Mar – 5<sup>th</sup> Apr)

Monday: No Mass

Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30am

(Additional Mass on Wed 2/4 at 9.00am

St Josephine Bakhita school)

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass.

**Stations of the Cross** every Friday in

Lent at 7.00pm

**Lenten Parish Reconciliation**

9<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm

#### Baptism

Baptism Preparation 1<sup>st</sup>

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

Jos 5:9-12

### The Israelites celebrate their first Passover in the Promised Land

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 33(34):2-7

**R.** Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,  
his praise always on my lips;  
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.  
The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

Look towards him and be radiant;  
let your faces not be abashed.  
This poor man called, the Lord heard him  
and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us praise his name.  
I sought the Lord and he answered me;  
from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**

## Second Reading

2 Cor 5:17-21

### God reconciled himself to us through Christ

The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!** I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. **Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Gospel

Lk 15:1-3,11-32

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. ‘This man’ they said ‘welcomes sinners and eats with them.’ So he spoke this parable to them:

‘A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, “Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me.” So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery.

‘When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, “How many of my father’s paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants.” So he left the place and went back to his father.

‘While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, “Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son.” But the father said to his servants, “Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found.” And they began to celebrate.

‘Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. “Your brother has come” replied the servant “and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound.” He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, “Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But, for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening.”

‘The father said, “My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it was only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found.”’

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection, you have set us free.

## NOTICES

### **RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS (RCIA)**

**Easter Vigil 2025 - Rite of Confirmation.** - We continue to pray for these Catholic Baptised Candidates: Tinotenda Mushonga, Remona Rao, Salvador Calboutin, Tillie Calboutin and Mark Calboutin who are preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on Easter Vigil. On this special Mass, Tillie and Salvador also will receive their First Holy Communion. We pray that the blessings of their baptism will continue to unfold on the road to Easter to receive the Sacraments of Confirmation and First Holy Communion. May they be strengthened by God’s love, may they be protected and sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit to live and proclaim the good news of Jesus Christ.

### **PILGRIMS OF HOPE**



Events taking place for the next 4 months in the Diocese of Sale parishes. The whole year’s schedule is on the notice board.

**Apr 6<sup>th</sup> - Celebrate Healing Mass for the Sick and Health Care Workers** with Bishop Greg at St John the Baptist Church in Koo Wee Rup on Sunday 6 April at 11am followed by lunch. Please see poster in the foyer for the whole year.



**6th Jubilee of the Sick and Health Care Workers** St John the Baptist, Koo Wee Rup



**25th Jubilee of Workers** St Mary’s, Cowes

**31st Jubilee of Families and Grandparents** St Agatha’s, Cranbourne



**15th Jubilee of Lay Ministers, and Leaders** St John’s, Trafalgar

**22nd Jubilee of Clergy** St Laurence O’Toole’s, Leongatha



**19th Jubilee of Youth** Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren

**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!

**THANK YOU to everyone for making Fr Denis’ 70<sup>th</sup> B’d day a memorable one.** A special thanks to our volunteers & parishioners from both St Thomas & St Agatha for your warm wishes, gifts & food. It wouldn’t have been the same without you and your love.

**ALPHA is back at St. Thomas the Apostle Parish!** Thinking of reconnecting with your faith or exploring Christianity/Catholicism? Alpha offers a welcoming space to discuss life’s big questions, discover Christianity’s evidence, and connect with others. It’s changed lives worldwide—perhaps yours is next!

**Starting Wednesday, April 30 at 7pm**, join us for 10 weeks of engaging sessions featuring a meal, a thought-provoking video, and small group discussions. Register using the QR Code or contact Anushka at anushka.peiris727@gmail.com for questions.



**LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS (LFOJ)** –Classes has begun and is held every Saturday (school term) at **4pm in the church**. For enquiry, please email [friendsofjesusttap@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofjesusttap@gmail.com)



**PROJECT COMPASSION** - Unite against Poverty this Lent. You can donate either via the **Project Compassion box (return on Holy Thursday 17/4)** or envelope or by scanning the QR code or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling: 1800 024 413. Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*.

**LITURGY SERVICES NEEDING VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY** – If you would like to be a Lector, Eucharistic Minister, Altar Set-Up/Pack-Up, 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. 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 FRIDAY ADORATION** – join us first Friday in April (4<sup>th</sup>) for a sacred evening of worship, prayer, and reflection after Stations of the Cross. It’s an opportunity to spend time with our Lord through Eucharistic adoration, music, and moments of peace. All are welcome.

**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.**

### **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.*