

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: 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.

Mass Intentions		Parish Council Members:
Saturday (5/4)	6.00pm : Repose of the soul of Sr Julie Ogbole	Fr Denis, Fr Jithin, Dcn Michael, Jonathan Rubite, Sandra Ignace, Dezlene Orchard
Sunday (6/4)	9.00am : Repose of the soul of Cecelia Malhotra (anniv) 10.45am : Thanksgiving Mass 5.00pm : People of the Parish	
Monday (7/4)	: No Mass	
Tuesday (8/4)	: Thanksgiving Mass for Mario Clarke	
Wednesday (9/4)	: Thanksgiving Mass for the safe return of Hannah & family	
Thursday (10/4)	: Repose of the soul of Pitawala Pradeep (remb)	
Friday (11/4)	: B’d day blessing for Nathan Rodrigues (8yo)	
Saturday (12/4)	: Repose of the soul of Patrick Fernando	
Pray for the sick	: Remedios Patawaran, Corazon Laxamana, Rutia Aiava, Dominica Laboucherie, Mary David, (names > 2 months in sick list will be removed)	
Recently deceased	: Mireya Castillo	
Death Anniv/Remb	: Mary Rooney, Oswaldo Freitez & Deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale	
		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:	Lk 19:28-40	Is 50:4-7	Phil 2:6-11	Lk 23:1-49
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New Parishioner Registration

Please register online at <https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/>
OR pick up a form in the foyer OR call the Parish Office

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

SENIOR WORDSEARCH

The Lord has done great things for us

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

Try to find these words:

owls
perfect
prize
running
stone
streams
temple
test
thirsty
throw
woman

Is 43:18-21
Ps 126:1-2ab, 2cd-3 R.v.3
Phil 3:12-14
John 8:2-11



WELCOME TO OUR MASS
5th Sunday in Lent (Year C) – 6th April 2025

Masses & Reconciliation Times		Parish Schools
Sunday Masses Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm Weekday Masses (week of 7th – 12th Apr) Monday: No Mass Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday: 9.30am Thursday: 9.00am Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass. Stations of the Cross every Friday in Lent at 7.00pm LENTEN PARISH RECONCILIATION Wednesday 9th April at 7pm	Baptism Baptism Preparation 1 st 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.	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.sjbclidenorth.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

Is 43:16-21

See, I am doing a new deed, and I will give my chosen people drink

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 125(125)

R. The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. **R.**

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. **R.**

The heathens themselves said: ‘What marvels
the Lord worked for them!’
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. **R.**

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. **R.**

Second Reading

Phil 3:8-14

I look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have Christ

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! With all your heart turn to me, for I am tender and compassionate.
Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel

Jn 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who had been caught committing adultery; and making her stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus, ‘Master, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning. What have you to say?’ They asked him this as a test, looking for something to use against him. But Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked up and said, ‘If there is one of you who has not sinned, let him be the first to throw a stone at her.’ Then he bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they heard this they went away one by one, beginning with the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman, who remained standing there. He looked up and said, ‘Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?’ ‘No one, sir’ she replied. ‘Neither do I condemn you,’ said Jesus ‘go away, and do not sin any more.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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 inform the parish office
DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH – TAP POINT TERMINALS: <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.
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

JUBILEE 2025

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

May

25th Jubilee of Workers

31st

Jubilee of Families and Grandparents

Jun

15th Jubilee of Lay Ministers, and Leaders

22nd

Jubilee of Clergy

Jul

19th Jubilee of Youth

St Mary's, Cowes

St Agatha's, Cranbourne

St John's, Trafalgar

St Laurence O'Toole's, Leongatha

Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren

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 3 months in the Diocese of Sale parishes. The whole year’s schedule is on the notice board.

EASTER TRIDUUM & EASTER MASS TIMES
Holy Thursday - 7.30pm
Good Friday Morning Prayer followed by Way of the Cross at St Peter's College Clyde in the Piazza - 10.30am
Good Friday Passion in the Church - 3.00pm
Holy Saturday Morning Prayer in the Church - 10.00am
Easter Vigil - 7.00pm
Easter Sunday - 9.00am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

Carpark Notice: As we are expecting a large crowd for our Masses, we ask that you adhere to our Parking Wardens directions and signage and be mindful to not block the driveway of residents. There are parking spaces available at the shops and the oval.

Volunteers required to help at these Masses (especially for Good Friday): If you currently volunteer in our church, please email parish@stthomasap.org.au your availability to help. Areas needing help are carpark, ushers, set-up / pack-up chairs & First Aiders.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS
HOLY LAND SPECIAL COLLECTION - The annual collection to support the Church in the Holy Land **will occur on Good Friday, April 18th.** This initiative funds welfare programs for local Christians, including health, education, housing, and maintaining over 70 historic churches and shrines. The ongoing war has led to financial challenges due to fewer pilgrims and reduced church attendance. Despite these difficulties, Australian Catholics generously contributed nearly \$1.5 million in 2024. Support, both financial and spiritual, remains crucial for the mission in the Holy Land. Catholics worldwide are encouraged to assist and remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Envelopes available in the foyer.

SUPPORT FOR COUNTRY PARISHES IN THE DIOCESE OF SALE
An extra collection **will be taken up on Easter Weekend** at all Masses to support the country parishes in the Diocese of Sale.

Enrolment 2025

ALPHA - Registration is now closed. For those who have registered, your seat has been reserved. First meal will be served on **Wednesday, April 30 at 7pm** and we are looking forward to welcoming our guests.
CHOIR FOR CHRISM MASS – The Chrism Mass, a significant Diocesan event during Holy Week, involves the blessing of Sacred Oils and clergy renewing their commitment to ministry. In celebration of the Jubilee Year 2025, the assembly will also renew baptismal vows. Singers are invited to join the Diocesan Choir for this special ceremony.
Diocese of Sale is forming a Diocesan choir for the celebration of the Chrism Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral Sale on Tuesday 15 April at 11.00 am at St. Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. Rehearsal will take place prior at 9.30am
To register your interest and receive the music pack and YouTube links, please contact Sophy Morley as soon as possible, [E Sophymorley@gmail.com](mailto:ESophymorley@gmail.com) or M 0413 590 007.
SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION ENROLMENTS 2025 NOW OPEN
Offered to Grade 6 & up. Enrolments CLOSE 13th May 2025
Parent Formation Night - PARENTS ONLY (Enrol with QR Code before coming)
Date: Tuesday, 6th OR 13th May
Time: 6:30pm - 8.30pm Venue: St Thomas the Apostle Church

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

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.