

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 email: rciastthomasap@outlook.com  
**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: friendsofjesussttap@gmail.com  
**VERITAS YOUNG ADULT GROUP:** Ages: 18-35 years. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office. Instagram stthomasap.yag  
**VERITAS TEENS** – Ages 13- 17 years. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office.  
**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>
<b>Saturday</b> (16/8) 6.00pm : People of the Parish	Fr Denis, Fr Jithin, Dcn Michael, Jonathan Rubite, Sandra Ignace, Dezlene Orchard
<b>Sunday</b> (17/8) 9.00am : Thanksgiving for the blessings received	
10.45am : Repose of the soul of Jose Amaya	
5.00pm : Thanksgiving for Betsy & Shinu Mulayankal	
<b>Monday</b> (18/8) : Blessing for Fr Denis Ordination Anniversary	
<b>Tuesday</b> (19/8) : Private Intention	
<b>Wednesday</b> (20/8) : Thanksgiving	
<b>Thursday</b> (21/8) : Repose of the souls of Mathew & Thomas Villanthanam	
<b>Friday</b> (22/8) : Thanksgiving	
<b>Saturday</b> (23/8) : Repose of the soul of Olivina Go & James Go	
<b>Pray for the sick</b> : Fr. Michael Willemsen, Rosina Logozzo, Remedios Patawaran, Marie Luicile Noel, Sandra Edwards, Angela Santiago, Corazon Laxamana, Rutia Aiava, Dominica Laboucherie, Mary David, Matthew (names > 2 months in sick list may be removed)	
<b>Recently deceased</b> : Bishop Peter Elliott, Jacques Rault, Aubrey Oakes	
<b>Death Anniv/Remb</b> : Oswaldo Freitz, Des Oakes, Joseph P.D, Luminoza Elizalde Corro, Barbara Barlow & deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale	
	<b>Parish Finance Members:</b> Fr Denis, Shereen Anandappa, Declan McDermott, Ruwan Kumaraperu, Charlton Mendes, Sinclair Thomas, Peter Gomez, Patrick Ross

Next Sunday’s readings:	Is 66:18-21	Heb 12:5-7,11-13	Lk 13:22-30
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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)

CROSSWORD

God you come to my aid and care for me

Across

3: to make a choice is to .....

4: the sea is a large mass of .....

5: you see with these

6: the opposite of fast

8: burning flames

10: this prophet was put in the mud

11: pigs love to roll around in this

Down

1: the opposite of in

2: finish


3: Jesus was nailed to a .....

7: the number after four

9: the opposite of easy

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

Assistant Priest: Fr Jithin Anto

Deacon: Michael Manuel

Parish Office Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm

Parish Office Phone: 5998 0947

Email: parish@stthomasap.org.au

Parish Secretaries: Christine Salu

Fiona Goh

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Ann Rode (Wednesday 9.00am – 3.00pm)

Presbytery Phone: 5999 0059 (After office hours emergency)


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WELCOME TO OUR MASS

20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025

Mass & Reconciliation Times		Parish Schools
<b>Sunday Masses</b> Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm  <b>Weekday Masses</b> <b>(week of 18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> August)</b>  Monday - Saturday: 9.30 am  Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass <b>Solemnity (S), Feast (F) &amp; Memorial (M)</b> Wed 20/8 – St Bernard, abbot, doctor (M) Thurs 21/8 – St Pius X, pope (M) Fri 22/8 – The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary (M)	<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> For your safety, we recommend you use the chapel between the hours of 7am and 7.30pm. Please 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.sjbcllydenorth.catholic.edu.au/">https://www.sjbcllydenorth.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 grow 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

Jer 38:4-6, 8-10

'Do not let the prophet die'

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 39(40):2-4,18

R. Lord, come to my aid!	
I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry. <b>R.</b>	Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. <b>R.</b>
He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm. <b>R.</b>	As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay. <b>R.</b>

Second Reading

He 12:1-4

We should keep running steadily in the race we have started

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me.. Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 12:49-53

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! ‘Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

NOTICES
<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: clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au 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 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 <a href="https://safeandequal.org.au/">https://safeandequal.org.au/</a>
<b>CARPARK –</b> do note that the <b>entrance to the church carpark is the entrance farther from the church at Gate 2.</b> Gate 1 is for exit only. <b>Please observe ALL carpark signage and arrows especially the Keep Clear area for emergency vehicles.</b>

**LITURGY WORKSHOP –** Principles & Practice of Good Parish Liturgy Preparation & Engagement, presentation by Fr Brian Nichols. This workshop is for all those who have a role in the preparation and celebration of Parish Masses (Music ministry, Sacristans & anyone involved in preparing for the Liturgy, Welcomers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist). Date: Saturday 30th August Time: 9.30am – 3.00pm Venue: St Michael’s Parish, Berwick. RSVP through Parish Office.

**MARY MOTHER OF HOPE RAFFLE -** Fund-raising Raffle to raise much needed funds for the Mary Mother of Hope event planned for the 27th September at St. Francis Xavier College Beaconsfield. This is part of the celebrations of the Pilgrim Year of Hope. Tickets are \$2 on sale after all weekend Masses and the prizes will be on display.

NOTICES

Message from our Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,  
We congratulate all who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in our parish this weekend, and we thank Bishop Greg for his presence with us.  
During the past week the New Members of our **Parish Pastoral Council** were confirmed. I am pleased to announce that the three new members are **Remona Rao, Jacob Kahonde, and Richard Potter**.  
This weekend we commence our **Stewardship Renewal**. This is really a critical Renewal for our parish as we have been dealing with substantial financial pressures. We welcome Stephen from Parish First to facilitate our Stewardship Renewal. I thank all those who faithfully support our parish financially. Your generosity has been amazing. I invite those who haven’t yet been involved in the Stewardship Program, and who may be new to our parish, to make a commitment to becoming involved through making a pledge to financially support our vibrant and ever-growing parish.  
After this weekend, I will be away on annual leave for a month. Fr Peter Kooloos will be assisting Fr Jithin on weekends while I am away.  
May God bless us all, Fr Denis

**ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY –** Congratulations dear Fr. Denis who will be celebrating his 46<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a priest. There will be Mass at 9.30 am on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> of August. We ask God to bless him as we keep him in prayer.

**SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION -** Congratulations to all those who were Confirmed by Bishop Greg Bennet this weekend.A big thank you also to all the families of St Thomas the Apostle Parish who assisted them with their prayers & preparation.

**PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM 2025 -** This weekend we launch our 2 weeks Parish Renewal Program. It’s a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a member of our parish community. We have 2 special themes of **Engagement** and **Commitment** – and we ask you to be involved and reflect on these themes and your role in parish life. This week we celebrate our commitment to being a Mission driven parish – helping all celebrate God’s presence and expressing our faith through outreach, service, and justice. We all have a role to play – indeed a responsibility to use our gifts and talents for the benefits of others. So please be involved in one of our parish Groups or Ministries – either for the first time or in a continuing role – your involvement will be personally rewarding and a great contribution to our vibrant parish. Our Program Coordinator, Stephen Littleton will speak with us at each Mass - and you will receive your personal copy of the special Program brochure and accompanying Ministries form.

**VERITAS YOUTH – NEW REGISTRATIONS STILL WELCOME!!!** **Veritas Teens (ages 13-17) meeting this Sunday 17th August** 2-4pm in the church foyer. Topic: 'Why do I need a relationship with Jesus'. **Veritas Young Adults (ages 18 – 35)** meeting next Sunday 24th August 6.30-8.30pm for Bible Study. Please bring your bibles! Please contact the Parish Office for enquiries and registration for new members of either group.

**VOCATIONS COME AND SEE -** Bishop Greg warmly invites young people from across our diocese to the Vocations Come and See event—a time for those discerning a call to priesthood or religious life. Join us for prayer, hear vocation stories, ask questions, and take the next step I n discovering where God may be calling you. Come and see where He may be leading you. Date: 17th August, 2025 Time: 3:00- 4:00 pm Venue: St Patrick's parish, Pakenham 142 Princes Hwy, Pakenham, 3810

**ALTAR SET-UP/PACK-UP WORKSHOP-** Altar set up/ pack up workshop for all new and current volunteers who would like a refresher or never attended one so far. Date: 23<sup>rd</sup> August Saturday Time: 11.30am to 1pm. Venue: Church. For more information, please ring the Parish Office on 5998 0947.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED –** The church is welcoming parishioners to volunteer in any way they can. There is an urgent need for setup, pack up, welcomers & collectors. Volunteers must have a Working with Children Check card. Those interested can find the registration form in the foyer or contact the parish office via email.



**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH -** We are excited to share that our parish will be taking a group of young people to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival this December from Sunday 30th Nov – Tuesday 2nd Dec 2025 – a wonderful celebration of faith, friendship, and community. Let’s come together, represent our parish, and make ACYF 2025 an unforgettable journey! If you or someone you know is interested in attending, please contact Fraulin Mendes on 0425336183 for more information or register your expression of interest using the QR code.

**GOD AND BEER AT ST GERARD'S - DR EDWARD SRI *MAKING MISSIONARY DISCIPLES* Monday 1st September**



Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who presents to tens of thousands of people from around the world each year and will be giving a talk on *Making Missionary Disciples* at St Gerard's hall on Monday 1 September at 6:30pm. Discover the true meaning of discipleship in ways that will transform our parishes, ministries, families and communities. Date: Monday 1 September 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk. Please register at <https://app.tickets.org.au/GodandBeer/GABSept2025> This is a speaker not to be missed!