

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 email: rciastthomasap@outlook.com
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: 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.

Mass Intentions		Parish Council Members:
Saturday (23/8) 6.00pm:	Repose of the soul of Josey Joseph	Fr Denis, Fr Jithin, Dcn Michael, Jonathan Rubite, Sandra Ignace, Dezlene Orchard
Sunday (24/8) 9.00am :	Thanksgiving for Emil Tom	
	10.45am : Repose of the members of the James family	
	5.00pm : People of the parish	
Monday (25/8) :	No Mass	
Tuesday (26/8) :	Repose of the soul of Sr Julie Ogbole from the Legion of Mary	
Wednesday (27/8) :	Repose of the soul of Frank Aguilar	
Thursday (28/8) :	For the Holy Souls in purgatory	
Friday (29/8) :	Repose of the soul of Liam Doherty	
Saturday (30/8) :	Repose of the soul of Joshua Geirandt	
Pray for the sick :	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)	
Death Anniv/Remb :	Frank & Charlotte D’Souza, Aileen & Tony Decoluto, Otto Harris, Jay Adams-McClure, Horace & Margaret D’Rosario, Carlton Narpis, Alphonso & Daphne Louis, Iris & Oscar Palman, Felipa Romea Correos, Jacobus Van Ryn & deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale	
		Parish Finance Members: Fr Denis, Shereen Anandappa, Declan McDermott, Ruwan Kumaraperu, Charlton Mendes, Sinclair Thomas, Peter Gomez, Patrick Ross

Next Sunday’s readings:	Ecc1 3:19-21, 30-31	Heb 12:18-19,22-24a	Lk 14:1,7-14
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New Parishioner Registration

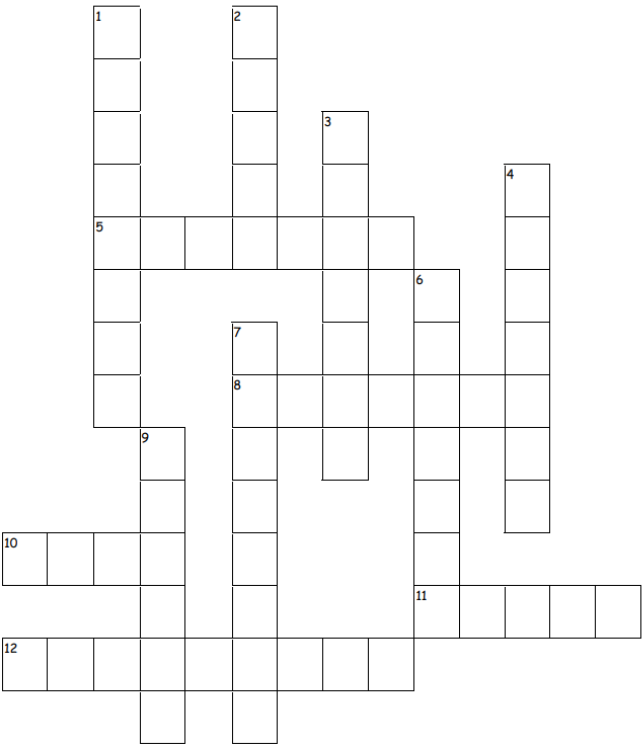
Please register online at <https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/>

OR pick up a form in the foyer OR call the Parish Office

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

CROSSWORD

The Lord corrects the people he loves



- Across
- 5: girls who have the same mother
- 8: not inside
- 10: we open this to go inside
- 11: less than anything else
- 12: significant
- Down
- 1: a teacher _____ students who misbehave
- 2: a celebration with food and drink
- 3: mothers and fathers
- 4: to quietly endure is to be _____
- 6: full of pain
- 7: fixes that which is incorrect
- 9: thin, not wide

Heb 12:5a, 6-7, 11
Ps 119:165, 168,171 R. v.165a
Lk 13:22-30

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

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 24th August 2025

Mass & Reconciliation Times		Parish Schools
Sunday Masses Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm	Baptism Baptism Preparation 1 st Sunday of every month. Sacrament of Baptism most Sundays.	St Thomas the Apostle Primary School 5 Fiorelli Boulevard, Cranbourne East Phone: 5998 9293 Principal: Mrs Kate Dourley
Weekday Masses (week of 25th – 30th August) Monday: No Mass Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30 am Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass Solemnity (S), Feast (F) & Memorial (M) Wed 27/8 – St Monica (M) Thurs 28/8 – St Augustine, bishop, doctor (M) Fri 29/8 – The Passion of St John the Baptist, martyr (M)	Reconciliation Every Friday & Saturday after morning Mass & Saturday between 5.20pm to 5.40pm. Blessed Sacrament 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	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.sjbcllydenorth.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 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

Is 66:18-21

They will bring all your brothers from all the nations

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 116(117)

R. Go out to all the world, and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations,
acclaim him all you peoples! R.

Strong is his love for us;
he is faithful for ever. R.

Second Reading

He 12:5-7,11-13

The Lord trains the one he loves

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 13:22-30

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, ‘Sir, will there be only a few saved?’ He said to them, ‘Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because, I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed.

‘Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, “Lord, open to us” but he will answer, “I do not know where you come from.” Then you will find yourself saying, “We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets” but he will reply, “I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!”

‘Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God.

‘Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

NOTICES

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/>

CARPARK – do note that the **entrance to the church carpark is the entrance farther from the church at Gate 2.** Gate 1 is for exit only. **Please observe ALL carpark signage and arrows especially the Keep Clear area for emergency vehicles.**

NOTICES



OUR 2025 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM
Welcome to the final week of our Parish Renewal Program – the Parish Commitment Weekend.

Last week we considered our engagement in parish life. How our involvement in parish ministries is central to building parish community – and central to actively living our faith through service to others. This week we turn our attention to parish finances. Stephen Littleton of Parish First will speak of the importance of your financial support.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA) 2025-2026. STAGE OF ENQUIRING - KNOWING THE CATHOLIC FAITH. We warmly welcome all the people who have joined the process of RCIA. At the present time, we are holding weekly sessions based in the reading, contemplation and sharing the Word of Jesus, as well as learning about our Catholic faith. May God bless them in this journey of faith. Please keep all these enquirers in prayer as we advance together towards the Rite of Acceptance to be celebrated at the end of October. Thank you for your prayers.

FATHER’S DAY PRIESTS’ WELFARE FOUNDATION APPEAL of the Diocese of Sale special collection will be taken up on 6th / 7th September at all Masses to provides financial and health support to priests and deacons during sickness and retirement. Your generosity helps ensure dignity and care for those who’ve served the Church faithfully.

- Currently supports **9 priests and 3 deacons (plus their wives)** in retirement
- Also assists **active and overseas clergy** during illness
- Annual budget exceeds **\$200,000**, including wages for a part-time clergy care nurse
- Donations over **\$2.00 are tax-deductible**, with receipts sent via email if provided
- Contributions can be made online or through local parishes or via envelopes in the foyer. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent if an email address is provided.

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. Everyone in our praish volunteering in these ministries are encouraged to attend.

VERITAS YOUTH – NEW REGISTRATIONS WELCOME!!! Veritas Young Adults (ages 18 – 35) meeting this Sunday 24th August 6.30-8.30pm for Powerful Testimony. Please contact the Parish Office for enquiries and registration for new members of both Veritas Teens (ages 13 – 17) & Veritas Young Adults. **Veritas Teens next meeting: Sunday 28th September, 2.30pm – 4.00pm**
VOLUNTEERS NEEDED – The church is welcoming parishioners to volunteer in any way they can. There is an urgent need for Altar 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.

MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE RAFFLE - Fund-raising Raffle to raise much needed funds for the Mary, Mother of Hope event planned for 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.

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 to register your expression of interest. Limited space left!

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 Mis6sionary 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!

FREEDOM THROUGH THE BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST

Be inspired and increase your understanding of how freedom can be yours through the powers of the most precious BLOOD OF JESUS CHRIST. OLHC Spiritual Renewal Mininstry(SRM) invites you, for a one day retreat on **Saturday 30th August 2025 Time: 10am – 3pm at OLHC Parish, Narre Warren.** For enquiries, call Franco on 0413519863. Pick up a flyer in the foyer.

MISSIONARY FAMILIES OF CHRIST (MFC) SINGLES CONFERENCE - Calling all Catholic singles and young adults age 21-40! You are invited to join us for the MFC Australia Singles Conference 2025: **ALWAYS HOPE.** *“Rejoice in hope, endure affliction, persevere in prayer. (Romans 12:12)”* There will be engaging talks and testimonies, praise and worship, Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, adoration, and of course - fellowship and food! | When: 26-28 September 2025 | Where: Don Bosco Retreat Centre | **Register now at bit.ly/ASC2025Registration** or see poster to scan the QR code.

RELIGIOUS ITEMS ON SALE – from St Anthony’s Catholic Supplies on the 6th / 7th of September to sell religious artefacts: Rosaries, key chains, medals, scapulas, rings, crosses, photo frames, statues of various Saints such as St Joseph, St Anthony, St Rita, Our Lady of Lourdes, Our Lady of Fatima, Rosa Mystica, Our Lady of Grace & more... in various sizes. Payable by cash & eftpos. Part of the proceeds with be donated to the church.

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT CUT-OFF TIME – Please take note of the new cut-off time for all advert for the bulletin is to be submitted to the office before Wednesday, 1pm.