

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: rcia2stthomasap@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: friendsofjesusstap@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> Fr Denis, Fr Jithin, Dcn Michael, Jonathan Rubite, Sandra Ignace, Dezlene Orchard, Remona Rao, Jacob Kahonde, and Richard Potter
<b>Saturday</b> (30/8) 6.00pm:	Departed family & friends of the Edward & Lobo families	
<b>Sunday</b> (31/8) 9.00am :	Thanksgiving for Abraham John	<b>Parish Finance Members:</b> Fr Denis, Shereen Anandappa, Declan McDermott, Ruwan Kumaraperu, Charlton Mendes, Sinclair Thomas, Peter Gomez, Patrick Ross
10.45am :	Birthday remembrance for Raymond Thompson	
5.00pm :	People of the parish	
<b>Monday</b> (01/9) :	No Mass	
<b>Tuesday</b> (02/9) :	Repose of the soul of Pacita dela Cruz	
<b>Wednesday</b> (03/9) :	Repose of the soul of Faustina Van Den Akker	
<b>Thursday</b> (04/9) :	Thanksgiving – 65 <sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary for Martin & Magda Westeinde	
<b>Friday</b> (05/9) :	Birthday remembrance for Eliana & Chariza Ramoneda	
<b>Saturday</b> (06/9) :	Thanksgiving for Samuel Bautista	
<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, Berty Chacko (names > 2 months in sick list may be removed)	
<b>Recently deceased</b> :	Gillian Apollon, Laura O’Malley, Brendan Duddy	
<b>Death Anniv/Remb</b> :	Dischel, Willard & Medley De Kauwe, Arlene & Donald Rozairo, Randunna Corea, Rassaela Piraina, Peter McHugh, Gaetano Pantorno, Bernard & Violet Zuzarte, Thompson & Trousse Family & deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale	

Next Sunday’s readings:	Wis 9:13-18	Philemon: 9-10,12-17	Lk 14: 25-33
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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)

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

The more important you are, the more humble you should be

O I M P O R T A N T R I C H R  
A F E J T Z D Q T L J G R D N  
T R G L E Z A P T U W F G G G  
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Try to find these words:

- child
- dinner
- great
- guest
- humble
- important
- invited
- lame
- Pharisee
- please
- praised
- rich

Sin 3:17-18, 20  
Ps 68:3-4acdef, 5-6abcd, 9-10 R. v. (see 11b)  
Lk 14:1, 7-14


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

22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C) – 31<sup>st</sup> August 2025

Social Justice Sunday

Mass & Reconciliation Times		Parish Schools
<b>Sunday Masses</b> Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm	<b>Baptism</b> Baptism Preparation 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month. Sacrament of Baptism most Sundays.	<b>St Thomas the Apostle Primary School</b> 5 Fiorelli Boulevard, Cranbourne East Phone: 5998 9293 Principal: Mrs Kate Dourley
<b>Weekday Masses</b> <b>(week of 01<sup>st</sup> – 06<sup>th</sup> September)</b>  Monday: No Mass Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30 am  Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass <b>Solemnity (S), Feast (F) &amp; Memorial (M)</b> Wed 03/89– St Gregory the Great, pope, doctor (M)	<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 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

Eecl 3:19-21,30-31

Behave humbly, and you will find favour with the Lord

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps: 67(68):4-7,10-11

R. God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God,  
they shall exult and dance for joy.  
O sing to the Lord, make music to his name;  
rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. **R.**

You poured down, O God, a generous rain:  
when your people were starved you gave them  
new life.  
It was there that your people found a home,  
prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. **R**

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow,  
such is God in his holy place.  
God gives the lonely a home to live in;  
he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. **R.**

Second Reading

He 12:18-19,22-24a

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.  
Alleluia!

Gospel

Lk 14:1,7-14

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, ‘When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, “Give up your place to this man.” And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, “My friend, move up higher.” In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.’

Then he said to his host, ‘When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.’

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.

NOTICES

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

**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/>

**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

PARISH NOTICE – SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY, 14 SEPTEMBER

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let’s be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised. Who are the “silent” ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them. Whether it’s through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God’s work of justice.

**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 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

**VERITAS YOUTH – NEW REGISTRATIONS WELCOME!!! Veritas Young Adults (ages 18 – 35)** meeting Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> September for social outing. For further details contact the parish office. **Veritas Teens (ages 13 - 17) next meeting:** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> September, 2.30pm – 4.00pm in the church foyer.


**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 27<sup>th</sup> 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. Last weekend to purchase.

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH** - Our parish is taking a group of young people to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival from 30 Nov – 2 Dec 2025 – a celebration of faith, friendship, and community.

An Information Night will be held on Friday 12th September at 7:00 PM in the church foyer for parents and young adults who are interested in attending the festival and to learn more about the event. Spots are filling in quickly. Please come along to register. please contact Fraulin Mendes on 0425336183 for more information.

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





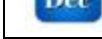
Dr. Edward Sri is a theologian, author and well-known Catholic speaker who presents to tens of thousands of people from around the world each year and will be giving a talk on *Making Misbsionary Disciples* at St Gerard's hall on Monday 1 September at 6:30pm. Discover the true meaning of discipleship 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!

**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](https://bit.ly/ASC2025Registration)** or see poster to scan the QR code.

**RELIGIOUS ITEMS ON SALE** – from St Anthony’s Catholic Supplies on the 6<sup>th</sup> / 7<sup>th</sup> 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.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE

Events taking place for the next 3 months in the Diocese of Sale parishes. Please refer to poster on the notice board for whole year events. For more information or to register, please scan QR code on poster or visit <https://olhc.org.au/jubilee-of-youth-event/>

	7 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Justice 13 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Consolation 28 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Catechists	St Mary’s Church, Bairnsdale St Michael’s Church, Berwick St Mary’s Church, Maffra
	4 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Marian Spirituality 5 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Migrants 19 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Missions	St Patrick’s Church, Pakenham Sacred Heart, Morwell, Lumen Christi, Churchill Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moe- Newborough
	16 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Choirs 29 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Outreach to the Poor	St Michael’s Church, Traralgon St Mary’s Church, Yarram
	7 <sup>th</sup> Jubilee of Prisoners 21 <sup>st</sup> Closing Celebration of the Jubilee Year	St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde North

**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.