

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: rciasthomasap@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 (13/9) 6.00pm:	Repose of the souls of Frank & Charlotte D’Souza & Aileen & Tony Decouto (remb)	Fr Denis, Fr Jithin, Dcn Michael, Jonathan Rubite, Sandra Ignace, Dezlene Orchard, Remona Rao, Jacob Kahonde, and Richard Potter
Sunday (14/9) 9.00am :	Thanksgiving Mass for Kusum & Akilas Wickremasinghe	
	10.45am : People of the parish	
	2.00pm : Repose of the soul of Fr Andrew Wise	
	5.00pm : Repose of the souls of Derrick Salisbury & Francis Mendez	
Monday (15/9)	: No Mass	
Tuesday (16/9)	: Repose of the soul of Maria Vita Pereira (remb)	
Wednesday (17/9)	: Repose of the soul of Annakutty Joseph Kandarapally	
Thursday (18/9)	: Repose of the soul of Mary Thomas	
Friday (19/9)	: Repose of the souls of Crisostomo & Rudulfo Mayola & Elizabeth Arances	
Saturday (20/9)	: Repose of the souls of Robert & Magdalene D’Souza	
Pray for the sick	: Fr. Michael Willemsen, Rosina Logozzo, Remedios Patawaran, Marie Luicile Noel, Corazon Laxamana, Rutia Aiava, Dominica Laboucherie, Mary David, Matthew, Berty Chacko, Greg Jacobs (names > 2 months in sick list may be removed)	
Recently deceased	: Fr Andrew Wise	
Death Anniv/Remb	:Brenda Willrow, Adrian Lawlor, Soledad Denava, Peter & Roman Dias, Frances Cassar, Virgilio Corro Campos & 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:	Amos 8:4-7	1Tim 2:1-8	Lk 16:1-13
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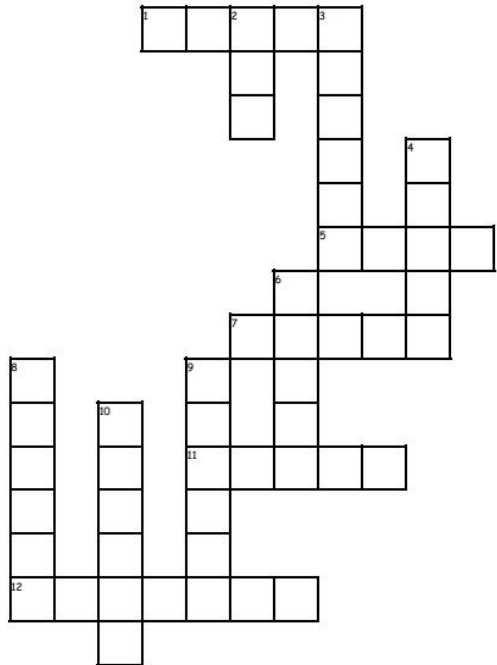
New Parishioner Registration

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

Have faith and the Lord will keep you safe



Across

- 1: this man lifted up the metal snake in the desert
5: God sent his Son to _____ people, not to condemn them
7: there was no _____ or water in the desert, and this made the people angry
11: the people of Israel started to feel this way about being in the desert
12: never ending

Down

- 2: the opposite of daughter
3: the Lord sent these to attack the people who had insulted him and Moses
4: everyone who looked at the bronze snake _____ after being bitten
6: the people realised they were _____ to insult Moses and the Lord and began to pray
8: the Lord told Moses to make a snake out of this and put it on a pole
9: the Son of Man came down from this place
10: Jesus said to Nicodemus, 'the Son of Man must be _____ up'

Nm 21:4b-9
Ps 88:4-5, 14-15abc, R. v.7a
Jn 3:13-17

St Thomas the Apostle

Catholic Parish, Clyde North

“My Lord and My God!”

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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

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross (Year C) – 14th September 2025

Safeguarding Sunday

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 15th – 20th September) Monday: No Mass Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30 am Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass Solemnity (S), Feast (F) & Memorial (M) Mon 15/9 – Our Lady of Sorrows (M) Tue 16/9 – Sts Cornelius, pope, martyr, and Cyprian, bishop, martyr Sat 20/9 – Sts Andrew Kim Tae-gon, priest, martyr, Paul Chong Ha-sang & companions, martyrs	Reconciliation Every Friday & Saturday after morning Mass & Saturday between 5.20pm to 5.40pm. Blessed Sacrament For your safety, we recommend that 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	Num 21:4-9
If anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked up at the bronze serpent and lived	
The Word of the Lord	
Responsorial Psalm	Ps 77(78): 1-2,34-38
R. Do not forget the works of the Lord!	
Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past. R.	But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant. R.
When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer. R.	Yet he who is full of compassion forgave them their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage. R.
Second Reading	Phil 2:6-11
Christ humbled himself but God raised him high	
The Word of the Lord	
Gospel Acclamation	
Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!	
Gospel	Jn 3:13-17
Jesus said to Nicodemus:	
‘No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.’	
The Gospel of the Lord.	
Memorial Acclamation	
We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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 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
PARISH RENEWAL STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES – The new set of envelopes will be available for collection from the Church foyer from next weekend 20/21 st September. New pledges will be effective from 27 th / 28 th September. <u>Please discard old envelopes after 27th / 28th September to avoid issues with allocating your contribution.</u> SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – This weekend and next, the children of our parish will celebrate the Sacrament of First Holy Communion—a joyful milestone in their faith journey. We extend our heartfelt congratulations to them and to their families, who have dedicated themselves to preparation with love and commitment. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they take this sacred step toward a deeper relationship with Christ. SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY - 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. CONCRETE WORKS AT BASKETBALL COURT – Please do note that the primary school has organised concrete works at the basketball carpark which will take place during the upcoming school holidays. As part of this work, the basketball court carpark will be affected over the weekend of 27–28 September . Parking availability will be reduced during this time. We recommend arriving early to secure a parking spot. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation as we work to improve our facilities. VERITAS YOUTH – NEW REGISTRATIONS WELCOME!!! Veritas Young Adults (ages 18 – 35) meeting Sunday 14 th September for social outing. For further details contact the parish office. Veritas Teens (ages 13 - 17) next meeting: Sunday 28 th September, 2.30pm – 4.00pm in the church foyer.
<div></div> <div>MARY, MOTHER OF HOPE – Mary Mother of Hope Committee and the Our Lady Undoer of Knots Praesidium thank everyone who supported our raffle. Congratulations to all our winners: Lorraine Fynn, Peace Perera, Jude, Bernard DaSilva, Martin Westeinde, Mark & Mildred. The Legion of Mary also warmly invites all Pilgrims of Hope from the Diocese of Sale to a special event - <i>Mary, Mother of Hope.</i> Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet followed by Rosary & Adoration. Get commissioned as "Beacons of Hope" in this jubilee year. Don’t miss this beautiful celebration of faith, unity, and hope. Register at http://tinyurl.com/3hm89uvv or scan the QR Code. More information can be found on the poster in the foyer.</div> <div></div>
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. FAMILY TREE HEALING FREE SEMINAR - Spiritual Renewal Ministry (SRM) AU invites you to a 1-day free seminar at St Agatha Cranbourne Parish Hall on Saturday 20th September 2025 from 10am – 3pm. For more information or to register, call Rony 0421 125 239 & Frenco 0413 519 863. 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. <i>“Rejoice in hope, endure affliction, persevere in prayer. (Romans 12:12)”</i> 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.
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/ A Pilgrimage of Hope: Join the Jubilee of Catechists Parishioners are warmly invited to the "Jubilee of Catechists," a special two-day pilgrimage to the Heart of Gippsland. This spiritual journey is a wonderful opportunity for reflection and community. This pilgrimage will take us to some of the most beautiful and historic churches in our diocese. Over the two days, we will visit St. Joseph's in Dargo, St. Michael's in Heyfield, St. Mary's in Maffra, St. Ita's in Newry, and St. Brigid's in Cowwarr. The schedule is filled with opportunities for spiritual nourishment, including Mass, Rosary, a special blessing of Catechists, Adoration and Benediction, and fellowship over shared meals. All are welcome to participate in this unique event.
<div><div><div>7th Jubilee of Justice</div><div>13th Jubilee of Consolation</div><div>28th Jubilee of Catechists</div></div><div><div>4th Jubilee of Marian Spirituality</div><div>5th Jubilee of Migrants</div><div>19th Jubilee of Missions</div></div><div><div>16th Jubilee of Choirs</div><div>29th Jubilee of Outreach to the Poor</div></div><div><div>7th Jubilee of Prisoners</div><div>21st Closing Celebration of the Jubilee Year</div></div></div> <div><div>St Mary's Church, Bairnsdale</div><div>St Michael's Church, Berwick</div><div>St Mary's Church, Maffra</div><div>St Patrick's Church, Pakenham</div><div>Sacred Heart, Morwell, Lamen Christi, Churchill</div><div>Immaculate Heart of Mary, Moe- Newborough</div><div>St Michael's Church, Traralgon</div><div>St Mary's Church, Yarram</div><div>St Mary's Cathedral, Sale</div><div>St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde North</div></div>
BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT DEADLINE – The deadline for submitting advert for the bulletin is Wednesday 1:00 PM.