

**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](mailto:rciastthomasap@outlook.com)  
**SACRAMENT FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion & Confirmation) :**  
 Email [parishofstthomasap@gmail.com](mailto:parishofstthomasap@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.

**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 Eugene 0404 170 798/ Asilo 0452434681

**Saturday (6/12)** 6.00pm: Repose of the souls of Alphonso & Daphne Louis & Oscar Palman  
**Sunday (7/12)** 9.00am : Repose of the soul of Apolinario Gorne  
 10.45am : Birthday remembrance for Walter De Silva, Trevor Gomes & Pansy Gomes  
 5.00pm : People of the parish

**Pray for the sick** : Joseph Ramchander, Derrick Erispe, Anton Davids, Beverley Naik, Marlene Clarke, Fr. Michael Willemssen, Fred Garoni, Rosina Logozzo, Remedios Patawaran, Marie Luicile Noel, Corazon Laxamana, Rutia Aiava, Dominica Laboucherie, Mary David, Matthew, Bertie Chacko, Greg Jacobs, (names > 2 months in sick list may be removed)

**Members:** Fr Denis, Fr. Jithin, Charlton Mendes, Declan McDermott, Shereen Anandappa, Ruwan Kumaraperu, Sinclair Thomas,

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First Reading

Is 11:1- 10

A shoot springs from the stock of Jesse

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13,17

R. Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.	
O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king’s son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. <b>R.</b>	For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. <b>R.</b>
In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to earth’s bounds. <b>R.</b>	May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. <b>R</b>

Second Reading

Rom 15:4-9

Christ is the saviour of all men

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 3:1-12

In due course John the Baptist appeared; he preached in the wilderness of Judaea and this was his message: ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’ This was the man the prophet Isaiah spoke of when he said: A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight. This man John wore a garment made of camel-hair with a leather belt round his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judaea and the whole Jordan district made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. But when he saw a number of Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism he said to them, ‘Brood of vipers, who warned you to fly from the retribution that is coming? But if you are repentant, produce the appropriate fruit, and do not presume to tell yourselves, “We have Abraham for our father,” because, I tell you, God can raise children for Abraham from these stones. Even now the axe is laid to the roots of the trees, so that any tree which fails to produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown on the fire. I baptise you in water for repentance, but the one who follows me is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to carry his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand; he will clear his threshing-floor and gather his wheat into the barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

We kindly ask that you keep the house of God clean. NO Food & Drinks in the Church and check that you have not left any belongings behind before leaving Church.

NOTICES	
<b>CLERGY APPOINTMENTS –</b> In recent days Bishop Greg has made the following Appointments effective 14th January 2026 <b>PARISH PRIESTS:</b> St. Michael’s Parish, Berwick <b>St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Clyde North</b> St. Mary’s Parish, Cowes Morwell Catholic Parish & Lumen Christi Parish Churchill St. Joseph’s Parish, Wonthaggi St. Mary’s Parish, Yarram & St. Joseph’s Parish, Foster <b>ASSISTANT PRIESTS:</b> St. Agatha’s Parish, Cranbourne Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren	
Fr. Confidence Masvosva PP <b>Fr. James Fernandes PP</b> Fr. Siju Xavier PP Fr. Paul Zaher PP  Fr. Denis O’Bryan PP Fr. Darren Howie PP  Fr. Ajin Albarnas IVDei AP Fr. Prabhu Antony IVDei AP	
<b>ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION</b> Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> December at 7pm  <b>CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES</b> Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> Dec: 6pm, 9pm & 12 midnight Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Dec: 9am & 10.45am	<b>NEW YEAR MASS TIMES</b> Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> Dec: 7pm Adoration followed by 8pm Mass Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> Jan: 10am  <b>ADVENT &amp; CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTION BOOK</b> on sale now at the piety stall! \$8/book.
<b>ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY –</b> We wish Bishop Greg (Episcopal Ordination date: 8th Dec) & Fr Jithin (Priestly Ordination date: 12th Dec) congratulations on their 5th Ordination Anniversary. We give praise & thanksgiving to God for blessing us with holy & wonderful shepherds. Please continue to keep Bishop Greg, Fr Jithin and all our clergy in your prayers. <b>PARISH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – PILGRIMS OF HOPE</b> - A Jubilee is an extraordinary moment of grace in the life of the Church—one that comes only once every 25 years. It is a sacred time of renewal, mercy, and deep spiritual blessing. This year, our parish is profoundly honoured to host the concluding celebration for the diocese. Please keep the date free and join us on <b>Sunday, 21 December</b> , beginning with a <b>Pilgrimage Walk at 4.00pm</b> from St Peter’s College to St Thomas Church. This walk is a meaningful expression of our shared journey of faith, gratitude, and hope throughout this Jubilee Year. <b>The Jubilee Mass</b> , celebrated by <b>Bishop Greg</b> , will follow at <b>5.00pm</b> , after which we will gather for fellowship and refreshments. <b>Those who are able to assist by bringing a plate of food are warmly invited to do so. Boxes will be available to take home, fill, and bring on the day. Please speak with our volunteers at the information desk after Mass to collect your box.</b> All parishioners are warmly encouraged to take part in this rare and grace-filled celebration as we conclude the Jubilee Year together." <b>ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL</b> - Our Conference will again be distributing Christmas presents to those most in need within the Cranbourne/Clyde area. We ask for your generous donation of toys for children 0-14 years of age. Please bring the toys unwrapped and they can be placed inside the double wheelie bin (near the kitchen area). It will be marked as "SVDP Christmas Toy Appeal". <b>CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS BY ST. THOMAS PRIMARY SCHOOL - Grade 1 students from St. Thomas the Apostle Primary School</b> is selling <b>handmade Christmas decorations after the 9am Sunday Mass</b> on the <b>7th of December</b> to raise money for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Each decoration will cost \$3. <b>❤️ (Cash only, please.)</b> <b>RCIA 2025-2026</b> - Today we light our first candle of Advent, the candle of Hope, in preparation for the coming of Jesus and the return of Christ in the second coming. Each week we will light a candle at our RCIA sessions to glory in the light so that our catechumens and candidates may go out and be the light of Jesus to all. May they also take this special time to reflect, pray and share the glorious story of the birth of Jesus with peace, joy and love.	
<b>NEW, RELOCATING or LEAVING THE PARISH?</b> New Parishioners – please register @ <a href="https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/">https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/</a> Relocating or Leaving Parishioners – please inform the parish office	
<b>SAFEGUARDING – Please always supervise your children 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: <a href="mailto:clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au">clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au</a> 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 <a href="https://safesteps.org.au">safesteps.org.au</a> – any time   1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732 or <a href="https://1800respect.org.au">1800respect.org.au</a> - any time   MensLine: 1300 78 99 78 or <a href="https://mensline.org.au">mensline.org.au</a> – 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 <b>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.</b>	
<b>BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT to be submitted by Wednesday 1:00pm.</b>	