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 Eugene 0404 170 798/ Asilo

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday (8/12) : Birthday remembrance for Amalem Carvalho

Tuesday (9/12) : Repose of the soul of Abraham John

Wednesday (10/12) : Repose of the souls of Peter & Veronica Almeida **Thursday** (11/12) : Repose of the souls of Peter & Roman Dian : Fr. Jithin's 5th Priestly Ordination Anniversary Friday (12/12) **Saturday** (13/12) : Repose of the souls of Robert & Magdalene D'Souza

Pray for the sick : Joseph Ramchander, Derrick Erispe, Anton Davids, Beverley Naik, Marlene Clarke, Fr.

Michael Willemsen, Fred Garoni, 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)

: Richard Clarke, Aleykutty Plathottathil, Frances & Joseph Cassar & deceased clergy of Death Anniv/Remb

the Diocese of Sale

Parish Council Members:

Fr Denis, Fr Jithin, Den Michael, Jonathan Rubite, Sandra Ignace, Dezlene Orchard, Remona Rao, Jacob Kahonde, and Richard Potter

Parish Finance

Members: Fr Denis, Fr. Jithin, Charlton Mendes, Declan McDermott,

Shereen Anandappa, Ruwan

Thomas.

Kumaraperu, Sinclair

Is 11:1-4a, 5-6, 9b

Rom 15:4-6

Next Sunday's readings:

Is 35:1-6, 10

James 5:7-10

Mt 11:2-11

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

From David's family will come a king

Across

- 1: John was known as the ...
- 3: where John baptised people
- 8: assessment of someone's actions
- 9: John wore clothes made of what animal's hair?
- 11: take the path of a leader
- 12: long flowing clothes

Down

- 2: sacred texts
- 4: young cows
- 5: happy, of good cheer
- 6: a baptism symbol
- 7: The prophet who spoke of a man who would prepare the way for Christ's coming
- 10: dog-like animals that eat sheep

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St Thomas the Apostle

Catholic Parish, Clyde North



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Priest in Residence: Fr Jithin Anto

Deacon: Michael Manuel Email: Michael.Manuel@cdsale.org.au

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Fiona Goh

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Ann Rode (Wednesday 9.00am – 3.00pm) Email: Clydenorth.Safety@cdsale.org.au



WELCOME TO OUR MASS

2nd Sunday of Advent (Year A) – 7th December 2025

Mass & Reconciliation Times

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

Weekday Masses (week of $8^{th} - 13^{th}$ Dec)

Monday – Saturday: 9.30 am (We welcome the students of St Thomas the Apostle Primary school to the Mass on

Wednesday)

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

Solemnity (S), Feast (F) & Memorial (M)

Mon 8/12 – The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (S)

Fri 13/12 – St. Lucy, virgin, martyr (M)

Baptism

Baptism Preparation 1st Sunday of every month. Sacrament of Baptism most Sundays.

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

Weddings

To meet with priest 6 months prior to wedding

Parish Schools

St Peter's Secondary College (Clyde North Campus)

55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North www.stpeters.vic.edu.au Phone: 5990 7777

Principal: Mr Chris Black

St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

5 Fiorelli Boulevard, Cranbourne East

www.cranbourneeast.catholic.edu.au

Phone: 5998 9293

Principal: Mrs Kate Dourley

St Josephine Bakhita Primary School

40 Wild Goose Way, Clyde North. www.sibclydenorth.catholic.edu.au

Phone: 5953 9100

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

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. **R.**

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. R.

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. **R.**

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun.

Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. R

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

In recent days Bishop Greg has made the following Appointments effective 14th January 2026 **PARISH PRIESTS:** St. Michael's Parish, Berwick Fr. Confidence Masvosva PP St. Thomas the Apostle Parish, Clyde North Fr. James Fernandes PP St. Mary's Parish, Cowes Fr. Siju Xavier PP Morwell Catholic Parish & Fr. Paul Zaher PP Lumen Christi Parish Churchill St. Joseph's Parish, Wonthaggi Fr. Denis O'Bryan PP Fr. Darren Howie PP St. Mary's Parish, Yarram & St. Joseph's Parish, Foster

Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren Fr. Prabhu Antony IVDei AP

ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION

Tuesday 16th December at 7pm

ASSISTANT PRIESTS:

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES

St. Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne

CLERGY APPOINTMENTS –

Wednesday 24th Dec: 6pm, 9pm & 12 midnight Thursday 25th Dec: 9am & 10.45am NEW YEAR MASS TIMES

Fr. Ajin Albarnas IVDei AP

Wednesday 31st Dec: 7pm Adoration followed by 8pm Mass

Thursday 1st Jan: 10am

ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTION BOOK

on sale now at the piety stall! \$8/book.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY – 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.

PARISH JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS – PILGRIMS OF HOPE - 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 Sunday, 21 December, beginning with a Pilgrimage Walk at 4.00pm 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. The Jubilee Mass, celebrated by Bishop Greg, will follow at 5.00pm, after which we will gather for fellowship and refreshments. 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. All parishioners are warmly encouraged to take part in this rare and grace-filled celebration as we conclude the Jubilee Year together."

ST VINCENT de PAUL CHRISTMAS TOY APPEAL - 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".

CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS BY ST. THOMAS PRIMARY SCHOOL - Grade 1 students from St. Thomas the Apostle Primary School is selling handmade Christmas decorations after the 9am Sunday Mass on the 7th of

December to raise money for the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. Each decoration will cost \$3. ♥ (Cash only, please.)

RCIA 2025-2026 - 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.

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 children 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.

BULLETIN ADVERTISEMENT to be submitted by Wednesday 1:00pm.