

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 0452434681

MASS INTENTIONS	
Saturday (13/12) 6.00pm:	Repose of the souls of Raffaela & Guglielmo Piraino
Sunday (14/12) 9.00am :	Repose of the soul of Vijay Kumar Joseph (1 st death anni)
10.45am :	People of the parish
5.00pm :	Birthday blessing for Chivon Trousse
Monday (15/12) :	No Mass
Tuesday (16/12) :	Repose of the soul of Tresa Abraham
Wednesday (17/12) :	Repose of the souls of Annalene James & deceased members of the James family
Thursday (18/12) :	The souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for them and are long forgotten
Friday (19/12) :	Repose of the soul of Babu M C
Saturday (20/12) :	Repose of the soul of Hilario Batalla Jr
Pray for the sick :	Fr. Bernie Krotwaar, 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)
Recently deceased :	Joseph Ramchander
Death Anniv/Remb :	Richard Clarke, Thompson & Trousse family, Walter De Silva, Trevor Gomes, Pansy Gomes, Marie Herft, Barbara Barlow, Cheryl Gabell, & deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale

Parish Council Members:
Fr Denis, Fr Jithin, Dcn 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 Kumaraperu, Sinclair Thomas,

Next Sunday’s readings:	Is 7:10 - 14	Rom 1:1 - 7	Mt 1:18 - 24
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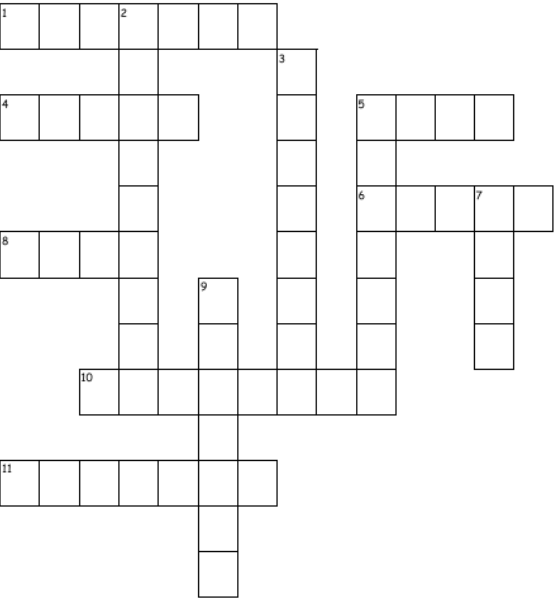
New Parishioner Registration

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

Lord, come and save us



- Across
- 1: people who grow crops
 - 4: less than anything else
 - 5: unable to hear
 - 6: what we sing
 - 8: he was in prison when he heard what Jesus was doing
 - 10: people who speak on behalf of God
 - 11: all the lands that are ruled by a king
- Down
- 2: someone who brings a message
 - 3: of great value
 - 5: sandy, barren lands
 - 7: Jesus was spreading the _ _ _ _ news
 - 9: the disease that afflicts lepers

Is 35:1-2, 5-6ab, 10
Ps 146:6d-7ab, 7c-8abc, 10 R.v. (Is 35:4)
Jas 5:7-10
Mt 11:2-11



WELCOME TO OUR MASS
3rd Sunday of Advent (Year A) – 14th December 2025

Mass & Reconciliation Times

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

Weekday Masses

(week of 15th – 20th Dec)

Monday – No Mass
Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30 am

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

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



“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)
Priest in Residence: 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



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.sjbclydenorth.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

Is 35:1- 6, 10

God himself is coming to save you

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145: 6-10

R. Lord, come and save us.

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion’s God, from age to age. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down,
the Lord, who protects the stranger
and upholds the widow and orphan. **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

James 5:7-10

Do not lose heart; the Lord's coming will be soon

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mt 11:2-11

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?’ Jesus answered, ‘Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.’ As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: ‘What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: ‘Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. ‘I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

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	
MESSAGE FROM THE PARISH PRIEST – Dear Parishioners, I am very glade to announce that the new parish office staff member, in the position of Bookkeeper/Accountant, is Alejandra (Sunshine) Maranon. Fr. Denis	
ADVENT PARISH RECONCILIATION Tuesday 16 th December at 7pm	NEW YEAR MASS TIMES Wednesday 31 st Dec: 7pm Adoration followed by 8pm Mass Thursday 1 st Jan: 10am
CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES Wednesday 24 th Dec: 6pm, 9pm & 12 midnight Thursday 25 th Dec: 9am & 10.45am	ADVENT & CHRISTMAS DAILY REFLECTION BOOK on sale now at the piety stall! \$8/book.

CONCLUDING 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. St Thomas the Apostle parish is honoured to invite all parishes across the diocese to gather as 'pilgrims of hope' to share in the concluding celebration. **Date: Sunday 21 December** The celebration will begin with a Pilgrimage Walk at 4.00pm, departing from St Peter’s College and journeying to St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde North. This walk is a meaningful expression of our shared journey of faith, gratitude and hope throughout this year. The Jubilee Mass, celebrated by Bishop Greg, will follow at 5.00pm, after which we will gather for fellowship and refreshments. Be part of this rare and grace-filled celebration as we conclude the Jubilee Year together. For more information, please contact the parish office on 59980947.

ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY – We wish Deacon Michael many blessings on his 3rd Diaconate Anniversary. Thank you for your help and assistance in this parish.

ADORATION CHAPEL – The chapel will be closed from 6.00pm to 9.30pm on the 16th of December due to Advent Reconciliation.

OFFICE CLOSURE DATES - The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas and New Year period from 20th Dec 2025 and reopen on 6th Jan 2026. For last rite & funeral arrangements **ONLY** please call 5999 0059. Please send through an email or drop your Mass Intention envelope (write your contact email or mobile number) in the Parish Office Mail Box in the foyer.

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".

RCIA 2025-2026 - During this time of Advent, our catechumens and candidates continue their spiritual journey towards Christmas. May this Christmas be a special celebration of encountering Jesus with joy, humility and faithfulness. Our last session for the Christmas break will be on Wednesday 17 December 2025 and as a parish community may we share the hope and joy with them through our continued prayers and support. Merry Christmas to all!

FIRST RECONCILIATION 2026 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN – Sacrament of Reconciliation enrolment 2026 NOW OPEN. please scan the QR Code to register.

Enrolments CLOSE on 11th February 2026.



DIVINE AUSTRALIA RETREAT – Fr. Antony Parankimalil will be at our parish for Healing Mass on the 7th of Jan 2026 @ 6.30 pm.

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.