

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 Tuesday (school term) 5.30 – 6.30pm email: friendsofjesusstap@gmail.com

VERITAS YOUNG ADULT GROUP: Ages: 18-35 years. For enquiries, please contact the Parish Office. Instagram [stthomasap.yag](https://www.instagram.com/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 (31/1) 6.00pm : People of the Parish

Sunday (01/2) 9.00am : Thanksgiving for Joanne & David George, Repose of the soul of Brenda Rainbird
10.45am : Birthday blessing for Ayden Trousse & Repose of the soul of Anna & Wilfred Peres
5.00pm : Repose of the souls of Albert, John, Christine Fernandes, Fluorine D'Souza, Baptist Sequiera & Pradeep D'Silva

Monday (02/2) : Holy Souls in Purgatory

Tuesday (03/2) : NO MASS

Wednesday (04/2) : Repose of the soul of James Christoffelsz

Thursday (05/2) : NO MASS

Friday (06/2) : Repose of the soul of Mrie Candappa

Saturday (07/2) : Repose of the soul of Joseph Ramchander

Pray for the sick : David Wilson, Derrick Erispe, Anton Davids, Beverley Naik, Marlene Clarke, Fr. Michael Willemsen, (names > 2 months in sick list may be removed)

Recently deceased : Fr. Bernard Krotwaar

Death Anniv/Remb : Deceased members of the Thompson & Trousse Families & deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale

Parish Council

Members:

Fr. James, Fr Jithin, Dcn Michael, Jonathan Rubite, Sandra Ignace, Dezelene Orchard, Remona Rao, Jacob Kahonde, and Richard Potter

Parish Finance

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

Next Sunday's readings: Is 58:7-10 1 Cor 2:1-5 Mt 5:13-16

New Parishioner Registration

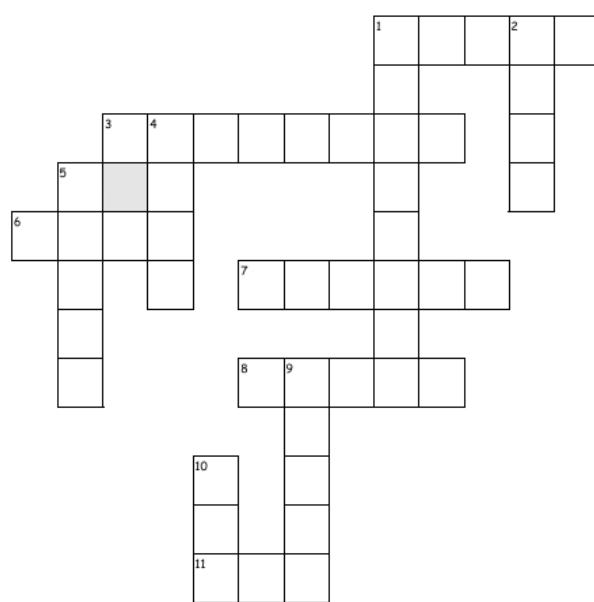
Please register online at <https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/>

OR pick up a form in the foyer OR call the Parish Office

SUNDAY ACTIVITY (do not draw/write on the seat)

CROSSWORD

Humbly obey the Lord



Across

- 1: a large group of people
- 3: a very tall, large land mass
- 6: not in danger
- 7: God blesses people with pure _____
- 8: you do this when you are thirsty
- 11: you do this when you are hungry

Down

- 1: young people
- 2: not strong
- 4: to do as you are told
- 5: glad
- 9: correct
- 10: something said that is not true

Zep 2:3, 3:12-13
Ps 146:6d-7ab, 7c-9a (Mt 5:3)
1 Cor 1:26-31
Mt 5:1-12ab

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 James Fernandez

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

Pastoral Associate: Christine Salu **Email:** christine.salu@stthomasap.org.au

Parish Secretaries: Fiona Goh **Email:** parish@stthomasap.org.au

Manni Carvalho: **Email:** manni.carvalho@stthomasap.org.au

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



WELCOME TO OUR MASS

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 1st February 2026

Mass & Reconciliation Times

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

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
Acting Principal: Mr David Hansen

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

In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 145: 7-10

R. Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

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 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.**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.**

Second Reading

1 Cor 1:26-31

God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, to shame the wise

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; your reward will be great in heaven. Alleluia!

Gospel

Mt 5:1-12

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

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.

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

BLESSING OF CANDLES – On the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord, Monday 2nd Feb, blessing of candles will take place at the 9.30am Mass. **Please bring your own candle and label them.**

VERITAS YOUTH: will be commencing again for 2026!

Come and be part of a vibrant group of young people journeying together in friendship, fun & faith. New members are always welcome!

Veritas Teens (ages 13-17): Commencing on Sunday 15th February in the church Foyer, 2-4pm. Hope to see you there!!

Veritas Young Adults (ages 18 – 34): Commencing on Sunday 8th March with a picnic/BBQ at 2:00pm at Royal Botanic Gardens Cranbourne Woodland Picnic Area. Please bring a plate to share!

For further enquiries, please contact the parish office. <https://forms.office.com/r/0YARbFW4n1?origin=lprLink>

THE LAMP 2026 - Is approaching fast, and, as the hosts, the St Patrick's parish community invites all Youth and Young people ages 12-25 to take part in this exciting and FREE day of fellowship, spiritual growth, catechesis, Reconciliation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as inspired leadership with **Josh Angrisano, Bishop Greg Bennet**, and others, on **Sat Feb 7, 11.30am to 7.00pm**, followed by a pizza dinner. Exploring the theme: **By His Wounds We Are Healed And Forgiven**. There will also be an opportunity to visit the **St Carlo Acutis First Class relic** and associated exhibition. Registrations are open. Visit <https://STPATRICKSPAKENHAM.COM.AU> or call 5941 7315. Save the date and get excited!

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE LATE FR BERNARD KROTWAAR – Vigil Mass Mon 2nd Feb at 7 PM & **Requiem Mass** – Tue 3rd Feb at 11 am, **Location: St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Trafalgar.**

FIRST FRIDAYS ADORATION – Beginning 6th Feb 2026, join us every first Friday of the month for a sacred evening of worship, prayer, and reflection at our church from 7pm - 8pm. It's an opportunity to spend time with our Lord through Eucharistic adoration, music, and moments of peace. All are welcome.

ALTAR SERVERS WORKSHOP – 28TH FEBRUARY 2026 - St. Thomas the Apostle Parish will be holding an Altar Servers Workshop on 28th February from 11:30 AM–3:00 PM in the church foyer. This workshop is for new altar servers wishing to join the ministry and a refresher for current servers. All those wishing to be part of the Altar Server Ministry must attend. Altar serving is a special and privileged ministry, assisting at Mass and helping our parish community worship with reverence and care. Sign-up sheets are available in the foyer after Mass. An Altar Server Coordinator will be present after every Mass to take details and answer questions.

VOLUNTEERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR:

- **Morning Tea** – After the 9am mass on Sundays, please contact Priscilla Crasto on 0423584229.
- **Funerals, Weddings & Other Events** – To prepare for these ceremonies during the day, please contact the parish office to express your interest. Training provided.
- **Visits to Nursing Homes** - Anyone who has the time and will, to join our team to bring Holy Communion to the Nursing homes (on Wednesdays) and to those who are house bound. Please call the parish office or contact Mary Schulberg on 0432166850.
- **Holy Week** – Anyone interested in helping during holy week please contact the parish office to express your interest.

RITE OF ELECTION FOR CATECHUMENS AND THE FORMAL RECOGNITION OF BAPTISED CANDIDATES

An invitation is extended to all catechumens, candidates, and their families, RCIA team members and parishioners to the Rite of Election, to be celebrated by Bishop Greg Bennet on:

Sunday 22nd February at 3.00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale.

1.30pm Choir practice

2.00 pm Bishop Greg warmly invites catechumens, candidates and their families, godparents, sponsors and RCIA teams to meet him in the gathering space in the Cathedral.

3.00 pm The Rite of Election of Catechumens and Formal Recognition of Baptised Candidates in the Cathedral

4.00 pm Afternoon tea in the Cathedral gathering space. Please bring some food to share.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS 2025-2026.- Rite of Sending and Rite of Election, 22nd

February - The catechumen and candidates will re commence their RCIA weekly sessions on **2nd February**. We ask our parish community to continue holding them in prayer as they progress in their spiritual journey towards the **Rite of Sending** in our church and the **Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral**. The **Rite of Sending** is the moment when our parish affirms that a catechumen or candidate is ready to take the next step toward entering the Catholic Church, and sends them forth to the bishop with confidence in their readiness. The **Rite of Election** is a joyful celebration in which the Church, along with godparents and sponsors representing the parish, publicly acknowledges the participants' readiness to become fully Catholic at Easter. At this rite, Bishop Greg will formally recognise them as the Elect. From this moment onward, they are no longer catechumens but Elect, chosen to enter the final period of preparation for the sacred mysteries to be celebrated at Easter.

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.

First Reconciliation Enrolment Form 2026 - St Thomas the Apostle Parish, Clyde North

