

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

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 (21/2) 6.00pm :Repose of the souls of Rudy Motha, Hope Mendis, Dagmar Weerakoon & Thanksgiving for Patricia & Joseph Arland

Sunday (22/2) 9.00am :Repose of the soul of Sr. Julie Ogbole & Thanksgiving for the life of baby Luka Perera

10.45am :Pray for Married Couples, Thanksgiving for Peyton Yvette Widrose, baby Elijah and 1st Wedding Anniversary

5.00pm :People of the Parish

Monday (23/2) :NO MASS

Tuesday (24/2) :Repose of the soul of Emma Willrow & Birthday thanksgiving for Caroline Clarke

Wednesday (25/2) :Repose of the soul of Dionisio Omega Pino Jr

Thursday (26/2) :NO MASS

Friday (27/2) :Thanksgiving for new opportunities

Saturday (28/2) :Repose of the souls of Estillete Nanaman & Brenda Rainbird
:Greg Jacobs, Baby Ezekiel Less, Carmen Gatt, George Falzon, David Wilson, Derrick Erispe, Anton Davids, Beverley Naik, Marlene Clarke, Fr. Michael Willemsen, (names > 2 months in sick list may be removed)

Pray for the sick

Recently deceased
Death Anniv/Remb

:Josie Andolfatto
:Caruso David Jr & deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale

Parish Council Members:

Fr. James, Fr Jithin, Dcn Michael, Jonathan Rubite, Sandra Ignace, Christine Salu, Dezlene 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:

Gen 12:1- 4

2 Tim 1:8-10

Mt 17:1-9

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

DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH – TAP POINT TERMINALS: these donations are NOT combined with the Planned Giving Stewardship donations. To join or donate to the Planned Giving Stewardship Program please contact 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.

Please help us maintain the sanctity of our church. No food and drinks in the house of God and before you leave, ensure that you have taken all your belongings with you. Thank you for your cooperation.

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

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

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WELCOME TO OUR MASS

1st Sunday of Lent (Year A) – 22nd February 2026

Mass & Reconciliation Times

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses (week of 23rd – 28th Feb)

Monday & Thursday – No Morning Mass
Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat: 9.30 am

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 7.00pm

1ST FRIDAY ADORATION

Every 1st Friday of the month worship, prayer & reflection from 7pm – 8pm

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

First Reading

The Creation, and the sin of our first parents

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **R.**

My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **R.**

Second Reading

However great the number of sins committed, grace was even greater

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel

Mt 4:1–11

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, ‘If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.’ But he replied, ‘Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.’ The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. ‘If you are the Son of God’ he said ‘throw yourself down; for scripture says: He will put you in his angels’ charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Scripture also says: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.’ Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendour. ‘I will give you all these’ he said, ‘if you fall at my feet and worship me.’ Then Jesus replied, ‘Be off, Satan! For scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.’ Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

OUR PARISH LENTEN CHALLENGE – As part of our Lenten journey, our parish invites everyone to take up a simple but meaningful challenge: **ARRIVING ON TIME FOR MASS**. Coming a few minutes early allows us to enter into prayerful silence, prepare our hearts for the celebration, and foster a spirit of reverence and unity as a worshiping community. Let us make this small act of discipline an offering to the Lord during Lent, growing together in mindfulness, respect, and love for the Eucharist.

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

Gen 2:7–9 3:–7

Ps 50:3–6, 12–14, 17

Rom 5:12–19

NOTICES

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 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>



INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028 - NATIONWIDE HOLY HOUR - We unite in prayer with communities across the country, seeking a eucharistic transfiguration of our lives and our nation. **Our parish will hold one hour of Eucharistic Adoration on Sunday, 1 March 2026, from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm, followed immediately by Mass.** All are warmly invited to come and spend this sacred hour with the Lord.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS – Every Friday in Lent at 7.00pm

PROJECT COMPASSION - This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the **donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code**. Donation boxes & Envelopes are in the foyer and to be returned on **Holy Thursday 2nd of April 2026**.



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. To register please scan the QR Code.

LITTLE FRIENDS OF JESUS - will recommence on Tuesday, 24th February. Please note that the program will now run on a weeknight. Little Friends of Jesus is a parish-initiated catechetical program designed for primary-aged children, helping them grow in faith and learn about Jesus in a fun, age-appropriate way. Parents interested in enrolling their child are warmly invited to attend the first enrolment night on Tuesday, 24th February, from 5:30–6: 30pm. We look forward to welcoming our little friends this year!

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 CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS PROCESS - CELEBRATIONS ON FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT
INVITATION TO THE RITE OF SENDING AND THE RITE OF ELECTION, ALL ARE WELCOME!

RITE OF SENDING FOR CATECHUMENS AND BAPTISED CANDIDATES- at St Thomas the Apostle Church, 9am Mass

RITE OF ELECTION FOR CATECHUMENS AND THE FORMAL RECOGNITION OF BAPTISED CANDIDATES,
at St Mary's Cathedral, Sale - 2pm -

The Rite of Sending offers the parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress the catechumens and candidates have made. Based on their own public declaration, the testimony of their sponsors and of the RCIA team members, our Parish Priest and the church community expresses their approval of election and recognition to enter the Catholic Faith and send them forth to our Bishop Greg Bennet.

The Rite of Election for the Catechumens marks a key moment signifying that they have been called and elected by Christ to enter heaven. At this celebration, Bishop Greg receives and accepts the discernment of the community and sponsors who wholeheartedly acclaims the catechumens' readiness to enter into the final period of preparation for Christian Initiation. Our Baptised Candidates will receive also from our Bishop Greg the formal recognition of their baptism, so together with the Elect will continue their journey through the Lenten season.

Let us pray for our Catechumens and Candidates that the holy mysteries of Easter may bring a full conversion of heart.

Let us also pray for all Catechumens and Candidates who are coming from all the parishes in our Diocese to celebrate the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral

COUPLES RETREAT WITH BR. COLIN CALMIANO - God's plan for a Happy Marriage. Join us on 7th & 8th March at Holy Family, Doveton for an inspiring and faith-filled experience for married couples. Registration is compulsory, contact Petula (0430 594 278) or Emma 0418 918 787 for details.

