

**Groups and Meetings**  
**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  
**SACRAMENT FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> 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: 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	
<b>Saturday</b> (21/2) 6.00pm	:Repose of the souls of Rudy Motha, Hope Mendis, Dagmar Weerakoon & Thanksgiving for Patricia & Joseph Arland
<b>Sunday</b> (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 1 <sup>st</sup> Wedding Anniversary
5.00pm	:People of the Parish
<b>Monday</b> (23/2)	:NO MASS
<b>Tuesday</b> (24/2)	:Repose of the soul of Emma Willrow & Birthday thanksgiving for Caroline Clarke
<b>Wednesday</b> (25/2)	:Repose of the soul of Dionisio Omega Pino Jr
<b>Thursday</b> (26/2)	:NO MASS
<b>Friday</b> (27/2)	:Thanksgiving for new opportunities
<b>Saturday</b> (28/2)	:Repose of the souls of Estilleta Nanaman & Brenda Rainbird
<b>Pray for the sick</b>	: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)
<b>Recently deceased</b>	:Josie Andolfatto
<b>Death Anniv/Remb</b>	: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
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<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>DONATIONS TO THE CHURCH – TAP POINT TERMINALS:</b> 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.
<b>SAFEGUARDING – Please always supervise your child/ren 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 the <b>entrance to the church carpark is the entrance farther from the church at Gate 2.</b> Gate 1 is for exit only. <b>Please observe ALL carpark signage and arrows especially the Keep Clear area for emergency vehicles.</b>

**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!”*

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*WELCOME TO OUR MASS*  
**1st Sunday of Lent (Year A) – 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2026**

Mass & Reconciliation Times	
<b><u>Sunday Masses</u></b> Saturday: 6pm Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm	<b><u>Baptism</u></b> Baptism Preparation 1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month. Sacrament of Baptism most Sundays.
<b><u>Weekday Masses</u></b> <b><u>(week of 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Feb)</u></b>  Monday & Thursday – No Morning Mass Tues, Wed, Fri & Sat: 9.30 am  Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass	<b><u>Reconciliation</u></b> Every Friday & Saturday after morning Mass & Saturday between 5.20pm to 5.40pm.
<b><u>STATIONS OF THE CROSS</u></b> Every Friday in Lent at 7.00pm	<b><u>Blessed Sacrament</u></b> 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
<b><u>1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY ADORATION</u></b> Every 1 <sup>st</sup> Friday of the month worship, prayer & reflection from 7pm – 8pm	<b><u>Weddings</u></b> To meet with priest 6 months prior to wedding

Parish Schools
<b>St Peter’s Secondary College (Clyde North Campus)</b> 55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North <a href="http://www.stpeters.vic.edu.au">www.stpeters.vic.edu.au</a> Phone: 5990 7777 Acting Principal: Mr David Hansen
<b>St Thomas the Apostle Primary School</b> 5 Fiorelli Boulevard, Cranbourne East <a href="http://www.cranbourneeast.catholic.edu.au">www.cranbourneeast.catholic.edu.au</a> Phone: 5998 9293 Principal: Mrs Kate Dourley
<b>St Josephine Bakhita Primary School</b> 40 Wild Goose Way, Clyde North. <a href="http://www.sjbclydenorth.catholic.edu.au">www.sjbclydenorth.catholic.edu.au</a> 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 ApostlePray For Us

First Reading

Gen 2:7–9 3: –7

The Creation, and the sin of our first parents

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 50:3–6, 12–14, 17

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.**

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **R.**

Give me again the joy of your help;  
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,  
O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **R.**

Second Reading

Rom 5:12–19

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 worshipping 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.**

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=IprLink>



**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!

**VOLUNTERS 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 baptis, 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** - Gods 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.