

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: rciasthomasap@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: 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 (28/2) 6.00pm :Repose of the souls of Moira Simmons, Bridgette & David Willatgamuwa, Birthday thanksgiving for Amreen Simmons & Thanksgiving for Sean Arland & family

Sunday (01/3) 9.00am :People of the Parish
10.45am :Repose of the souls of Elizabeth D'Cruz & Nestor & Berlipa Pesigan
5.00pm :Birthday thanksgiving for Arpan

Monday (02/3) :NO MASS

Tuesday (03/3) :Available –(Please contact

Wednesday (04/3) :Available the Parish Office or

Thursday (05/3) :Available meet the priest)

Friday (06/3) :Repose of the soul of Marie Gomez

Saturday (07/3) :Repose of the soul of Celine Coelho

Pray for the sick :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)

Recently deceased : Lynnette Scott, Peter Claude Bhandari
Death Anniv/Remb :Caruso David Jr & deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale

Parish Council

Members:

Fr. James, Fr Jithin, Dcn Michael, Jonathan Rubite, 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: Ex 17:3-7 Rom 5:1-2, 5-8 Jn 4:5-42

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 **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

2nd Sunday of Lent (Year A) – 01st March 2026

Mass & Reconciliation Times

Sunday Masses

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

Weekday Masses

(week of 2nd – 7th Feb)

Monday – No Morning Mass
 Tuesday - Saturday: 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

There will be NO adoration on the 7th of March & 3rd of April 2026

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

Gen 12:1-4

All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 32:4-5, 18-20, 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **R.**

Second Reading

2 Tim 1:8-10

God calls and enlightens us

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. **Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

Gospel

Mt 17:1-9

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured: his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order, 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

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.

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.**

YOUTH VOLUNTEERS FOR GOOD FRIDAY: Calling all teens and young adults! Help bring our traditional Way of the Cross and Passion of the Lord service to life this Good Friday. Sign up using the QR code or link <https://forms.office.com/r/BaayCuyGK2?origin=lprLink>— and for those under 18, make sure a parent or guardian fills out the form. Exciting details coming your way soon!



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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.**

CARLO ACUTIS RELICS & EUCHARISTIC MIRACLE EXHIBITION - An invitation is extended to come and visit the Carlo Acutis exhibition. Tuesday 3rd March to Friday 6th March 2026. St Agatha's parish hall between 10.30am and 2.00pm or 6.00pm and 9.00pm Contact the parish office to book on 599 61985. More information to follow on our website.

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:

- **HOLY WEEK** – Anyone interested in helping during holy week please contact the parish office to express your interest.
- **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.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS 2026 - Congratulations to our Elect and Candidates on the celebration of the Rite of Sending and the Rite of Election last Sunday. Bishop Greg Bennet, the godparents, sponsors and the parish community present at the Rite of Election prayed to our Father of love and power to guide the Catechumens as the newly elect of his church and to be with the Candidates who seek to complete their initiation. Let us all, St Thomas the Apostle church community continue praying for our Elect and Candidates that they be blessed in their spiritual formation throughout the Period of Purification and Enlightenment to take place during this season of Lent.

LENTEN CHARISMATIC RETREAT – Come and experience renewal, deeper prayer, and a powerful encounter with the Lord during this sacred Lenten season. This retreat will be conducted by Fr. Francis Otobo on Thursday, 26th March, at St. Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne. All are welcome!

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.