

## 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](mailto:rciastthomasap@outlook.com)

**SACRAMENT FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (1<sup>st</sup> Reconciliation, 1<sup>st</sup> Holy Communion & Confirmation):**

Email [parishofstthomasap@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto: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 (07/2)** 6.00pm : Repose of the souls of Louis Noel Murry & Mary Alexander, Thanksgiving for Dwain Mendis

**Sunday (08/2)** 9.00am : Repose of the soul of Benedicta Crasto

10.45am : Repose of the soul of Elizabeth D'Cruz

5.00pm : People of the Parish

**Monday (09/2)** : NO MASS

**Tuesday (10/2)** : Repose of the souls of June, Theo Aldons & Francisca Diaz

**Wednesday (11/2)** : Holy souls in Purgatory & Thanksgiving for Dias & Clarkes families

**Thursday (12/2)** : The souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for them & are long forgotten

**Friday (13/2)** :

**Saturday (14/2)** : For the holy souls in purgatory

**Pray for the sick** : 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** : Fr. Bernard Krotwaar

**Death Anniv/Remb** : Caruso David Jr & 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:

Sir 15:15-20

1 Cor 2:6-10

Mt 5:17-37

## New Parishioner Registration

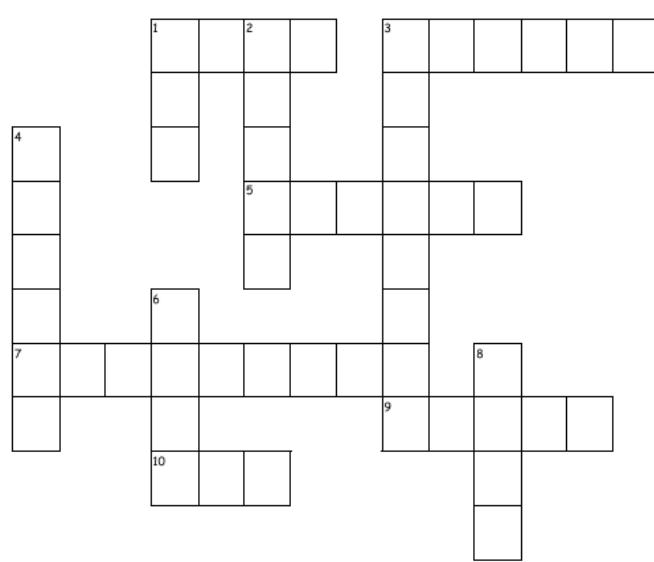
Please register online at <https://stthomasap.org.au/new-parishioner-registration/>

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

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

### CROSSWORD

### Your light will shine like the dawn



#### Across

- 1: Jesus told the disciples they were like \_\_\_\_\_ for everyone on earth
- 3: kept out of sight
- 5: someone who tells the truth is this
- 7: people who are related to you
- 9: the sun and moon \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky
- 10: an indoor plant grows in this

#### Down

- 1: the only star in our solar system
- 2: the opposite of dark
- 3: to have nowhere to live
- 4: wanting food
- 6: a light you can carry around
- 8: a very large town

Is 58:7-10  
Ps 112:4-5, Bab & 9 R.v.4a  
1 Cor 2:1-5  
Mt 5:13-16

# 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](http://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

## 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Mass & Reconciliation Times

### Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

### Weekday Masses

(week of 9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Feb)

Monday – No Morning Mass  
Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30 am

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

### 1<sup>ST</sup> FRIDAY ADORATION

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

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

Tue 10/2 – St. Scholastica, virgin (M)

Sat 14/2 – Sts Cyril, monk & Methodius, bishop (M)

### Baptism

Baptism Preparation 1<sup>st</sup> 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](http://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](http://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](http://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

**Then will your light shine like the dawn**

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

**R.** A light rises in the darkness for the upright

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:  
he is generous, merciful and just.  
The good man takes pity and lends,  
he conducts his affairs with honour. **R.**

The just man will never waver:  
he will be remembered for ever.

He has no fear of evil news;  
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. **R.**

Is 58:7-10

Ps 111:4-9

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;  
open-handed, he gives to the poor;  
his justice stands firm for ever.  
His head will be raised in glory. **R.**

## Second Reading

1 Cor 2:1-5

**The only knowledge I claimed was of the crucified Christ**

The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia, alleluia!** I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel** Mt 5:13-16

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing, and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lamp-stand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

## Memorial Acclamation

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

### 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](mailto: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](http://safesteps.org.au) – any time | 1800RESPECT: 1800 737 732 or [1800respect.org.au](http://1800respect.org.au) - any time | MensLine: 1300 78 99 78 or [mensline.org.au](http://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/>

**CAR PARK** – 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

**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>



**ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES: Wednesday 18th February – 9.30am, 5.30pm & 7.30pm**

Ash Wednesday & Good Friday is a day of Fasting and Abstinence. And abstinence from meat on all Fridays in Lent.

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

**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, the program will now run on a **weeknight**. Little Friends of Jesus is a parish-initiated catechetical program designed for primary-aged children of the parish, helping them grow in faith and learn about Jesus in a fun, age-appropriate way. Parents who are interested in enrolling their child are warmly invited to attend the first enrolment night on **Tuesday 24th February, 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.

**WELCOME** – We welcome St. Josephine Bakhita staff & families at the Saturday 6.00pm Mass on the 7<sup>th</sup> of February.

### **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 - 'A Journey of Faith and Conversion' - Rite of Sending and Rite of Election, 22nd February** - Our Catechumens and Candidates have started their weekly formation towards the Rite of Sending and Rite of Election. We would like our parish community to hold them in prayer and thought as they advance in their journey of faith. The Rite of Sending will be celebrated in our church at the 9am Sunday Mass. The Rite of Election will be celebrated at St Mary's Cathedral in Sale. **Catechumens and Candidates:** Kerry Lyn Put, Alyssa McClure, Khai Ngo, Erik Saxon, Don Lothian, Connor Daniel, John Dutch, Israel Mulipola, Ezekiel Mulipola, Rosa Mulipola, Isaiah Mulipola, Nyra Chadwick, Shantal Ng-Youne, Stewart Mate, Naphatali Abela, Carol Pouvi, Miyako Pouvi, Aipopo Pouvi, Andrew Pouvi, Claire Wilson and David Wilson

**FIRST RECONCILIATION 2026 REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN** – Sacrament of

Reconciliation enrolment 2026 NOW OPEN. please scan the QR Code to register.

Enrolments CLOSE on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

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

