

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 (14/2) 6.00pm	: Repose of the souls of K J Joseph, Manickam Mathiws & Sabu Kurian
Sunday (15/2) 9.00am	: People of the Parish, Repose of the souls of Martin Fernandez & Ancy Smith
10.45am	: Repose of the souls of Lukose Thomas, John Chacko, Andres Mendoza & Myra Kennedy
5.00pm	: Repose of the souls of Claudette & Joe Sinclair
Monday (16/2)	: NO MASS
Tuesday (17/2)	: Thanksgiving Mass 30 year wedding anniversary of Fale & Christine Salu
Wednesday (18/2) 9.30am	: Repose of the soul of Linda David
	5.30pm :Repose of the soul of Nelson Monteiro & Daisy Neo
	7.30pm: For the souls in Purgatory
Thursday (19/2)	: Repose of the souls of Sr. Julie Ogbole, Antonio James & deceased members of the James Family & Tagrid Nicholas
Friday (20/2)	: Repose of the souls of Lena Liam & Nigel Goh
Saturday (21/2)	: Repose of the soul of Virginia Alles
Pray for the sick	: 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	: Josie Andolfatto
Death Anniv/Remb	: Carina Ubay, Caruso David Jr, Alfredo Lu, Marcelino Lu, John Joe Portillo, Juttele May Lim & 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: Gen 2:7-9,3:1-7 Rom 5:12-19 Mt 4:1-11

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)

JUNIOR WORDSEARCH

We follow the law of God

D I S I P L E S A F A E K Y A
I S E A O R P H T Y G Z D L S
G M A L T A R R N A E I E D G
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I M F S K I H U P Q E T I J E
F A J M Y S T E R I O U S U F

Try to find these words:

altar
angry
commands
death
disciples
gift
glorious
mature
mysterious
offer
peace
respects

Sir 15:15-20
Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 33-34
Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:23-24

St Thomas the Apostle

Catholic Parish, Clyde North



"My Lord and My God!"

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Parish Priest: Fr James Fernandez

Presbytery Phone: 5999 0059 (After office hours emergency)

Priest in Residence: Fr Jithin Anto

Deacon: Michael Manuel

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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

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) – 15th February 2026

Mass & Reconciliation Times

Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

Weekday Masses (week of 16th – 21st Feb)

Monday – No Morning Mass
Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30 am

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

ASH WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES

9.30am – We welcome Year 6 students of St. Thomas the Apostle Primary School

5.30 pm & 7.30pm

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

He never commanded anyone to be godless

The Word of the Lord

Responsorial Psalm

R. Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may see
the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Cor 2:6-10

God predestined wisdom to be for our glory before the ages began

The Word of the Lord

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mt 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, not one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say this to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court; if a man calls his brother "Fool" he will answer for it before the Sanhedrin; and if a man calls him "Renegade" he will answer for it in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death. O Lord, until you come again.

Sir 15:15-20

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>



COMMISSIONING – Mr. David Hansen the Acting Principal of St Peter's College Clyde North Campus will be Commissioned at the 9.00am Mass.

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

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, 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.

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 (RCIA).- 22nd February - Rite of Sending 9am Mass, and Rite of Election 2pm at St Mary's Cathedral in Sale- Let us continue praying for our Catechumens and Candidates whom are journeying towards the celebration of the Rite of Sending and the Rite on Election. This step is called election because the acceptance made by the church and based on the testimony of sponsors, catechists, parishioners and the Catechumens themselves is founded on the election by God. As a pledge of fidelity, the candidates will inscribe their names in the book that lists those who have been chosen for initiation. May their hearts and minds receive with expectancy the blessings of both rites to inspire them even more to follow Christ with greater generosity. **Catechumens:** Kerry Lyn Put, Alyssa McClure, Khai Ngo, Erik Saxon, Don Lothian, Connor Daniel, John Dutch, Israel Mulipola, Ezekiel Mulipola. **Christian Baptised Candidates:** 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. **Catholic Baptised to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation:** William Maranon.

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.