

## 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: rciaatstthomasap@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

**Saturday (07/2)** 6.00pm :Repose of the souls of Anthony & Jennifer D'silva, Daphne & Alphonso Louis

**Sunday (08/3)** 9.00am :Repose of the soul of Cecilia Crasto

10.45am :Repose of the soul of Sheila Andrews

5.00pm :People of the Parish & Repose of the soul & Birthday remembrance of Philip De Silva

**Monday (9/3)** :NO MASS

**Tuesday (10/3)** :Repose of the soul of Maytlyn Lemasson

**Wednesday (11/3)** :Repose of the souls of Mr. & Mrs. C Wijeyatunge

**Thursday (12/3)** :Repose of the souls of June & Theo Aldons

**Friday (13/3)** :The souls in purgatory who have no one to pray for and are long forgotten & Birthday thanksgiving for Marion Dias

**Saturday (14/3)** :Available

**Pray for the sick** :Remedios Patawaran, 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)

**Death Anniv/Remb** :Caruso David Jr, Lynnette Scott & 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: 1 Sam 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Eph 5:8-14 Jn 9:1-41

### 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](mailto:clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au) or call 5998 0947

**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.**

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

# 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

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**Parish Office Hours:** Tuesday – Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm

**Parish Office Phone:** 5998 0947

**Email:** parish@stthomasap.org.au

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**Pastoral Associate:** Christine Salu

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**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](mailto:Clydenorth.Safety@cdsale.org.au)



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## WELCOME TO OUR MASS

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A) – 08<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

### Mass & Reconciliation Times

#### Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

#### Weekday Masses

(week of 7<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Feb)

Monday – No Morning Mass

Tuesday - Saturday: 9.30 am

(We welcome the students of St. Thomas the Apostle Primary school to the Mass on Wednesday)

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday in Lent at 7.00pm

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

There will be NO adoration on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 2026

#### 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

## First Reading

Ex 17:3–7

### Strike the rock, and water will flow from it

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 94:1–2, 6–9

**R.** If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;  
hail the rock who saves us.  
Let us come before him, giving thanks,  
with songs let us hail the Lord. **R.**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;  
let us kneel before the God who made us:  
for he is our God and we  
the people who belong to his pasture,  
the flock that is led by his hand. **R.**

O that today you would listen to his voice!  
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,  
as on that day at Massah in the desert  
when your fathers put me to the test;  
when they tried me, though they saw my  
work.' **R.**

## Second Reading

Rom 5:1–2, 5–8

### The love of God has been poured into our hearts

The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!** Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. **Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Gospel

Jn 4:5–16, 19–26, 39–42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, 'What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?' – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: 'If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.' 'You have no bucket, sir,' she answered 'and the well is deep: how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus replied: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir,' said the woman 'give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water. I see you are a prophet, sir. Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship. Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know: for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.' The woman said to him, 'I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.' 'I who am speaking to you,' said Jesus 'I am he.' Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, 'He told me all I have ever done', so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, 'Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.

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.

**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.

## 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>



### PALM SUNDAY, EASTER TRIDUUM & EASTER MASS TIMES

**Palm Sunday – 6.00pm, 8.45 am, 10.45 am & 5.00 pm** (bring your own palms if you got any)

**Holy Thursday - 7.30pm**

**Good Friday - Way of the Cross at St Peter's College Clyde in the Piazza - 10.00am**

**Good Friday Passion in the Church - 3.00pm**

**Holy Saturday Morning Prayer in the Church - 10.00am**

**Easter Vigil - 7.00pm**

**Easter Sunday - 9.00am & 10.45am**

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES** - The new set of envelopes will be available for collection from the Church foyer from next weekend 21/22<sup>nd</sup> March. Direct Debit & Credit Card receipts are available upon request please email or call the parish office.

**PARISH PA SYSTEM** – Thank you to all the parishioners who donated towards the PA System. We collected \$1,537.40. Thank you for your generosity.



**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!

**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**.



**PILGRIM STATUE VISITS TO HOMES** - the Legion of Mary is offering parishioners who have suffered a recent bereavement or have a loved one who is ill or a special situation that they are praying about, we will bring the Statue of Our Lady to your home and you can have her there for 3 days and you can invite family, friends and neighbours to join you in prayer. Please call Mary on 0432166850 to book a visit. If someone else has coincidentally booked the dates you want we will try to offer another date.

### 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** - Our Elect will celebrate the First Scrutiny and be presented with the Apostle's Creed at the 10:45. May they live out this prayer in their daily lives, holding it always close to their hearts.

**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 Otopo on Thursday, 26th March, at St. Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne. All are welcome!