

## 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

**Saturday** (14/2) 6.00pm :Repose of the souls of Frank & Charlotte D'souza, Tony & Aileen Decouto, Derek Gordon, Leo D'Monte & Linus Johnson

**Sunday** (15/3) 9.00am :Thanksgiving for Jean & Tony Camilleri 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary & Angelina Perera, Repose of the souls of Vigilus & Cecilia Eka

10.45am :Mass for the Youth

5.00pm :People of the Parish

**Monday** (16/3) :NO MASS

**Tuesday** (17/3) :Birthday thanksgiving for Gaberiella Dias

**Wednesday** (18/3) :Birthday remembrance for Marie Gomez

**Thursday** (19/3) :Repose of the souls of Bert Menheere

**Friday** (20/3) :Repose of the soul of Elisa Goc-ong

**Saturday** (21/3) :Birthday thanksgiving for Lakshana

**Pray for the sick** :Sandra Wills, Remedios Patawaran, Greg Jacobs, Baby Ezekiel Less, Carmen Gatt, George Falzon, David Wilson, Derrick Erispe, Anton Davids, Beverley Naik, (names > 2 months in sick list may be removed)

**Recently deceased** :Achamma Joseph, John Williams.

**Death Anniv/Remb** :Ardian Lawlor, Judilyn Espiritu & 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: 2 Sam 7: 4-5, 12-16 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22 Mt 1:16,18-21

### 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

**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

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



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## WELCOME TO OUR MASS

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A) – 15<sup>th</sup> March 2026**

### Mass & Reconciliation Times

#### Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

#### Weekday Masses

(week of 14<sup>th</sup> – 21<sup>st</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

#### PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Friday 27 March at 7:00 pm

#### 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

1 Sam 16:1, 6–7, 10 – 13

### David is anointed by Samuel

The Word of the Lord

## Responsorial Psalm

Ps 22

**R.** The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;  
there is nothing I shall want.  
Fresh and green are the pastures  
where he gives me repose.  
Near restful waters he leads me,  
to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**

He guides me along the right path;  
he is true to his name.  
If I should walk in the valley of darkness  
no evil would I fear.  
You are there with your crook and your staff;  
with these you give me comfort. **R.**

You have prepared a banquet for me  
in the sight of my foes.  
My head you have anointed with oil;  
my cup is overflowing. **R.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me  
all the days of my life.  
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell  
for ever and ever. **R.**

## Second Reading

Eph 5:8–14

### Anything exposed by the light will turn into light

The Word of the Lord

## Gospel Acclamation

**Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!** I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. **Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

## Gospel

Jn 9:1,6–9, 13–17, 34–38

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**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

### 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 have 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 of Christ in the Church - 3.00pm**

**Easter Vigil - 7.00pm**

**Easter Sunday - 9.00am & 11.00am**

**PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION** -our Parish Lenten Reconciliation will take place on Friday 27 March at 7:00 pm. Stations of the Cross at the basketball court on that Friday is at 6:00 pm. (note change of time)

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

**COMMISSIONING OF ALTAR SERVERS** – This weekend, during all Masses, we will have a special commissioning of all altar servers who just finished their workshop last week. This is a meaningful moment where we ask God's blessing upon those who generously serve our community and support the life of our parish.



**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**.



**ACIES** - Annual Legion of Mary ACIES consecration and Mass will take place on Saturday 21st March 2026 at 12pm here in St Thomas Church. All active Legion members, auxiliaries, Spiritual Director and parishioners are invited to attend. Fellowship and a cuppa to follow in the foyer.

**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.

**MAURITIAN FOOD FUNDRAISER** - Join us after Mass for a Mauritian food sale to help raise funds for a new church fridge and AV projectors. Saturday 28 March – after 6pm Mass & Sunday 29 March – after 9am and 10:45am Masses  
Thank you for supporting our parish!

**CAR FOR SALE** – Red small Mazda car parked in the front of the church is for sale. Anyone interested can make an offer through the parish email.

### VOLUNTERS URGENTLY NEEDED FOR:

- **HOLY WEEK** – Anyone interested in helping during holy week please contact the parish office to express your interest.
- **CHURCH CLEANING** - If you can help with cleaning the church, please contact Ani Tom on 0432 565 588

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS 2026** - Our Elect will celebrate the Second Scrutiny at Mass this weekend. The Second Scrutiny contains special prayers of purification and enlightenment and it asks of our Elect to know and believe that Jesus is the light of the world. It asks of them also to be the 'light' to all around them and for their eyes to 'see' mercy, to 'see' compassion and to 'see' love. Our prayers remain with you all.

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