

## 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 (21/2)** 6.00pm :Repose of the souls of Rudolph & Yvonne D’Cruz, Fortunata & Antonio Angelone, Patrick Fernando

**Sunday (22/3)** 9.00am :Repose of the soul of Frank Borg, Birthday thanksgiving for Everett Briggs & Thanksgiving for all the blessings granted  
10.45am :Repose of the souls of Philippe, Maud & Raymonde Armansin, Francis & Florence , Vigilius & Cecilia Eka  
5.00pm :People of the Parish

**Monday (23/3)** :NO MASS

**Tuesday (24/3)** :Repose of the soul of Bert Menheere & Thanksgiving for Stephen & Liji Wedding anniversary

**Wednesday (25/3)** :Repose of the soul of Mary Lukose & 16<sup>th</sup> birthday blessing for Aarush Inbaraj

**Thursday (26/3)** :Thanksgiving for the Fernando Family

**Friday (27/3)** :Repose of the soul of Lily Ravat

**Saturday (28/3)** :Souls in the purgatory

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

**Death Anniv/Remb** :Adrian Lawlor, Judilyn Espiritu & deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale

### Parish Council

#### Members:

Fr. James, Fr Jithin, Den 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: Is 50: 4–7 Phil 2:6–11 Mt 26:14 – 27 :66

### 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

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**Parish Safeguarding Officer:** Ann Rode (Wednesday 9.00am – 3.00pm) **Email:** [Clydenorth.Safety@cdsale.org.au](mailto:Clydenorth.Safety@cdsale.org.au)

## WELCOME TO OUR MASS

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Lent (Year A) – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2026**

### Mass & Reconciliation Times

#### Sunday Masses

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

#### Weekday Masses

**(week of 23<sup>rd</sup> – 28<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

#### PARISH LENTEN RECONCILIATION

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 7:00 pm

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

Wed 25<sup>th</sup> – The Annunciation of the Lord – (S)

#### 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**

Ezek 37: 12–14

**I shall put my spirit in you, and you will live**

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps: 129

**R.** With the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord,  
 Lord, hear my voice!  
 O let your ears be attentive  
 to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

My soul is waiting for the Lord.  
 I count on his word.  
 My soul is longing for the Lord  
 more than watchman for daybreak.  
 (Let the watchman count on daybreak  
 and Israel on the Lord.). **R.**

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt,  
 Lord, who would survive?  
 But with you is found forgiveness:  
 for this we revere you. **R.**

Because with the Lord there is mercy  
 and fullness of redemption,  
 Israel indeed he will redeem  
 from all its iniquity. **R.**

**Second Reading**

Rom 8:8–11

**The Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you**

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation**

**Glorify and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!** I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. **Glorify and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

**Gospel**

Jn 11:3-7,17,20-27,33-45

Mary and Martha sent this message to Jesus, 'Lord, the man you love is ill.' On receiving the message, Jesus said, 'This sickness will end not in death but in God's glory, and through it the Son of God will be glorified.' Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus, yet when he heard that Lazarus was ill he stayed where he was for two more days before saying to the disciples, 'Let us go to Judaea.' On arriving, Jesus found that Lazarus had been in the tomb for four days already. When Martha heard that Jesus had come she went to meet him. Mary remained sitting in the house. Martha said to Jesus, 'If you had been here, my brother would not have died, but I know that, even now, whatever you ask of God, he will grant you.' 'Your brother' said Jesus to her 'will rise again.' Martha said, 'I know he will rise again at the resurrection on the last day.' Jesus said: 'I am the resurrection and the life. If anyone believes in me, even though he dies he will live, and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?' 'Yes, Lord,' she said 'I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, the one who was to come into this world.' Jesus said in great distress, with a sigh that came straight from the heart, 'Where have you put him?' They said, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus wept; and the Jews said, 'See how much he loved him!' But there were some who remarked, 'He opened the eyes of the blind man, could he not have prevented this man's death?' Still sighing, Jesus reached the tomb: it was a cave with a stone to close the opening. Jesus said, 'Take the stone away.' Martha said to him, 'Lord, by now he will smell; this is the fourth day.' Jesus replied, 'Have I not told you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. Then Jesus lifted up his eyes and said: 'Father, I thank you for hearing my prayer. I knew indeed that you always hear me, but I speak for the sake of all these who stand round me, so that they may believe it was you who sent me.' When he had said this, he cried in a loud voice, 'Lazarus, here! Come out!' The dead man came out, his feet and hands bound with bands of stuff and a cloth round his face. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, let him go free.' Many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary and had seen what he did believed in 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.

**PALM SUNDAY, EASTER TRIDUUM & EASTER MASS TIMES****Palm Sunday – 6.00pm (Sat), 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<sup>th</sup> 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 this weekend 21/22<sup>nd</sup> March. Direct Debit & Credit Card receipts are available upon request please email or call the parish office.

**VERITAS TEENS:** (13-17 years): **Explore, Reflect, Connect!** Meet this Sunday, 22 March, 2–4pm in the church foyer. Join us for fun & fellowship! This week we will experience Scripture in a fresh way with Lectio Divina!

**INVITATION TO THE ANNUAL CHRISM MASS:** You are invited to attend the annual Chrism Mass on Tuesday, 31st March 2026 11.00 am St Mary's Cathedral, 47 Foster St, Sale, 3850

**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.

**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. **RAFFLE TICKETS WILL BE SOLD THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL THE 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:**

• **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** - Together with our Elect, we celebrate the Third Scrutiny at Mass. During this Scrutiny our Elect will be presented with the Lord's Prayer, our most treasured and valuable prayer of our Christian life. May they always hold this prayer in their hearts, always acknowledging God, always thanking God, always praising God and always loving God. Our prayers remain with you.

**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!

**DIVINE MERCY FEAST DAY CELEBRATION – 12TH April 2026**

A combined Divine Mercy Feast celebration with St. Agatha's Parish Divine Mercy and all nearby Parishes in the Diocese of Sale at Our Lady Help of Christians Parish, Narre Warren. For more information, please contact Twina 0402 077 576.

1.00pm Confession / Short Talk on "Abandoning Self-will to His Holy Will"

1.30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

2.30pm Procession of the Image

3.00pm Divine Mercy Feast Holy Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg followed by Refreshments in the Parish Centre