

## 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 (28/2) 6.00pm** : People of the Parish, Repose of the souls of Birty Chacko, Frederick Louis Goh & deceased members of the Fernandes family

**Sunday (29/3) 9.00am** : Birthday Remembrance for Patrick Fletcher, Repose of the soul of Sr. Mary Wilhelmin & Birthday thanksgiving for Edric Briggs

10.45am : Thanksgiving Mass for Andrew & Mary Schulberg & Rochelle & Amal on their wedding anniversary & Repose of the soul of Vigilius & Cecilia Eke

5.00pm : Repose of the souls of Albert Simmons, Rohan Willatgamuwa & Pacholo Fuentes

**Monday (30/3)** : NO MASS

**Tuesday (31/3)** : NO MASS

**Wednesday (01/4)** : Birthday thanksgiving for Everett, Edric Briggs & Maliyah Sedo & Repose of the soul of Birty Chacko

**Thursday (02/4) 7.30pm** : Repose of the souls of Daniel, Dereng, Ali Miro & Birty Chacko

**Friday (03/4) 3.00pm** : Passion of Christ

**Saturday (04/4) 7.00pm** : Easter Vigil

**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, Sinclair Thomas, Andrew Poccock & Ross Lim

Next Sunday's readings: Act 10:34, 37-43 Col 3: -4 Jn 20:1-9

### 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

**Website:** www.stthomasap.org.au



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**Pastoral Associate:** Christine Salu

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**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

### PALM SUNDAY of the PASSION of the Lord (Year A)

29<sup>th</sup> March 2026

### Mass & Reconciliation Times

#### Sunday Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5.00pm

#### Weekday Masses

**(week of 30<sup>th</sup> March – 4<sup>th</sup> April)**

Monday & Tuesday - No Mass

Wednesday - 9.30am

Holy Thursday - 7.30pm

Good Friday Morning 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

Holy Saturday - No Mass

Easter Vigil - 7.00pm

Easter Sunday - 9.00am, 11.00am No evening

Mass

(We welcome the students of St. Thomas the

Apostle Primary school to the Mass on

Wednesday)

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

#### 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**

Is 50:4-7

**I did not cover my face against insult: I know I shall not be shamed**

The Word of the Lord

**Responsorial Psalm**

Ps 21(22):8-9,17-20,23-24

**R.** My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me.

They curl their lips, they toss their heads.

'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;

let him release him if this is his friend.' **R.**

They divide my clothing among them.

They cast lots for my robe.

O Lord, do not leave me alone,

my strength, make haste to help me! **R.**Many dogs have surrounded me,  
a band of the wicked beset me.

They tear holes in my hands and my feet

I can count every one of my bones. **R.**

I will tell of your name to my brethren

and praise you where they are assembled.

'You who fear the Lord give him praise;

all sons of Jacob, give him glory.

Revere him, Israel's sons. **R.****Second Reading**

Phil 2:6-11

**Christ humbled himself but God raised him high**

The Word of the Lord

**Gospel Acclamation****Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!** Christ became obedient for us even to death, dying on the cross.Therefore God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. **Glory and Praise to you, Lord****Jesus Christ!****Gospel**

Mt 26:14-27:66

Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



**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.

**MESSAGE FROM PARISH PRIEST – Stewardship plan giving**

Dear Parishioner,

Your unwavering commitment to our parish — expressed through your generous financial contributions and faithful pledging — is a true blessing, and one for which we are deeply grateful. Your support has made a real difference, enabling us to fund our parish initiatives and meet our ongoing financial obligations. On behalf of the Parish Finance Council and the entire parish team, I extend my heartfelt thanks for your generosity and continued support. As we enter the most sacred season of the Church's year, may the Lord abundantly bless you and your loved ones with every grace and favour. God Bless you all.

Fr. James Fernandez

**EASTER TRIDUUM & EASTER MASS TIMES****Holy Thursday - 7.30pm****Good Friday - Way of the Cross at St Peter's College Clyde in the Piazza - 10.00am (Fasting & abstinence)****Good Friday Passion of Christ in the Church - 3.00pm****Easter Vigil - 7.00pm****Easter Sunday - 9.00am & 11.00am**

**Carpark Notice:** As we are expecting a large crowd for our Masses, we ask that you adhere to our Parking Wardens directions and signage and be mindful to not block the driveway of residents. There are parking spaces available at the shops and the oval on Heather Grove.

**SPECIAL COLLECTIONS - HOLY LAND SPECIAL COLLECTION** - The annual collection to support the Church in the Holy Land will occur on **Good Friday, April 3rd**. This initiative funds welfare programs for local Christians, including health, education, housing, and maintaining over 70 historic churches and shrines. Catholics worldwide are encouraged to assist and remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday. Envelopes available in the foyer.

**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES** - The new set of envelopes are now available for collection in the Church foyer. Direct Debit & Credit Card receipts are available upon request please email or call the parish office.

**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. Bidding close on Tuesday 31st March. At 12.00 noon

**ST VINCENT DE PAUL** - Please do not leave any clothes outside the Vinnies shed. We appreciate if you could directly drop them off to any of the Vinnies retail outlets.

**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** - Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil - As we are approaching Holy Week, our elect and candidates continue their spiritual journey towards Easter Vigil to be received into our Catholic faith with the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist. As a church community we faithfully offer up our prayers and support for them as they deepen their relationship and fully commit to a closer union with our Lord Jesus Christ.

**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