



# St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, Clyde Nth


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## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 19<sup>th</sup> April, 2026

### Baptism

Baptism Preparation  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of every month.  
Sacrament of Baptism  
2nd & 4th Sundays.

### Reconciliation

Every Friday & Saturday  
after morning Mass.

### Adoration Chapel

Please obtain access code from  
the Parish Office

### Weddings

To meet with priest 6 months  
prior to wedding

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## 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.sjbclaydenorth.catholic.edu.au  
Phone: 5953 9100

Principal: Mrs Kathryn Pepper

### St Carlo Acutis

#### Primary School (2027)

121-123 Bellavita Ave. Clyde  
Principal: Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

## COMPANIONABLE BREAKING OF BREAD

By Fr Michael Tate

There is a bakery-café not far from here called 'Pane Cucina' – 'Bread Kitchen' in Italian. Think of the word 'companion' and you can see the 'pan' sandwiched in there: a 'companion' is a 'with bread' person – a bread-sharer – someone with whom you would be happy to 'break bread together'. Two men are on the road to Emmaus, and find themselves joined by a traveller. He is anonymous but it is his deepest nature to be a companion, and they will come to know him precisely when they break bread together. Their story is the story of each one of us at the Mass. In fact, each Mass is structured on, is a recapitulation of, the Road to Emmaus travelogue.

**1.** The two men should have stayed in Jerusalem in solidarity with the other dispirited disciples, but they set off on a frolic of their own. At the beginning of Mass we confess that we have gone off course, sometimes very deliberately, more commonly just negligently. Our Lord walks alongside us, even when we find ourselves travelling in the wrong direction. At this stage Our Lord is a listener. He wants to hear about where we are. There should be no pretence, no contrived piety. He has all the time in the world to hear us out.

**2.** Then the traveller helped the men on the road to Emmaus understand what had happened to Jesus of Nazareth. How? By showing how God's plan for human beings revealed in the Hebrew Scriptures related to the shocking trauma of the crucifixion of the 'prophet mighty in word and deed'. It was not the end of hope, but the prelude to glory. Reflecting on this, the disciples said: 'Did not our hearts burn within us while he talked to us...?' At this stage of the Mass, the Liturgy of the Word, we hear the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures expounded. They reveal more fully the true identity of Jesus of Nazareth. Every so often, perhaps not commonly, you will experience the burning sensation in your heart as something that is said hits home, resonates with you, penetrates your soul. Our Lord heard your story. You have heard his. You want more of Him to enter your story.

**3.** And so we come to the high point of companionship. The two disciples invite their anonymous fellow-traveller to share a meal. He agrees, but becomes their host! Around the table they become his guests! He takes bread, blesses it, and gives it to them to eat. And, in that moment of bread-sharing, of the deepest com-pan-ionship, the two men had their eyes opened and recognised their travelling companion as the Risen Lord. It is in the breaking of the bread with his followers that the Risen Lord Jesus is most profoundly and truly present. This is the Real Presence. Our Risen Lord is the Bread of Life. Eat the bread consecrated at Mass, and we receive into our very being the Divine Companion for our journey through life. And so, at every Mass we follow the pattern of today's gospel: Telling the Lord where we are at on the journey of life, Listening to scriptures to understand God's plan for humanity, preparing us: to gather at the Table of the Divine Companion, to gather at the Table where Host and Food are one, to gather at the Table where our eyes are opened and we recognise Our Risen Lord Jesus Christ in the breaking of the bread.

## HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

### Weekday Masses

#### Week of 20th – 25th April

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday-Friday - **Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion**

Saturday - 9.30am

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

## OFFERED FOR

### **Pray for the sick:**

Francesca Labour, Eduardo Palo, Pigemali Mylyn, Sandra Wills, Remedios Patawaran, Greg Jacobs, Baby Ezekiel Less, Carmen Gatt, George Falzon, Beverley Naik

### **Death Anniversary/ Remembrance:**

Adrian Lawlor, Judilyn Espiritu & deceased clergy of the Diocese of Sale

**Sacrament of Confirmation Program 2026 - Enrolment Now Open!**

Offered to Grade 6 students and above who have already received the following sacraments: Baptism, First Reconciliation & First Holy Communion Enquires to

St Thomas the Apostle Parish  
Sacrament of Confirmation  
Enrolment 2026



Ann: parishofstthomasap@gmail.com Closes: 7th May 2026

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

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA - THANK YOU!**

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

**MYSTAGOGIA MASS IS ON SUNDAY - Celebrating New Life in Faith**

17th MAY 2PM ST. JOSEPH'S WARRAGUL. We invite you to join in supporting those newly initiated into the Catholic Church. As they reflect on their RCIA journey, we pray for the grace to deepen their Christian faith, remain open to ongoing spiritual growth, and become more fully integrated into parish life. Bishop Greg Bennet will be the Celebrant.

**HOURS OF GRACE - JESUS YOUTH INITIATIVE :**

On May 1st, everyone is invited for a day long Eucharistic Adoration starting soon after the 9.30am Holy Mass till 8pm in the evening.

This is part of our First Friday Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and a Jesus Youth Initiative. Groups from our Parish will be rostered at different hours throughout the day.

Any volunteers who would like to add to our Adoration prayers are welcome to contact the Priest with your ideas.

HOURS OF GRACE  
2026  
Come, Let Us Adore  
Our Risen Lord



**HOLY HOURS FOR VOCATIONS - DIOCESE OF SALE**

The Diocese of Sale invites all parishioners to join in prayer before the Blessed Sacrament to ask the Lord for an increase in vocations.

**APR 26TH** - Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren  
4:45 - 5:45 PM

**MAY 3RD** - St Michael's, Berwick - 4:45 - 5:45 PM

**MAY 31ST** - St Michael's, Traralgon - 6:00 - 7:00 PM

**INSPIRATIONS FROM OUR NEW CATHOLICS: - Shantal Ng-Youne**

*"This has brought me a humbling and educational experience - I am very blessed to have felt welcomed by the community of our parish and the Catholic faith - from a shy group in the beginning to hugs and laughter towards the end. Thank you all".*

**Tuesday 21st - Friday 24th**

**LITURGY OF THE WORD WITH HOLY COMMUNION AT 9.30AM**

**NO HOLY MASS ON THESE DAYS**

**GROUPS & 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: rci-astthomasap@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

**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

We are committed to the safety, well being and dignity of all children and adults at risk.

## ALPHA IS BACK AT ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH!

If you, or someone you know has been thinking about reconnecting with their faith, or just curious about Christianity/ Catholicism, this is the perfect opportunity to reach out. Alpha is a welcoming space to explore life's big questions, discover the evidence of Christianity, and connect with others. Alpha commences on Wednesday, 29 April at 7pm, and runs for 09 weeks. We'll kick off with a meal, watch a thought-provoking video, and have meaningful small group discussions.

Register now at [www.trybooking.com/DLKOW](http://www.trybooking.com/DLKOW) or via the QR code. For questions, please reach out to the parish on (03) 5998 0947



Congratulations !!!

**Ziya Arabella Singh  
Sebastien Sadou**

Who are our latest additions to our Catholic Community Through the Sacrament of Baptism during this weekend



Congratulations !!!  
To the newly Wedded couple

**Pierre Julien Sadou &  
Marie Ingrid Clelie**

Who become one in the Sacrament of Marriage on 18th April.

Wishing them all God's blessing & our prayers

**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 an-

**PRINCIPAL FOR ST. CARLO ACUTIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL**- Mrs Michelle Bruitzman has been appointed as Foundation Principal of St Carlo Acutis Catholic Primary School, Clyde, a new school opening in 2027 as part of the St Thomas the Apostle parish community. Scan the QR Code to register your interest or make an enquiry



### Special Collection Next Weekend

25th & 26th April,

Education of Seminarians Bursary fund  
GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY

#### 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
- **SACRISTAN** - The church is welcoming parishioners to volunteer in any way they can. An urgent need for setup, pack up during the daily Masses. Please contact the Parish Office.

#### Mass Intentions

**Saturday (18/4)** 6.00pm:Thanksgiving Mass for Benjamin Salu, Birthday Remembrance for Linus Johnson & Repose of the souls of Sita Thomas, Marie & Hector Burby

**Sunday (19/4)** 9.00am :Thanksgiving Mass for Alisha Crasto, Departed family members of the Mammone family & birthday thanksgiving for Kasun Wickramasinghe

10.45am :People of the Parish, Repose of the soul of Rudolph Vincent D'Cruz & Birthday blessing for Molly Doran

5.00pm :Repose of the soul of Thresiamma George, Thanksgiving for Liwanag family & Souls in the purgatory

**Monday (20/4)** :NO MASS

**Tuesday (21/4)** :Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

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**Thursday (23/04)** :Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

**Friday (24/04)** :Liturgy of the word with Holy Communion

**Saturday (25/04)** :Birthday remembrance for Milly Fletcher, Repose of the soul of Thresiamma George

"Be the hands and feet of change - volunteer and make a difference!"

**Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 65: 1-2**

Cry out with joy to God, all the earth; O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise, alleluia.

**First Reading: Acts 2:14,22-33**

**A reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and for knowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy; my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 15(16):1-2,5,7-11  
(R.) Lord, you will show us the path of life.**

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you.  
I say to the Lord: 'You are my God.  
O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;  
it is you yourself who are my prize.' (R.)

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel,  
who even at night directs my heart.  
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:  
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;  
even my body shall rest in safety.  
For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor  
let your beloved know decay. (R.)

**Second Reading: 1 Pet 1:17-21**

**A reading from the first letter of St Peter**

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor

gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God.

**Gospel Acclamation: Lk 24:32**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Lk 24:13-35**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death, and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter into his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

Jesus, I trust in you ..