



# St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, Clyde Nth


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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A - 17<sup>th</sup> May, 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

## 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.sjbcllydenorth.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

## Sunday Reflection

The feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. The glory of the Risen Christ has already been revealed in us, but not yet totally. The feast itself celebrates the exaltation of Jesus. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at the right

hand of God. To-are overwhelmed by the reality of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Like the creator, he conquers god, he conquers the enemy and now reigns over his new creation (the church).

Christ who ascended into heaven in his body carries on what he began on earth through his new body, the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists. He ministers through its prophets and pastors. In and through the church, Jesus continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have not been left alone; we have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have not been left alone; we have each other. Together we make up the new body of Christ. Together we await the fullness of this body. It is this new body that stands in between the times, secure in what we have, confident of what we will be given.

Dianne Bergant CSA



Please note that PARISH OFFICE will now  
also be open on MONDAYS – 9AM - 3PM

## HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

### Weekday Masses

Week of 18th – 23rd May

Tuesday - Saturday - 9.30am

Wednesday - School Mass

Thursday—St Peter's College Mass

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

## PRAYERS FOR

### For the sick:

Bill Sheedy, Vusumuzi Mate, Mark Aiava, Nic Ithier,  
Francesse Labour, Eduardo Palo, Pigemali Mylyn,  
Sandra Wills, Remedios Patawaran, Greg Jacobs, Baby  
Ezekiel Less, Carmen Gatt, George Falzon, Beverley  
Naik

† Recently Deceased: Anthony Gear,  
Magdalena Oller



In 2026, Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Sale will celebrate Catholic Education Week from Friday 15 May – Friday 22 May.

This year's theme is 'Every school a home of peace'. "Peace I leave with you", says the Lord, "my own Peace I give you." (John 14:27)

Catholic Education Week is a highlight of the year for our Diocese, as schools and parish communities come together to celebrate their Catholic identity and unique mission.

We thank and ask God to bless all the good work done in our Schools to bear fruits in plenty: St Peter's Collège, St Thomas the Apostle School and St Josephine Bahikta. We continue to pray that we as schools and Parish community will witness to Christ's values in our families and society.

**An invitation from St Thomas the Apostle School during these days of Catholic Education week**

\* For parishioners to pop in after the weekday Mass in the school for a tour, finishing with a nice coffee or a hot drink. Please check the flyer at the entrance and the QR Code to register for the School tour.



*My deepest gratitude to the Parish Council and all parishioners who celebrated with me the great gift of God "My Priesthood". Thank you for making the day so memorable with your presence, kind words, presents and your generosity in so many ways. "His love endures for ever"*

*God bless all.....*

*Fr James*



**Trinity Families Appeal – 2026**

Trinity Families has been a beacon of hope in our region, providing over \$2 million in funding to charities that support families facing hardship. Programs funded include bushfire relief, family counselling, suicide prevention, emergency accommodation, and parenting support. Bishop Greg urges everyone to support this year's Trinity Families Appeal, emphasizing that this is our own charitable trust—locally based and dedicated to addressing the unique needs of families in Greater Gippsland. We are called to give generously so that families in need can access vital welfare services. Donation envelopes are available in the church for those requiring receipts for taxation purposes. Let us help spread hope in our community. Please give generously. **A special collection will be taken next week at all Masses.**



**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: 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

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

**CURRENT EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & NEW VOLUNTEERS**

**WORKSHOP -**



We warmly invite **all current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion**, and welcome **new volunteers** wishing to serve in this ministry, to attend this workshop.

This is an opportunity to receive updated information, strengthen our ministry, and ensure we are all guided by the same practices. **All Roster Coordinators** are encouraged to attend.

**Date:** Saturday, 23 May 2026

**Venue:** Church / Foyer

**Time:**

1:30 PM – Registration

2:00 PM – Workshop Commences

**Concludes:** 3:30 PM

**Commissioning of current and new volunteers** who have completed the workshops for Lectors and/or Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion will take place at all Masses on the **weekend of 6–7 June 2026**, in honour of the Feast of Corpus Christi.

Core Team Initiative



**INVITATION FOR A TIME OF PRAYER** - As we prepare for Pentecost, please join us for a time of praise, worship, prayer ministry & fellowship on Thursday 21 May from 7pm at St Thomas the Apostle Clyde North in the Church foyer. For more details please call the parish office on 5998 0947. or the FLYER

**MYSTAGOGIA MASS -**

***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.

**VERITAS TEENS For Ages 13–17**

Looking for a place where teens can have fun, make new friends, enjoy good vibes, grow in confidence, and connect with others their age in a positive, faith-filled environment?

Come along to **Veritas Teens** on **Sunday 17th May from 2:00pm–4:00pm in the Church Foyer** for an afternoon of games, snacks, laughter, real conversations, and a message of faith and encouragement.

Whether it's your first time or you've come before, everyone is welcome — so bring a friend and join us for a great afternoon together!



**PILGRIM STATUE VISITS TO HOMES** - The Legion of Mary offers a home visitation with the Statue of Our Lady for parishioners who are grieving, have an ill loved one, or have a special intention. The statue can stay in the home for three days, and family, friends, and neighbours may be invited to pray together. To book a visit, parishioners can contact Mary on 0432 166 850. If the preferred dates are unavailable, an alternative date will be offered.

**Mass Intentions**

**Saturday (16/5)** 6.00pm: Repose of the souls of Maxie Fernandez, Sujatha De Magry & Hector Caszo

**Sunday (17/5)** 9.00am: People of the Parish

10.45am: Thanksgiving Mass for William & Sunshine & Repose of the soul of Magdalena Oller

**Tuesday (19/5)** 5.00pm: Thanksgiving Mass for a successful major surgery for Leylan

: Repose of the souls of K.J. Joseph & K.P. Mariamma & Joseph & Naithy Manna mala, Thanksgiving for Stephen Thomas

**Wednesday (20/5)** : Repose of the souls of Anna & Wilfred Peres & Thanksgiving mass for Sean Arland

**Thursday (21/5)** :

**Friday (22/5)** : Repose of the soul of Anthony James & deceased members of the James family

**Saturday (23/5)** : For the Holy Souls in purgatory

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

**Entrance Antiphon: Acts 1: 11**

Men of Galilee, why gaze in wonder at the heavens?  
This Jesus whom you saw ascending into heaven  
will return as you saw him go, alleluia.

**First Reading: Acts 1:1-11**

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

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit, and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is' he had said 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted up while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20**

**(R.) God mounts his throne to shouts of joy:  
a blare of trumpets for the Lord .**

All peoples, clap your hands,  
cry to God with shouts of joy!  
For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear,  
great king over all the earth. **(R.)**

God goes up with shouts of joy;  
the Lord goes up with trumpet blast.  
Sing praise for God, sing praise,  
sing praise to our king, sing praise. **(R.)**

God is king of all the earth,  
sing praise with all your skill.  
God is king over the nations;  
God reigns on his holy throne. **(R.)**

**Second Reading: Eph 1:17-23**

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians**

May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a spirit of wisdom and perception of what is revealed, to bring you to full knowledge of him. May he enlighten the eyes of your mind so that you can see what hope his call holds for you, what

rich glories he has promised the saints will inherit and how infinitely great is the power that he has exercised for us believers. This you can tell from the strength of his power at work in Christ, when he used it to raise him from the dead and to make him sit at his right hand, in heaven, far above every Sovereignty, Authority, Power, or Domination, or any other name that can be named not only in this age but also in the age to come. He has put all things under his feet and made him, as the ruler of everything, the head of the Church; which is his body, the fullness of him who fills the whole creation.

**Gospel Acclamation: Mt 28:19. 20**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

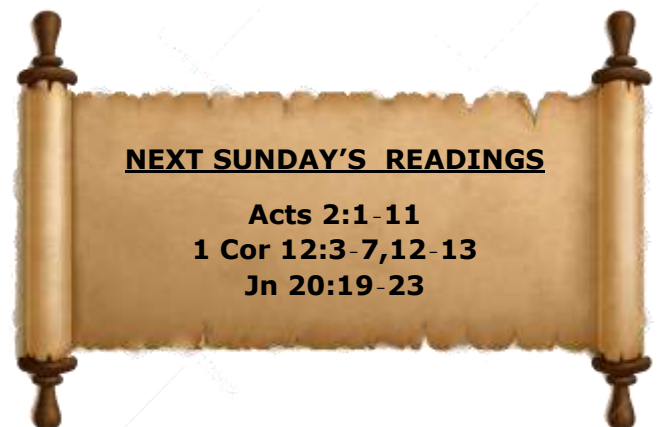
Go and teach all people my gospel.  
I am with you always, until the end of the world.

**Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mt 28:16-20**

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

The eleven disciples set out for Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had arranged to meet them. When they saw him they fell down before him, though some hesitated. Jesus came up and spoke to them. He said, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations; baptise them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teach them to observe all the commands I gave you. And know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'



**I'm with you always, until the end of the world Mt 28:20**