

# St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, Clyde Nth

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## 6<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 10<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

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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.sjbclydenorth.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

## A reflection for the Month of May: Why Mary Matters!

From the earliest days of our childhood, the image and the prayer surrounding the Blessed Virgin Mary, has in many ways been the backdrop of our lives. Catholic homes made a special place for her and honoured her through the recitation of the rosary and "May processions" culminating in the crowning of her statue in our schools and in our churches.

Trying to explain why she matters is like saying why breathing matters! Because for us she is the Mother of Our Blessed Lord, she is the smiling face of joy and serenity, she is by her son's command, our mother given to us on the cross by Jesus who looked down and saw his mother below. **John 19:25-27** If we have a sense of being cared for and being carried, then we have an inkling of what Mary can and does do for us.

The best qualities of a mother, the nurturing, the watchful eye, the sage advice, the joy of a mother is what matters for us. Her place in heaven guarantees us an ear to the creator. Our need to be held tenderly in a loving embrace is her mantle of protection. Her calm amid turmoil, change and tragedy all help us remain focused on the Way, who is her Son. I am the Way the Truth and the Life: John 14:6

We pray Hail Mary, full of grace! What grace, what love is poured out of her heart for her Son, and for us as her children. Imagine how precious a child is to a Mother, and then appreciate the gift of being so precious in the sight of God. Mary Our Mother, pray for us!

During the month of May, we crown you as our Queen, our beautiful Mother, who is so deserving of our love. Pray for us... Queen of May. *Canon Mark O'Keefe*



## HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

### Weekday Masses

#### Week of 11th – 16th May

Tuesday - Saturday - 9.30am

Wednesday - School Mass

Thurs 14th - St. Matthias, apostle (F)

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

## PRAYERS FOR

### For the sick:

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:** Cecille Manalac, Yolanda Vasquez, Jose Narikuzhy, Beatrice Jayawardena, Arjay Melliza, Carlito De Leon.

## PARISH PASTORAL PLAN FRAMEWORK

In alignment to our Diocesan Plan 6 goals displayed in the diagram, our Parish has the first focus on **being an inclusive and welcoming community.**



The Pastoral plan committee have come up with idea of building a robust welcoming team to initiate this process. All are welcome to share your brilliant ideas to the Team or by an email to make our Parish a strong inclusive and welcoming community.

## FR. JAMES PRIESTLY ORDINATION - 25<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THIS SUNDAY

The Parish Pastoral Council invites all parishioners to celebrate in this joyful event on the 10th of May beginning with 10.45 am Mass followed by lite luncheon.



## A prayer for Mothers

Loving God,  
as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church. Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as Christian mothers. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. Grant that we, their sons and daughters, may honour them always with a spirit of profound respect. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Mary, Our dear Mother - Bless our mothers. Amen

**Happy Mother's Day !**



**WE WELCOME  
FR TREVOUR TROTTER  
TO OUR COMMUNITY  
AND THANK HIM  
FOR HIS GENEROSITY TO HELP US  
IN THE ABSENCE OF  
FR JITHIN.**

## 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.

## INSPIRATIONS FROM OUR NEW CATHOLICS: -

*I feel restored and renewed... Praise be to God !!!*

**John Dutch**

## 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 Ros-ter 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.

**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!



St Thomas the Apostle Social Committee invites you for our

## Annual Parish Cent Night

Get ready for a fantastic evening filled with fun, bingo, exciting prizes, and great community spirit! Tickets will be available soon, more information to come — **WATCH THIS SPACE**

**SAT 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2026**  
**ST PETER'S WEST CAMPUS**

**SAVE THE DATE**



**Procession to Crown Our Lady Queen of May -**

Thank you to all who participated in the procession to Crown Our Lady Queen of May on Saturday 9/5/26.

**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.

**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

**Mass Intentions**

- Saturday (09/5)** 6.00pm: Repose of the soul & Birthday remembrance of Aristoteles ILARDE & Pacita dela Cruz & B'day blessing for Shaji Narijuzhy
- Sunday (10/5)** 9.00am: Repose of the souls of Anna & Joseph Thekkettathu, Trixie Peiris (b'day remb) & Thanksgiving Mass for the De Silva Family
- 10.45am: People of the Parish, Thanksgiving Mass for Gabriella & Chris Dias & Repose of the soul of Danilo Alfonso
- 5.00pm: Repose of the souls of Willard Dekauwe Manuel Castro, Edward & Ruby Simonsz & Repose of the soul of Jose Narikuzhy
- Tuesday (12/5)** : Repose of the soul of Jose Narikuzhy
- Wednesday (13/5)** : Thanksgiving for Dias & Clarke's family & Repose of the soul of Jose Narikuzhy
- Thursday (14/5)** : Repose of the soul of Romona Goonaratne
- Friday (15/5)** : B'day Blessing for Aleyamma Thomas & Repose of the soul of P P Thomas
- Saturday (16/5)** : Repose of the souls of Anthony & Jennifer D'silva

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

**Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Is 48: 20**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

**First Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17**

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

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

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

**(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.**

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,  
O sing to the glory of his name.  
O render him glorious praise.  
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

'Before you all the earth shall bow;  
shall sing to you, sing to your name!  
Come and see the works of God,  
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

He turned the sea into dry land,  
they passed through the river dry-shod.  
Let our joy then be in him;  
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

Come and hear, all who fear God.  
I will tell what he did for my soul:  
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer  
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

**Second Reading: 1 Pet 3:15-18**

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

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

**Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:23**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

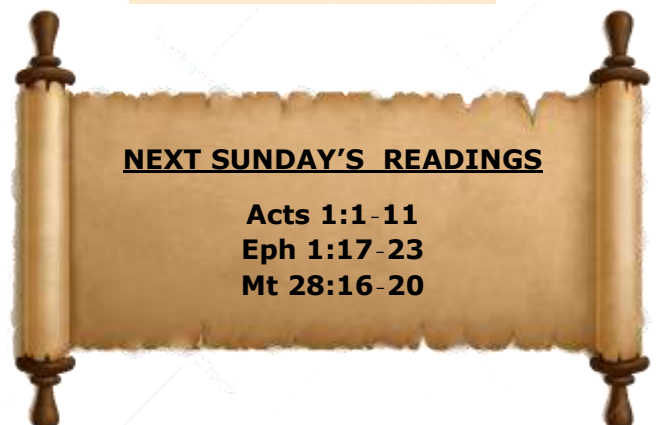
All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Jn 14:15-21**

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

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments. I shall ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate to be with you for ever, that Spirit of truth whom the world can never receive since it neither sees nor knows him; but you know him, because he is with you, he is in you. I will not leave you orphans; I will come back to you. In a short time the world will no longer see me; but you will see me, because I live and you will live. On that day you will understand that I am in my Father and you in me and I in you. Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them will be one who loves me; and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I shall love him and show myself to him.'



If you love me you will keep my commandments.. Jn 14:15