



St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, Clyde Nth


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PENTECOST - YEAR A - 24th May, 2026

Baptism

Baptism Preparation
1st 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,
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www.cranbourneeast.catholic.edu.au

Phone: 5998 9293

Principal: Mrs Kate Dourley

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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

Sunday Reflection

Pentecost celebrates the fullness of the Spirit and the great gathering of nations. It brings the Easter season to its conclusion. The Risen Lord has been exalted to his rightful place next to God and he has sent his Spirit to fill the earth. The world is divine energy; it needs ignite it with life and ment. This vitality ex-
traordinary. loosed and speech
linguistic constraints; gifts flood the valleys
tation; barred doors and frightened hearts
The Spirit of the Lord
world.



gather together for
only to discover that
ered us for another.
Spirit of God, we are
each other and then
spend ourselves for
good. Through the
Spirit of God the world is renewed, the community is revitalised, and we come
to know the mysterious yet all pervasive peace of Christ.

The Spirit has been poured forth and works wonders wherever human hearts
are open to its promptings. The earth is renewed each time rivalries are re-
solved, distinctions are recognised as merely expressions of diversity, peace is
restored, comfort and solace are offered, and forgiveness is granted. We are
immersed in the vigour of the Spirit of God. All we have to do is open ourselves
to it and the reign of God will be born in our midst. © Dianne Bergant CSA

Bishop Greg's Pentecost message can be accessed online via this link:

<https://www.cdsale.org.au/news/pentecost-letter-2026>

HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

Weekday Masses : Week of 25th – 30th May

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday - 9.30am

Wednesday - School Mass

Thursday - **NO MASS** - Liturgy of the Word with Communion

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:** Francis Gonsalves,

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 this weekend**

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.

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.

Rite Christian Initiation Adults 2026/27

The parish RCIA program will commence in the second half of July this year. Anyone interested in joining or learning more about becoming a Catholic is warmly encouraged to contact the Parish Office. Please share this information with family members, friends, or anyone who may be interested.

Our sincere thanks and prayers go to the current RCIA team — **Sonia Ruiz, Petula Mendez, Tino Mushonga, William Maranon, Sunshine Maranon, and Jamie Buenaventura** — for their continued dedication, commitment, and generous support in accompanying the Catechumens and Candidates in the coming year.



We also extend our heartfelt gratitude to **Ruth Marais** for her 8 years of faithful service and as RCIA Coordinator from 2025. As she steps down to serve the parish in other ministries, we thank her for her invaluable contribution and support to the team over the years.

We are pleased to announce that **Sonia Ruiz** will take on the role of the new RCIA Coordinator.

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.

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

INSPIRATIONS FROM OUR NEW CATHOLICS: -

On Saturday, when I was confirmed in the Catholic Church, I felt a mix of nerves at first because it was an important moment in front of many people, but as the ceremony went on I began to feel calm. When the priest anointed me and I received the Holy Spirit, I felt emotional and grateful to be taking this step in my faith. It made me realise how meaningful this moment was for me and how far I have come on my journey. I felt proud to officially become a full member of the Church and thankful for the support of my family, sponsors and community. This experience helped me feel closer to God and more confident in my faith. It will always be a beautiful moment that I will never forget. Thank you
Miyako Powi

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 Sonia Ruiz on 0458 252 938 or email: rci-astthomasap@outlook.com

SACRAMENT FOR SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (1st Reconciliation, 1st Holy Communion & Confirmation):

Visit our website— 'Sacraments for children' 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.

Veritas Young Adults – You're Invited!

If you're aged 18–35, this is your invitation to something simple, real, and actually worth your Sunday afternoon.

Veritas Young Adults is meeting this **Sunday 24 May, 2:00–4:00pm** at the church, and we'd love you there. It's a relaxed space to hang out with other young people, share life, laugh a bit, and talk honestly about faith, purpose, and what's going on in the world right now.

No pressure. No awkwardness. Just good people, good conversation, and light snacks provided. Whether you're deeply connected to your faith, just curious, or somewhere in between—you're welcome. Bring a friend, come along, and see what it's all about. Would be great to see you there.



Congratulations !!!

**Shanaiya Seyki Bandara
Zayn Bodhi Balasuriya
Dhara Balasuriya
Leon Gabriel Wong**

**Starie Minalski Lindhamulage De Silva
Nolan Luke Perera**

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

FRESH FIRE FALL

MASS, PRAISE, WORSHIP AND TALK

30TH May 2026

10.30am –3.30pm

St Ita's Church Drouin

50 Victoria st, Drouin

Contact Lindsay: 0432375391

Bring a plate of finger food to share

*Hosted by CCR Sale Diocese
in conjunction with Charis Australia*

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!

First Tickets will be auctioned at all
Masses on the 13th /14th June

**7pm, SAT 25TH JULY, 2026
ST PETER'S WEST CAMPUS**

PLEASE HELP THE PARISH BY DONATING GIFTS

New/unwrapped in the original package/boxes.

To make your Gift donations please contact :

0425220052 (Neil)

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

VOLUNTEER DRIVE IN JUNE

A growing parish needs a growing number of volunteers

Together, let's continue to build a stronger and vibrant parish serving God and His people

Mass Intentions

- Saturday (23/5)** 6.00pm: People of the Parish & Repose of the soul of Peterson Pereira
Sunday (24/5) 9.00am: Repose of the souls of Arokia Dass, Natasha Rina Santiago & Edna Dela Cruz
10.45am: Repose of the souls of Robert Orchard, Winston Thompson, Bernard Mendis & Sujatha De Silva
5.00pm: Birthday Thanksgiving for Shamrock Simmons, Thanksgiving for Dias & Clarke's family & Repose of the soul of Lilia Fajardo.
- Monday (25/5)** : Repose of the soul of Neil Wingrove
Tuesday (26/5) : Successful surgery, speedy recovery & healing for Lidia Wilkins & Repose of the souls of Daniel Mathew, Patricia Rodrigues & Coral & Dexter Consesso
- Wednesday (27/5)** : Repose of the soul of Patrick Fletcher (death) & Carol Paul (birth remembrance)
Thursday (28/5) : **NO MASS - Liturgy of the Word with Communion**
Friday (29/5) : Repose of the souls of Anne De Soyza & Keny Rettke
Saturday (30/5) : Repose of the soul of Fr. Damian Fernando,

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

Entrance Antiphon: Wis 1: 7

The Spirit of the Lord has filled the whole world and that which contains all things understands what is said, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1,24,29-31,34

(R.) Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. **(R.)**

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. **(R.)**

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Cor 12:3-7,12-13

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one

body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 20:19-23

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you.

'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.'

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

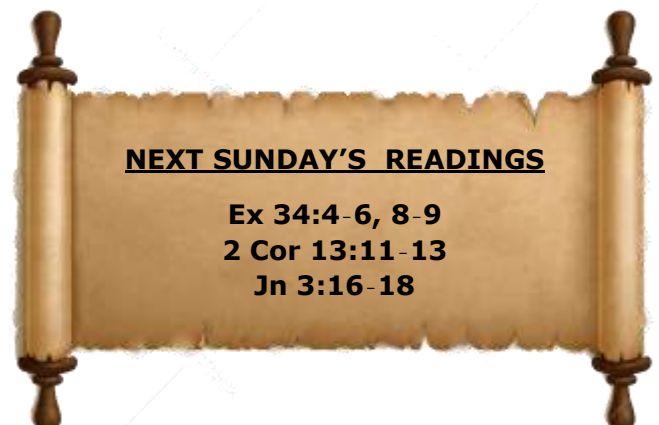
'Receive the Holy Spirit.

For those whose sins you forgive,

they are forgiven;

for those whose sins you retain,

they are retained.'



'Receive the Holy Spirit. Jn 20:22