

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, Clyde Nth

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5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 26TH April, 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.cranbournneast.catholic.edu.au
Phone: 5998 9293

Principal: Mrs Kate Dourley

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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

SUNDAY REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

Mutual Indwelling

The disciples are full of premonitions that their beloved leader was about to be cruelly done to death, leaving them abandoned. Yet he tells them: 'Let not your hearts be troubled.'

Why shouldn't their hearts, our hearts, be troubled by the disappearance of Our Lord's physical presence? The answer is because there is a purpose to his passage through death. It was to bring about a situation where our Risen Lord could share his life in ever more intimate fashion with his followers.

How does this come about?

At every Mass, after the gifts are brought to the altar, I pour a little water into the chalice of wine, saying: 'By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to *share* in the divinity of Christ, who humbled himself to *share* in our humanity.'

What a powerful verb! By grace, we can *share* in the Divine Life of the Risen Lord.

As the Greek saints of the early church used to say in very daring fashion: 'God became human so that humans might become God.'

We anticipate this at every Holy Communion when, as Pope John Paul II used to say: 'We digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection.'

We could pause for a moment after Communion to reverence the Divine Life dwelling in us, a truly Holy Communion!

Alleluia!



HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

Weekday Masses

Week of 4th May – 9th May

Monday - No Mass

Tuesday - Saturday - 9.30am

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

OFFERED FOR

Pray 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

Death Anniversary/ Remembrance:

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

Sacrament of Confirmation Program 2026 -

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



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

COMMITMENT CEREMONY THIS WEEKEND

FR. JAMES PRIESTLY ORDINATION - 25TH ANNIVERSARY

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.



As a gift for Fr. James, a third collection will be taken up on the **2nd & 3rd of May** at all Masses.

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.

Procession to Crown Our Lady Queen of May -

Our Legion of Mary Praesidium will be having a procession to Crown Our Lady Queen



of May on Saturday 9/5/26 at 10.30am. All parishioners are invited to attend and we invite parents to register their children who would like to carry flowers to place at our ladies Altar (flowers will be provided). To register please contact Mary Schulberg on 0432166850. You can also register through the QR code available on the flyer.

INSPIRATIONS FROM OUR NEW CATHOLICS: -

During my Confirmation, I felt both nervous and excited, but mostly felt peaceful. It made me realise how important my faith is to me and I feel more connected to God. It was a special experience that I'll always remember. Carol Pouvi

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.

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.

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 6th May 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 or via the QR code. For questions, please reach out to the parish on (03) 5998 0947 or parish@stthomasap.org.au.



Congratulations !!!

**Jalen Clark Codilla
Luka Raphael Perera
Isabel Frances Cerni**

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

HOURS OF GRACE -

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2026
Come, Let Us Adore Our Blessed Lord



Thank you all who participated in the day long Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament last Friday and received God's blessing on the First Friday of the Month. Many thanks to our

Youth who led us in the final hour of prayer and Benediction. **May the Holy Sacrament be for ever praised, adored, glorified, preserved and loved through all the earth.**

MYSTAGOGIA MASS - Celebrating New Life in Faith Sunday, 17th MAY 2PM ST. JOSEPH'S WARRAGUL. All are invited you to join in supporting those newly initiated into the Catholic Church.

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



WISHING YOU ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS ON YOUR BIRTHDAY AND MAY THE DAYS AHEAD FILL WITH PEACE & JOY

MARIA KROTWAAR

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



ANY HC DRIVERS: LOOKING FOR A JOB

Four Days Work available

Rate/hr \$42 on ABN

CONTACT : 0425 220 052

Mass Intentions

Saturday (25/4) 6.00pm :	For the intentions of our Parishioners
Sunday (26/4) 9.00am :	Thanksgiving Mass for the Crasto Family,
10.45am :	Repose of the soul of Reginald De Zilva
5.00pm :	Repose of the soul of Elizabeth D'Cruz,
	Thanksgiving Mass for the De Silva family,
	Repose of the soul of Dominador Teanio
	Repose of the soul of Edna Alcayra,
	Thanksgiving for the Wedding anniversary of Rodel and Theresa
Tuesday (28/4) :	Thanksgiving from the Yong family
Wednesday (29/4) :	Repose of the soul of Joseph Simmons
Thursday (30/04) :	
Friday (01/05) :	Repose of the soul of Celine Coelho
Saturday (02/05) :	Birthday blessing for Francis Newton

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

Entrance Antiphon: Cf. Ps 97: 1-2

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19. R. v. 22

**(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.**

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **(R.)**

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. **(R.)**

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. **(R.)**

Second Reading: 1 Pet 2:4-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has

proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia!

I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord;
no one comes to the Father, except through me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Jn 14:1-12

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to his disciples:

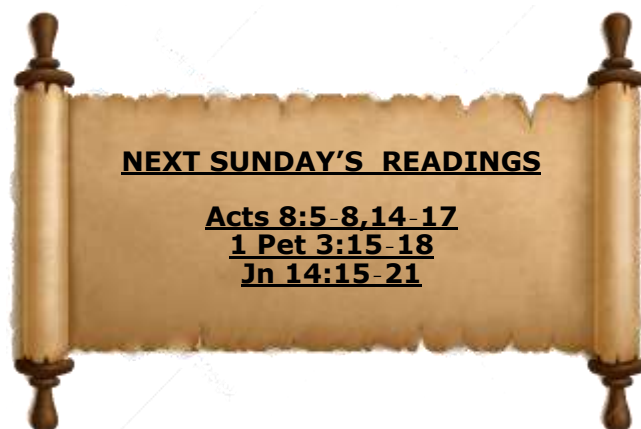
'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said:

'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life.
No one can come to the Father except through me.
If you know me, you know my Father too.
From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me?'

'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"?'
Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'



Do not let your hearts be troubled.. Jn 14:1