



# St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, Clyde Nth


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**13<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 28<sup>th</sup> June, 2026**

### Baptism

Baptism Preparation  
1st Sunday of every month.  
Sacrament of Baptism  
on Sundays.

### Reconciliation

Every Friday & Saturday  
after morning Mass.

### Wedding

To meet with priest  
6 months prior to wedding

### Adoration Chapel

Please obtain access code  
from the Parish Office

### PARISH SCHOOLS

St Peter's Secondary College  
(Clyde North Campus)  
55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North  
www.stpeters.vic.edu.au  
Phone: 5990 7777  
Principal: Mr David Hansen

St Thomas the Apostle  
Primary School  
5 Fiorelli Boulevard,  
Cranbourne East  
www.cranbournееast.catholic.edu.au  
Phone: 5998 9293  
Principal: Ms 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

### SUNDAY REFLECTION

'We do not,' Pope Leo XIV said recently, 'dwell in an unfinished work, but in a temple still under construction.' Speaking in the beautiful Basilica of Sagrada Família in Barcelona, the Pope was whole Church. 'Since the Holy Spirit,' he called to continually uplifts and welcomes

In today's Gospel a model of welcome than an inward-focused only on im-called to love broad-nation. Like Jesus, ly serve the whole

Such love, the Pope yond sentimentality. world implications. clares that 'we can-and promote war. Jesus and kill the believe in Jesus and abandon those who suffer, those who weep, those who flee from misery.'

As the Pope says, the cross is 'a banner of charity'. Explaining that 'God loves us in this way, transforming an instrument of death into a sign of hope,' the Pope wants us to see that taking up our cross means just this. We are called to be hope bearers.

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Jesus places before us and hospitality. Rather looking society, fo-mediate family, we are ly and without discrimi-we are called to loving-human family.

reminds us, goes be-Christian love has real The Pope firmly de-not believe in Jesus We cannot believe in innocent. We cannot

**SOLEMN MASS @ 10.45AM  
FOLLOWED BY FELLOWSHIP**

*NEXT  
sunday*

**THE FEAST OF OUR PARISH**



*Come & join to celebrate...*

**ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE**

## HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

### Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

### Weekday Masses : Week of 29th June - 4th July

**MONDAY:** Solemnity of Sts. Peter and Paul—9.30am

Tuesday - Saturday - 9.30am

*Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass*

## PRAYERS FOR

### **For the sick:**

Edgar Tellis, Molly & Russell Xavier, Maria Nivea Vincent, Bill Sheedy, Vusumuzi Mate, Mark Aiava, Nic Ithier, Francesse Labour, Eduardo Palo, Pigemali Mylyn, Sandra Wills, Remedios Patawaran, Greg Jacobs

**Recently Deceased:** Emily Rebello

## LET'S CELEBRATE: IT IS OUR FEAST-ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

Join us on **Sunday 5th July at the 10:45am Mass** as we celebrate our Parish Feast Day and mark the 10th Anniversary of our parish community.

As we celebrate 10 years as a parish community, let us come together in thanksgiving and joy, sharing our faith, friendship, and the rich cultural diversity that makes our parish family so special.

Following Mass, there will be cultural food, music, dance, and fellowship for all to enjoy. If you would like to contribute a dish from your culture, please contact your community representative and let them know what food you will be providing. Come and celebrate the beautiful diversity of our parish and the unity that brings us together as one family in Christ.

**South African /African: Celine Jacobs**

**Indian: Ani Tom**

**Mauritian: June**

**Filipino: Raquel, Shey, Marnie**

**Other: Priscilla Crasto**

**Samoa: Mata**

**Sri Lankan: Shehara**

To get in touch with any of the above representatives please ring Office 59980947 for their contacts..



## FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION -JULY 3<sup>RD</sup>

Join us on the first Friday of each month for a sacred evening of worship, prayer and reflection at our church. In **July** this will take place on the **3rd at 7:00 PM**. It is a blessed opportunity to spend time with our Lord through Eucharistic adoration, uplifting music, and peaceful contemplation. All are warmly welcome to partake in this spiritual experience

## VERITAS Young Adults Group (YAG):

### "Jesus— the Bread of Life"

Come and join us for our next YAG session as we discover together **who** the Eucharist really is. **If you're 18-35, we'd love to see you there! Sunday, 28 June, 2.00-4.00pm**, here at the parish. Bring a friend!



## CONFIRMATION SACRAMENT FOR ADULTS— STARTING SOON...

On August 15th, we will have the joy of celebrating the Sacrament of Confirmation for our young children by Bishop Greg. On this occasion, we warmly invite any adults who are preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage — and who have not yet been Confirmed — to take this beautiful step in their faith journey. Preparation sessions will take place on **July 2nd, 9th, and 16th**, leading to the celebration of the Sacrament on **August 15th**.

A heartfelt thank you to **Ruth Marias** for so generously offering to guide this program. Please contact the parish office urgently if you would like to participate.

Dear Parishioners, our Confirmation candidates are now entering the final stages of their preparation to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation. We invite you to support them by **'Adopting a Candidate in Prayer.'** The names of the candidates are displayed on the glass at the back of the church. Please choose one and remember that young person in your daily prayers,



## 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 Parish Office or email: rciastthomasap@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.

St Thomas the Apostle  
Social Committee invites you for our  
**Annual Parish  
Cent Night**  
7pm, SAT 25<sup>TH</sup> JULY, 2026  
ST PETER'S WEST CAMPUS  
Enter through Navarre drive



**TICKETS  
are  
running  
out**

Please check the GIFTS DONATION FLYER in the Church Foyer, if you like to Donate for the above Social event. Just a reminder: Gifts that are new and unopened. Your donations will hugely benefit our fundraising for our Parish.

A Big thank you to all the first tickets buyers in the auction held last week.  
Many thanks to all those who are dropping off gifts for the event. God bless you abundantly.

### ALL VOLUNTEERS

A gentle reminder to please complete the SAFETRAC training sent to you by the Diocese of Sale. If you have not received an email please contact **Ann - clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au**



*Congratulations !!!*

**Astrid Imana Agujar  
Strider Jair Mulder  
Eden Te Oranga Emmy McNeill**

Who are our latest additions to our Catholic Community through the Sacrament of Baptism during this weekend. Let us pray for them and their families.

### NEW PRINCIPAL /DEPUTY APPOINTMENTS:

We are pleased to announce that **Mr David Hansen** has been appointed as the new Principal of **St Peter's College, Cranbourne and Clyde North**, commencing **Term 3, 2026**. We congratulate him warmly and assure him of our full support and prayers in this new role.

We also acknowledge with gratitude the contribution of **Mrs Kate Dourley**, outgoing Principal of St Thomas Apostle Primary School, who has been appointed Principal of **St Agatha's Catholic Primary School, Cranbourne** from Term 3, 2026. Though we will miss Kate, we rejoice in this wonderful new opportunity for her.

**Ms Peta Overbury has been appointed Acting Principal** of St Thomas Apostle from 13th July, 2026

We wish you all every blessing as you lead your school communities with faith, wisdom, and dedication. *God bless you.*

### WELCOME BACK FR JITHIN AND CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR NEW APPOINTMENT NEXT YEAR.

Episcopal Trustees of Corpus Christi College have appointed Fr Jithin to the Formation team of the seminary commencing January 2027. In his letter of appointment (3-year term), provision of time has been made to allow Jithin to continue his important doctoral work at Catholic Theological College. He will reside full-time at the seminary, and when possible, will maintain his pastoral connection with us.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

# VOLUNTEER DRIVE IN JUNE

*Last week*

*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

**TO REGISTER USE** 

### Mass Intentions

- Saturday (27/06) 6.00pm:** Repose of the soul of C J Thankamma & Nelson D'Silva  
**Sunday (28/06) 9.00am:** Repose of the soul of Mark Saldanha  
**10.45am:** Birthday thanksgiving for Jonathan Dias & Repose of the souls of Chandrani, Mark, Chrishan & Niyanthi Liyanaarachchi  
**5.00pm:** Birthday thanksgiving for Sandra Simmons & Repose of the souls of Trevor and Gladys Thomas  
**Monday (29/06)** :  
**Tuesday (30/06)** :Repose of the souls of Liam Doherty, Anthony Clarke & Adelia C Tan  
**Wednesday (01/07)** :Repose of the souls of Sr Julie Ogbole (B'day remb) & Louis Murray  
**Thursday (02/07)** :Repose of the soul of Mariamma Thomas(41st rem day)  
**Friday (03/07)** :  
**Saturday (04/07)** :Repose of the soul of Barbara Barlow

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

**Entrance Antiphon: Ps 46:2**

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

**First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16**

**A reading from the second book of the Kings**

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, 'Call our Shunamite. Tell her this: "Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?"' But she replied, 'I live with my own people about me.' 'What can be done for her then?' he asked. Gehazi answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,' he said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

**Responsorial Psalm: Ps 88:2-3,16-19**

**(R.) For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord. .**

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;  
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.  
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,  
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

**(R.)**

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,  
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,  
who find their joy every day in your name,  
who make your justice the source of their bliss. **(R.)**

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;  
by your favour it is that our might is exalted;  
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;  
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

**(R.)**

**Second Reading: Rom 6:3-4,8-11**

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

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too

must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel Acclamation: 1 Pet 2:9**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. **Alleluia!**

**Gospel: Mt 10:37-42**

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

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'



**PRAYER FOR VOLUNTEERS**

*Heavenly Father,*

*You call each of us to serve according to the gifts You have given us.*

*We thank You for all those who generously share their time and talents in our parish community.*

*We ask You now to stir the hearts of more people to respond to Your call. Open their ears to hear Your invitation and give them the courage to step forward in faith and service.*

*Help us to recognize that every ministry, no matter how great or small, is an opportunity to build Your Kingdom and to serve Christ in one another.*

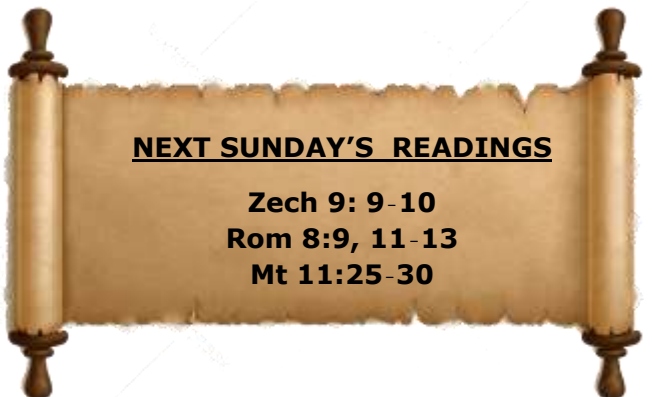
*Bless our parish with willing hearts, generous spirits and a deep desire to share in the mission of Your Church.*

*May Your Holy Spirit inspire many to discover the joy of serving, growing in faith, and becoming active members of our parish family.*

*We ask this through Christ our Lord.*

*Amen.*

*St Thomas the Apostle, pray for us*



**NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS**

**Zech 9: 9-10**

**Rom 8:9, 11-13**

**Mt 11:25-30**

**""Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me"" Mt 10:40**