

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, Clyde Nth

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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 19TH July, 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
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Principal: Ms Kate Dourley

**St Josephine Bakhita
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

Today we hear how the Spirit of God dwells in all of us, helping us in our weakness. The first disciples had Jesus to explain the parables; we have the Spirit to enlighten us. It is the Spirit who helps us to interpret the teaching of Jesus and to be receptive to the challenges that they pose.

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sinners in the kingdom often a stumbling people. There will be ration and judgment, not now. This means we will have to live and, even more challenge them the same kind they show to others. sinners does not erode the quality of Rather, it provides opportunity to rise to generosity and forgiveness.

There are two images of judgment in the readings. The one in the gospel is terrifying and decisive. The wicked are bound together into bundles and readied for burning. We must remember that this is a parable. In the first reading and in the psalm response the justice of God is said to be lenient, clement and kind. The power of God is demonstrated not in retribution but in mercy. God is said to be 'merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in kindness and fidelity', and repentance is a very real possibility. This is the image that gives us hope.

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HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

Weekday Masses : Week of 20th - 25th July

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday - 9.30 am
Thursday Liturgy of the Word With Holy Communion (No Mass)

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

PRAYERS FOR

For the sick:

Margaret Chatelier, Marie Cavalot, Edgar Tellis, Molly & Russell Xavier, Maria Nivea Vincent, Bill Sheedy, Mark Aiava, Nic Ithier, Francesse Labour, Eduardo Palo, Greg Jacobs

Recently Deceased: Raj Fernando

Rite Christian Initiation **Adults 2026/27**



INFORMATION SESSION

TUESDAY 21ST JULY
7-8 PM in the Church Foyer For more info
check the Flyer

Anyone interested in joining or learning more about becoming a Catholic is warmly encouraged to attend. Please share this information with family members, friends, or anyone who may be interested.

Special thanks to the RCIA team for their generosity and enthusiasm. God bless them to guide our Catechumens and Candidates.

yay !! New AV Projectors
thank you
FOR MAKING IT POSSIBLE

We would like to extend our sincere and heartfelt gratitude to our Parish community for your incredible generosity in supporting the purchase of the new overhead projectors for our church. Your overwhelming response is a beautiful reflection of the faith, kindness, and spirit of our parish family. We are especially grateful to the Mauritian community for their wonderful support through the Easter raffle and food fundraiser, which brought people together in a fun and engaging way while helping us reach our goal. Thanks to your generosity, we will now be able to see and participate more fully in our liturgical celebrations.

Many thanks to **Reflections AV—Chris** for your time and understanding to our Parish. Working alongside with **Neil Mendes** who generously devoted full commitment to this project and has brought it to completion. To our large donors - may you be abundantly blessed.

A report of the Finance and Funding this project will be presented at all Masses this weekend. Thank you for making this possible. We are truly blessed by your continued support and generosity.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION **ENROLMENTS 2026**

13th & 20th September
Offered to Grade 4 children up to
14 years of age

Prerequisite: Baptism, First Reconciliation



Scan QR Code to Enroll



St Vincent de Paul Society
VICTORIA
good works

On behalf of the St. Vincent de Paul Clyde Conference, we sincerely thank St. Thomas the Apostle Parish for your generous donation to this year's Winter Appeal. Your kindness and support are invaluable in helping us care for people experiencing homelessness and those in need. We are deeply grateful for your commitment to our mission. May God bless you and your loved ones with peace, grace, and abundant blessings.

ALL VOLUNTEERS

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

Little Friends of Jesus - Term 3 Begins! Little Friends of Jesus begins on Tuesday, 21st July and will run every Tuesday throughout Term 3, from 5:30 pm - 6:30 pm in the Church Foyer. We warmly invite all children from Prep to Grade 6 to join us for a fun and faith-filled journey of learning about Jesus. Through engaging Bible stories, prayer, activities, games, discussions, and crafts, children will grow in their faith, build friendships, and discover how to live out God's love in their everyday lives. If your child would like to be part of Little Friends of Jesus, simply come along on Tuesday, 21 July. Registration can be completed on the day. All children are most welcome—we look forward to seeing you there!

GROUPS & MEETINGS

BAPTISM PREPARATION: 1st Saturday of the month 11.30am. 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](https://www.instagram.com/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.



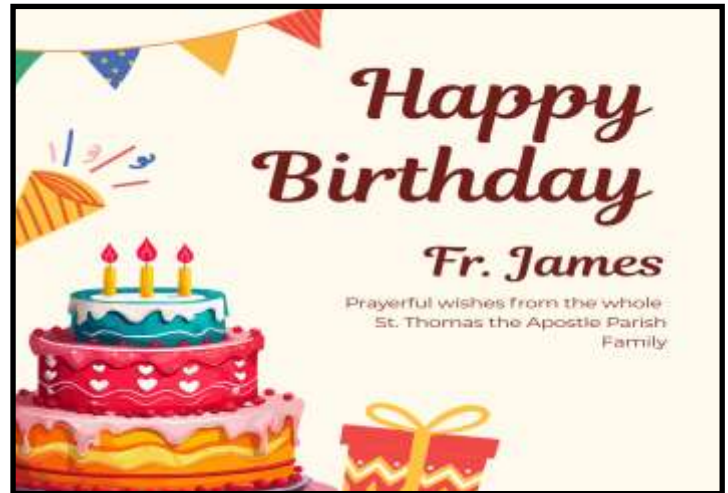
PETER'S PENCE - Is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. As every year, every offering – large or small – will support the Holy Father in his ministry and in his charitable activities in response to emergencies and needs around the world.



The annual Peter's Pence Collection is on the weekend of 25th–26th July 2026.

Can't Make It to Cent Night? You Can Still Be Part of the Fun!

We are offering three exclusive raffle prizes especially for parishioners who are unable to attend the Cent Night celebration. Tickets will be available for purchase after Masses, and you can choose to enter the draw for one, two, or all three prizes by placing your raffle tickets into the corresponding prize box. The exclusive prizes are: A Robot Vacuum Cleaner/ A Coffee Maker / An Air Fryer. The raffle will be drawn on Cent Night, and winners will be contacted after the event. Don't miss this opportunity to support our parish fundraiser and be in the running to win one of these fantastic prizes even if you can't be there on the night! "



WORLD DAY FOR GRANDPARENTS & THE ELDERLY

Pope Leo XIV has chosen the theme

"I will never forget you."
(ISAIAH 49:15)

for the Sixth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly

Parish Celebration

You are warmly invited!

FRIDAY 31 JULY, 11 am
St Thomas the Apostle, Clyde Nth

- Holy Mass with
- Anointing of the Sick
- Followed by a light luncheon

REGISTER VIA

FIND MORE INFO ON THE FLYER

RSVP BY 17TH JULY

OR CALL 59980947

Mass Intentions

Saturday (18/07) 6.00pm: Repose of the souls of Lino Soon, Francis Gonsalves, Juliet Aquino Gutierrez & the Deceased members of the Lobo & Edwards families

Sunday (19/07) 9.00am:
10.45am: Repose of the souls of Elizabeth D'Cruz, Chrishan & Niyanthi Liyanarachchi & Thanksgiving for Dias & Clarke families

5.00pm: Repose of the soul of Vitolio Faalili & Birthday blessing for Alexander Faalili

Tuesday (21/07) :

Wednesday (22/07) :Repose of the soul of Santos Melendez & Birthday Blessing for Abbie

Thursday (23/07) :**Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion**

Friday (24/07) :Thanksgiving for the Dias & Clarke families, B'day blessing for Fabian Yong & The abandoned & forgotten souls in Purgatory

Saturday (25/07) : Repose of the souls of Philomina Rebellow & Baby D'souza

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

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 53:6,8

See, I have God for my help. The Lord sustains my soul. I will sacrifice to you with willing heart, and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good..

First Reading: Wis 12:13, 16 - 19

A reading from the book of Wisdom

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85:5-6, 9-10, 15-16

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. **(R.)**

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. **(R.)**

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 8:26-27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 11:25

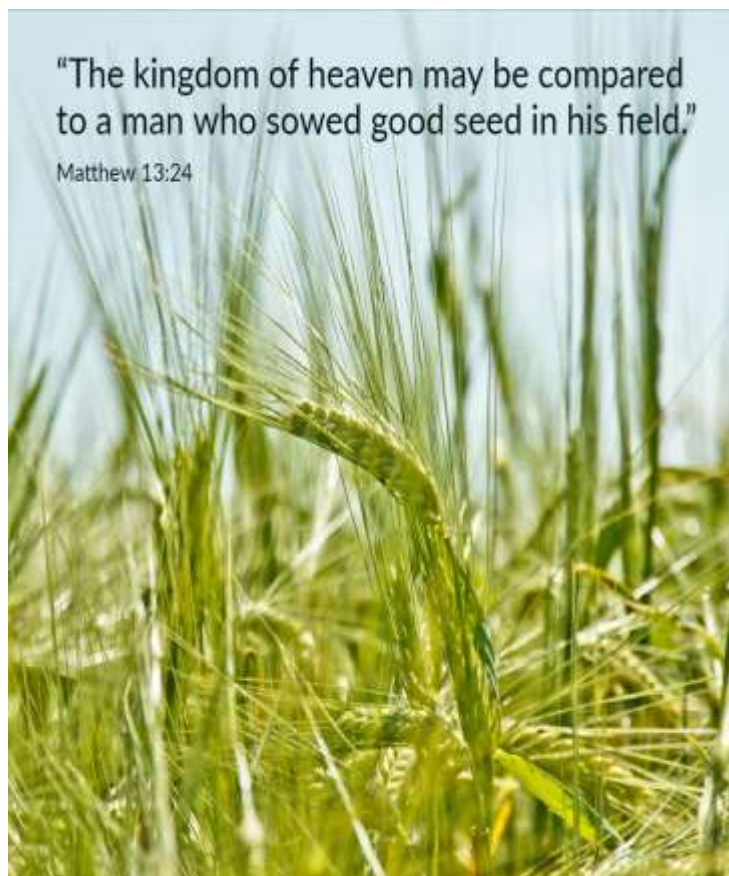
Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 13:24- 30

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn.'"



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**1Kgs 3: 5, 7-12
Rom 8:28-30
Mt 13:44-52**

"Let them both grow till the harvest ..." Mt 13