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17TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 26TH 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
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55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North
www.stpeters.vic.edu.au
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40 Wild Goose Way, Clyde North.
www.sjbclaydenorth.catholic.edu.au
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Principal: Mrs Kathryn Pepper

St Carlo Acutis
Primary School (2027)
121-123 Bellavita Ave. Clyde
Principal: Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Two themes seem to weave through the readings for this Sunday: treasure and delight. The treasure is the extraordinary gift that comes from God; the delight is the joy that we experience when we realise that the treasure is ours. A third theme, which is found in the first reading, picks up a theme that we have considered several times during this period of Ordinary Time, namely, service of others.

The treasure is the kingdom of heaven. It is the prize that gives meaning to the present, and its draws us into the reign of God is the deepest desires hopes. Nothing in compare with it, we are willing to thing to attain it. that we find is re-given. We need tain the kingdom, it in any way. It is God. All we have it.



Solomon chose to be of service to others. In this he is a model for disciples to follow. We have discovered the treasure in the field; we have found the pearl of great price. What we have been given, we must now give to others. In giving we will lose nothing. In fact, we gain an abundance of blessings. All things work for good, and God is glorified in all. Such is the character of the kingdom of God.

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HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

Weekday Masses : Week of 27th July - 1st Aug

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday - 9.30 am

Friday - 11.00am Mass with Anointing of the sick

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: Dennis Denker Gois

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

REGISTER VIA

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



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17TH JULY



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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



THIS WEEKEND

ADULT SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM: CONFIRMATION: 2026

We have welcomed **Prakash Thalagala, Andrew Lander and Salvatore Mascali** to this meaningful time of catechesis which will lead them to the Sacrament of Confirmation and the completion of their Sacraments of Initiation which will take place in August 15th along with the other candidates from schools. As they are led by the Holy Spirit during this time may they come to know the love, grace and mercy our dear Lord has in abundance for them. We ask our parishioners for their prayers of love and support.

Thank you Ruth Marias and Wendy Naik for preparing them for this great moment in their Christian life.



Jubilee of St Francis of Assisi | Friday, October 2nd & Saturday, October 3rd

Make a special pilgrimage to **St Francis of Assisi Church, Benambra**—the *only* church dedicated to St Francis of Assisi in our diocese, set high in the scenic High Country.

Mark your calendars for this two-day gathering of faith, community, and celebration.

Location: St Francis of Assisi Church, Benambra (High Country)

Dates: Friday, Oct 2nd - Saturday, Oct 3rd
More details to follow soon. All pilgrims welcome!

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.

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 filled day of learning about Jesus. Through engaging stories, games, activities, discussions, crafts, and 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!



Congratulations!!!

**Santos Francis Felix
Indiana Dhariwal**

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.

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



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. The project completes with a new **INFO SCREEN** installed in the foyer to display any notices or upcoming events..

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.

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**

Mass Intentions

Saturday (25/07) 6.00pm: Repose of the soul of Ildefonso Del Mar

Sunday (26/07) 9.00am: Repose of the souls of Clement Francis, Lasantha Mendis & S Francis

10.45am: Repose of the souls of Liam & Christina Duddy and members of the Duddy family

Repose of the soul of Ana Arciaga (B'day remeb)
B'day blessing for Nathan Nunez

5.00pm: Repose of the souls of Joseph Dsouza & Patty Rogers

Tuesday (28/07) : Thanksgiving Mass for Alfons Abraham & Repose of the soul of Baby C Thomas

Wednesday (29/07) : Repose of the soul of Regino Padua & deceased members of the Nacional & Padua families & B'day blessing for Josh Fernando

Thursday (30/07) : Repose of the souls of June & Theo Aldons & Mary Thomas

Friday (31/07) : Repose of the soul of Chamath Senanayake

Saturday (1/8) : Repose of the soul of Louis Murray

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

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 67:6-7, 36

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

A reading from the book of Kings

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you.' Solomon replied, 'O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its number cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118

(R.) Lord, how I love your law.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. **(R.)**

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come and I shall live
for your law is my delight. **(R.)**

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold,
why I rule my life by your precepts,
I hate false ways. **(R.)**

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 8:28-30

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

We know that by turning everything to their good, God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, for revealing the mysteries of the kingdom to mere children. **Alleluia!**

Gospel: Mt 13:44-46

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the crowds: 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.

'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Is 55:1-3
Ro 8:35, 37-39
Mt 14:13-21**

"Sells everything he owns and buys it" Mt 13