

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, Clyde Nth

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18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 2ND August, 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,
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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

Jesus nourishes us. In a world that is fraught with meaninglessness, he offers purpose; to a world of darkness and confusion, he provides direction. He satisfies the hungry heart; he enlivens the drooping spirit. Those who follow Jesus will never be left to languish in the desert. If we but open our eyes, at the bountifulness of the nourishment that is provided for us, we will be amazed that God is magnificent in giving, and his generosity exceeds all of our expectations. Furthermore, we are nourished by God through the ministry of the simple (distributing bread to the fragments): visiting the sick and consoling the grieving; caring for a child and giving aid to an elder; bagging groceries and directing a choir. If we but open our eyes, we will be astounded at how ordinary actions can satisfy our hunger and the hunger of others.



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Most amazing of all is that this nourishment is given freely; there was no thought of requiring payment. God simply invites: Come! All we have to do is reach out our hands to receive and we will never be sent away to find nourishment for ourselves. We will discover that a bond is established that endures. Jesus is filled with compassion, a compassion that is not a fleeting emotion, but an enduring attitude. Nothing can separate us from the love of Christ. © Dianne Bergant CSA



HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

Weekday Masses : Week of 3rd - 8th Aug

Wednesday - Saturday - 9.30 am

Tuesday - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

PRAYERS FOR

For the sick:

Celeste, Collette, Rebecca & Sidney Gomez, 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: Chamath Senanayake, Annesley Grero, Stanely Abraham, Antoinette Augustus



Thank You from the Parish Social Committee.

A sincere thank you to everyone who helped make our Cent Night such a wonderful success. It was a fantastic evening filled with fun, laughter, music, dancing, games, great prizes, and of course, the exciting draw for the 55" TV. Most importantly, it was a wonderful opportunity for our parish community to come together, socialise, and enjoy each other's company.

Thank you to all who purchased tickets, donated prizes and gifts, and supported the event in any way. Your generosity played a huge part in making the night so successful.

A special thank you to David Hansen, Principal of St Peter's College, for generously providing the hall free of charge, which greatly assisted the parish.

We are also incredibly grateful to all our volunteers who helped sell tickets, run games, prepare and sell food, set up, and clean up. Your time and dedication were greatly appreciated. Finally, a heartfelt thank you to the Parish Social Committee whose hard work, planning, and commitment brought this event to life.

Thank you all for your generosity, support, and community spirit. We look forward to sharing many more enjoyable parish gatherings together.

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.

Is Your Teen Missing a Sacrament?

Has your child (**aged 14–17**) not yet been Baptised, or missed celebrating Reconciliation, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation? Our Rite of Christian Initiation for Children (RCIC) is a journey of faith designed especially for young people who wish to complete their Sacraments of Initiation while deepening their understanding of the Catholic faith and growing in their relationship & knowledge of Jesus.



Parents and teens are warmly invited to attend our **Information Session:**

Thursday 8 October

6:00–7:00 pm

St Thomas the Apostle Parish

Come along to discover what the program entails, meet the team, and ask any questions you may have. There is no obligation—just an opportunity to explore this important next step in your child's faith journey.

Please register your interest on <https://stthomasap.org.au/sacraments-for-children/#>

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION -AUGUST 7TH

Join us on the first Friday of each month for a sacred evening of worship, prayer and reflection at our church. In **August** this will take place on the **7th 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



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



Congratulations!!!

Elliana Kushla Tyne

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.

Mary MacKillop: A Saint of Our Time

You are invited to join us online to explore the incredible legacy of Saint Mary MacKillop. This session offers a wonderful opportunity to draw inspiration from her life and discover practical ways to make a meaningful difference in today's world.

DATE: THURSDAY, 6TH AUGUST 2026

TIME: 7:00 PM TO 8:00 PM

VENUE: ONLINE



PLAN- GIVING— PLEDGES

If you are having any issues with your Direct-debit or credit card donations or notice that your pledge is not going through, please do not hesitate to give Parish Office a ring. Thank you for your generosity and care for your Parish plan giving Parish Office no: 5998 0947.

You can alternatively, use the QR code given above to donate.



CLYDE NORTH PARISH

Mass Intentions

Saturday (01/08) 6.00pm: Repose of the soul of Simon & Mary Gonsalves & B'day & death remembrance of Benjamin Dela Rosa

Sunday (02/08) 9.00am: Repose of the souls of John & Teresa D'Rozario, Thanksgiving for Mr. & Mrs. Noel Fernando & deceased members of the Noel family & Birthday remembrance of Marie Candappa

10.45am: Repose of the souls of Elizabeth D'Cruz, Elaine and Shirley Fernando, Pray for clergy, religious & Lay people & B'day Thanksgiving for Surangani Fonseka

5.00pm: Repose of the soul of Renato De Guzman & Thanksgiving for blessings received

Tuesday (04/08) : **Liturgy of the word with Holy Communion**

Wednesday (05/08) : Thanksgiving (Fiona's Bapt Anniv) & Repose of the souls of Michael, Treesa, Francis & Elizabeth

Thursday (06/08) : The abandoned & forgotten souls in Purgatory & Repose of the souls of SallyKutty Thomas & Gerard & Coral Rao

Friday (07/08) : Repose of the soul of Brenda "Bebe" Rainbird

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

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 69:2,6

O God, come to my assistance; O Lord, make haste to help me! You are my rescuer, my help; O Lord, do not delay.

First Reading: Is 55: 1-3

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord:

Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144: 8-9, 15-18

(R.) The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live. **(R.)**

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 8:35,37-39

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 4:4

Alleluia, alleluia!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 14:13-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

1 Kgs 19:9,11-13

Rom 9:1-5

Mt 14:22-33

“Give them something to eat yourselves” Mt 14