

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, Clyde Nth

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19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 9th 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
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Principal: Mr David Hansen

St Thomas the Apostle
Primary School
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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

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of one of us lives in justice. Every God, breathes the the midst of breath of God's life, and is constantly quisite artist-ty. Life itself is touched by the ex-ence of God. rience of God.



As wonder-ful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstand-ings and ran-cour, jealousy and vindictive-ness, greed and a hunger for power. Our person-al lives can come unravell- and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the 'at being is life. It is at times exigencies of like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

Dianne Bergant CSA



HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

Weekday Masses : Week of 10th - 15 th Aug

Tuesday - Friday - 9.30 am

Saturday - 9.00am The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Day of Obligation)

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: Antoinette Augustus

Grandparent's day 20



A heartfelt thank you to everyone who joined us for our Grandparents' & the Elderly Celebration. Your presence made the occasion truly special. Thank you for the love, wisdom, and care you continue to share with your families and our parish community.

A special thank you as well to all the volunteers and everyone who contributed their time and effort to make the celebration such a joyful and memorable occasion. Your generosity and dedication are deeply appreciated.



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.

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/#>



CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend 15th & 16th August is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria is the Church's mission in action - empowering communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.



Congratulations!!!

**Kaila Jade Oraya
Adrielle Kayzee Prior**

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.

**ARE YOU
ABLE TO
HELP THE
PARISH**



Any **Carpenter/cabinet maker** or an **Electrician** who is willing to help with a Parish project. Please contact office: **5998 0947**

**ENROLMENTS FOR ST. CARLO
ACUTIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY
SCHOOL-** Scan the QR Code to register your interest or make an enquiry

Mrs Michelle Bruitzman
PRINCIPAL



August 3rd — 8th, 2027

**"Take courage,
I've overcome the world"**
Jn 16:33

Expressions of interest

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Mass Intentions

Saturday (08/08) 6.00pm :Repose of the souls of Roger Savannah, Jacob & Mary Gonsalves, Chishan Liyanaarachchi , Aura & Jose de Jimenez & Oswaldo Freitez

Sunday (09/08) 9.00am :Repose of the souls of Kathleen, Lancy, Jude & Duke Janes

10 .45am:Repose of the souls of Berni Fernando, Annamma, Sheila Andrews, Darryl Dunkley & members of the Rebeiro family

5.00pm :B'day blessing for Virgilio Nanaman II & Repose of the souls of Titus De Saa & Chishan Liyanaarachchi

Tuesday (11/08) :B'day blessing for Deyon & Thanksgiving for Fenin Jacob Anit Philip & Noah Jacob

Wednesday (12/08) :Repose of the soul of George P.J

Thursday (13/08) :B'day blessing for Thresiamma Thomas & Thanksgiving for Clarke & Dias Families

Friday (14/08) :Repose of the soul of Celine Coelho & The abandoned & forgotten souls in Purgatory

Saturday (15/08) 9.00am :The abandoned & forgotten souls in Purgatory & Repose of the soul of Martin Fernandez & Birthday thanksgiving for Mareena Fernandez

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

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 73:20,19.22,23

Look to your covenant, O Lord, and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever. Arise, O God, and defend your cause, and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading: 1 Kgs 19:9,11-13

A reading from the first book of the Kings

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84: 9-14

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **(R.)**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **(R.)**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 9:1-5

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 14:22-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 56:1, 6-7

Rom 11:13-51, 29-32

Mt 15:21-28

“Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.” Mt 14