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20TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 16th 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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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

The overarching theme derived from today's readings is the question of insider-outsider. We see here that the divisions and barriers that emerge out of human experience have been shattered by the graciousness of God. Jesus' openness to 'the other' finds a precedent in the tradition. Isaiah spoke of a time when outsiders would join shipping God, thus dissolving the categories of insider and outsider. He was, of course, referring to the age of eschatological fulfilment. This age dawned with the coming of Jesus. Jesus moved himself out of the constraints of his own cultural worldview, and directs us to do the same. People are either excluded because of ethnicity, culture or religious perspective, or included only able and will-discriminatory standards. In the reign of God, this should not be the case. People are accepted along with their own cultural profiles.



God's embrace first enclosed even those who rejected Jesus, and then God's plan of salvation unfolded in a new way. An invitation to enter the kingdom was issued to the Gentiles, those who had been considered outsiders. If outsiders are now insiders, what has happened to the former insiders? Paul insists that they are still insiders. God has not simply shifted the identifying boundaries; God has dissolved them. In the interim between the dawning of the eschatological age and the end of time, the invitation to be included remains open to all.

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HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm
Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

Weekday Masses : Week of 17th - 22nd Aug

Tuesday - Saturday - 9.30 am

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

PRAYERS FOR

For the sick:

Mario Gaudio, Florence Johnston, Celeste, Collette, Rebecca & Sidney Gomez, Margaret Chatelier, Marie Cavalot, Edgar Tellis, Molly & Russell Xavier, Maria Nivea Vincent, Bill Sheedy, Mark Aiava, Nic Ithier, Eduardo Palo, Greg Jacobs

Recently deceased: Chamindra Fernando & Ricky Gates

Rosary making session with Veritas Teens

Calling all teenagers aged 13 to 17 to join us in our rosary making session on Sunday the 16th of August from 2PM to 4PM at St Thomas the Apostle Church. It'll be a fun filled day with games and food where you can learn about the Rosary while making one yourself! Light snacks and drinks provided.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY CONFIRMED!

A huge congratulations to all our Confirmation candidates who received the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend!

May the Holy Spirit continue to lead, guide and strengthen you, helping you to grow in faith and courage as you journey with Jesus.



May you always remember that you are called to be faithful witnesses of Christ, sharing His love and light with the world.

As a parish community, we continue to keep you in our prayers, asking the Holy Spirit to remain close to you and guide you throughout your lives.

Congratulations, and may the Holy Spirit be with you always!



Have a well deserved break

CURRENT ALTAR SET-UP & PACK-UP, SACRED LINEN MINISTRY AND NEW VOLUNTEERS WORKSHOP

We warmly invite all **current Altar Set-up & Pack-up** and **Sacred Linen Ministry** volunteers, as well as new **volunteers** who wish to serve in these ministries, to attend this workshop.

Venue: Church / Foyer

Date: Saturday, 12 September 2026

Altar Set-up & Pack-up

- **1:00 PM** – Registration
- **1:30 PM – 3:00 PM** – Altar Set-up & Pack-up Workshop

Sacred Linen Ministry

- **3:00 PM – 3:30 PM** – Sacred Linen Workshop

CURRENT EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION, LECTORS AND NEW VOLUNTEERS WORKSHOP

We warmly invite all **current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** and **Lectors** who were unable to attend the workshops held in **May 2026**, as well as **new volunteers** who wish to serve in these ministries, to attend this workshop.

Current Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion and **Lectors** are **strongly encouraged to attend**, as participation in the workshop will help ensure everyone is equipped with the latest guidance and continues to be included in the ministry rosters.

Venue: Church / Foyer

Date: Saturday, 19 September 2026

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

- **11:30 AM** – Registration
- **12:00 PM – 1:30 PM** – Workshop

Lectors

- **1:30 PM – 3:00 PM** – Workshop

These workshops provide an opportunity to deepen our understanding of each ministry, receive updated guidance, and ensure that we continue to serve our parish community with reverence, confidence and a shared commitment to best practice.

We look forward to your participation.

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

This 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!!!

Rocco Mario Cardamone

Who is 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 (15/08) 6.00pm :Repose of the souls of Tony & Aileen D'Couto, Frank & Charlotte D'Souza, Thanksgiving for Dias & Clarke families & Wedding Anni for Molly & Norman Duran

Sunday (16/08) 9.00am :Departed souls of the Viegas family & Thanksgiving for Janes Family & Mareena Fernandez, Repose of the soul of Martin Fernandez, Speedy recovery for Mario Gaudio

10 .45am:Repose of the soul of Jose Amaya Parra, Thanksgiving for the Abraham & family & Special prayer intention for David Menezes

5.00pm :B'day thanksgiving for Stella Mathias & Austin Mathias & Repose of the soul of Michael Hankins & Thanksgiving for Dennis & family

Tuesday (18/08) :For the Holy Souls in purgatory & Repose of the soul of Angelina Lorenzana & B'day thanksgiving for Wesley Pereira & Repose of the souls of Basil, Evelyn & Leo Abraham

Wednesday (19/08) :Repose of the Souls of Anna & Wilfred Peres

Thursday (20/08) :B'day blessing Germaine Yong

Friday (21/08) :Thanksgiving Mass for Oscar Perera

Saturday (22/08) :The abandoned & forgotten souls in Purgatory & Thanksgiving mass for Victor Crasto

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

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 83:10-11

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

First Reading: Is 56:1,6-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 66: 2-3, 5-6,8

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. **(R.)**

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. **(R.)**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 11:13-15, 29-32

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 4:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 15:21-28

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Is 22:19-23
Rom 11:33-36
Mt 16:13-20**

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