

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, Clyde Nth

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21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 23RD 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

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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

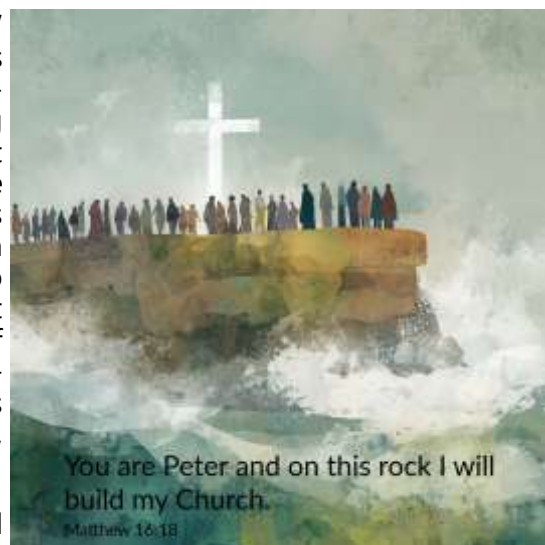
SUNDAY REFLECTION

The readings highlight two different but related themes: the character of our understanding of Christ, and our understanding of discipleship that flows from it. Christological reflections reach a climax in the question posed to the disciples: Who do you say I am? In this liturgical context, the same question is posed to us. Who is this one who multiplies loaves of bread, who walks on turbulent waters, who breaks the boundaries that separate insider from outsider? It is none other than the messiah.

When Peter testified to Jesus' identity, it was a relevant religious and political statement, for messianic expectation was a burning question at that time. But what does it mean for the average Christian today? Many believers consider messianic expectation a theological theme that belongs to the past. They feel that it is difficult to get excited about the coming of someone who we believe has already come and gone. If Jesus were to pose this question today, how would we answer?

Like Peter, we too may have good intentions, but when they are put to the test we realise that that was all that they were – good intentions. Still, we should not be discouraged by our weaknesses, for just as Peter's failure did not deter God from entrusting him with power and authority, so our failures need not be obstacles to God's grace in our lives. We watch God entrust the church to individuals who are weak and undependable, and we realise that judgments are inscrutable and God's ways unsearchable.

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HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

Weekday Masses : Week of 24th - 29th Aug

Tuesday - Saturday - 9.30 am

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

PRAYERS FOR

For the sick:

Navaraj Victoria, 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,

Recently deceased: Agapito De Leon

POSITIONS VACANT

World Youth Day Project Officer - DOSCEL Office

The Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Limited (DOSCEL) is seeking a World Youth Day Project Officer who will ensure the success of the pilgrimage from planning and preparation through to operation, debrief and evaluation, helping ensure the pilgrimage is purposeful, well governed, financially responsible, safe, inclusive and grounded in Catholic mission. This role will work collaboratively with the DOSCEL Office and school leaders, Staff of Sion House and external stakeholders to support a pilgrimage experience aligned with the World Youth Day 2027 theme: "Take courage! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33).

How to Apply:

For further information regarding this opportunity, please contact the Human Resources team via talent@doscel.catholic.edu.au.

Applicants are required to submit:

- A current resume.
- A cover letter addressing the Key Selection Criteria – Position Description.

Applications should be emailed to talent@doscel.catholic.edu.au. Applications close Monday 31 August 2026 at 2.00 pm DOSCEL is committed to the safety, wellbeing and protection of all children and young people. Successful applicants will be subject to child safety screening processes, including Working with Children and police checks.

Gardening and Property Support

Parish Gardening and Property Support. A position has become available based at St Agatha's Parish, Cranbourne. This role is to provide gardening and general maintenance work for the Parish grounds and properties. The position is part-time, 2 days a week 8.30am to 4.00pm.

Applications are to be addressed to the Parish Priest and emailed to parishoffice@stagathas.org.au by Monday 31st August 2026. Please submit a cover letter along with a current resume. For a copy of the job description please contact the parish office via

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.



Congratulations!!!

Selenna Grace Nepa
Sofia Nicole Kennedy

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**



CatholicCare
VICTORIA
Strengthening families & communities

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal.

The generosity of our parish community means that CatholicCare Victoria can continue their mission; to empower communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Your compassion and generosity ensure individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives.

Thank you for helping open the door to safety, dignity and hope.

For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

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 (22/08) 6.00pm** :For the deceased family and friends of the Salu family, Recovery & healing for Francisco Bas & Repose of the souls of Delia Elope & Leoncio Elope JR
- Sunday (23/08) 9.00am** :Repose of the soul of Rita Johnson
- 10.45am**:Repose of the souls of Carlito De Leon & Noel Otto Harris, Healing & mercy for Kotchu Thresia & the Holy souls in Purgatory
- 5.00pm** :Thanksgiving for Dias & Clarke families, Repose of the soul of Michael Hankins
- Tuesday (25/08)** :Repose of the souls of Rosario & Crispin Canete & Healing & mercy for Kotchu Thresia & the Holy souls in Purgatory
- Wednesday (26/08)** :Repose of the Souls of Gillian Apollon & Stanley & Thelma Edmonds, Birthday blessing for Alona Naidoo
- Thursday (28/08)** :Departed souls in Purgatory & Healing & mercy for Kotchu Thresia
- Friday (28/08)** :Success in school, work opportunities & better life for Kim Uwanag & Jane Antipolo
- Saturday (29/08)** :For the conversion of sinners

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

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 85:1-3

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

First Reading: Is 22:19-23

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137:1-3,6,8

(R.) Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple. **(R.)**

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul. **(R.)**

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 11:33-36

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen. .

Gospel Acclamation: Mt 16:18

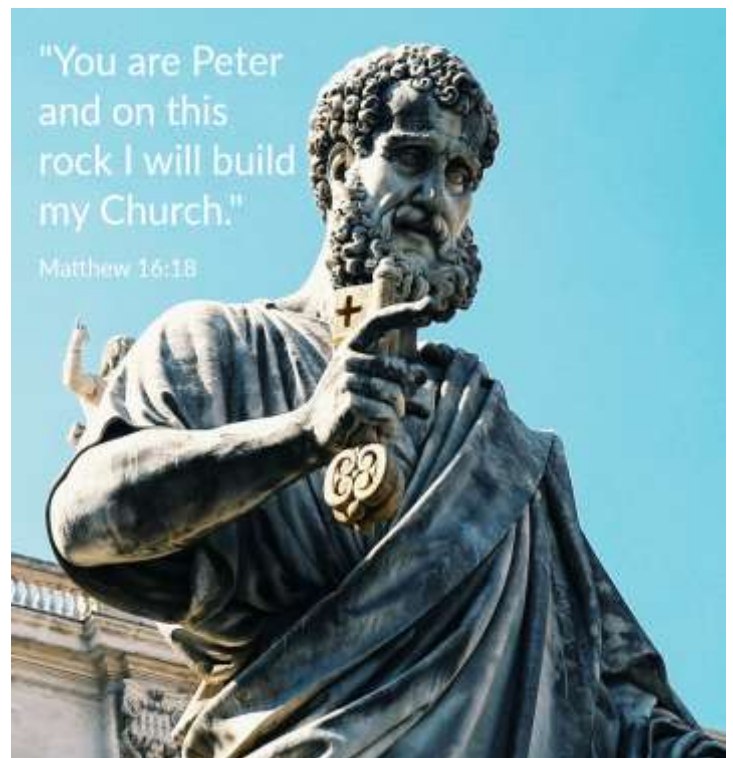
Alleluia, alleluia!

You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 16:13-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Jer 20:7-9
Rom 12:1-2
Mt 16:21-27**

"who do you say I am? " Mt 16:15