

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, Clyde Nth

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22ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 30th 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,
Cranbourne East
www.cranbourneeast.catholic.edu.au
Phone: 5998 9293
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

The gospel does not say that Jesus will gallantly step forward, take suffering upon himself, and thus demonstrate his power. Instead, his fate will be a demonstration of his vulnerability. He will be taken forcibly and will suffer at the hands of others. He will do this willingly, but not as a volunteer. Jesus will be a victim. This picture of Jesus carries implications for discipleship. Whoever follows him must follow him to the cross. If we participate in his success, we must also share in his shame. Disciples have a choice to follow or not to follow, but if they choose in his favour they must be ready for suffering and humiliation.



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we may feel alienated. Suffering is bound to invade our ministerial lives as well. We must remember that Jesus' message antagonised many people in his day. Those who proclaim the same message in their own contexts must be prepared for a similar reaction.

After witnessing the marvellous feats that Jesus accomplished, we discover that he is going to suffer and be put to death. How can this be? With Peter we protest. With Jeremiah we wonder: Have we been duped? The realisation that we too will have to suffer becomes a crucial test of our faith.

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HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

Weekday Masses : Week of 32nd Aug - 5th Sep

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: Annesley Grero, Max Gomez

POSITIONS VACANT

World Youth Day Project Officer - DOSCEL Office

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.

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 email or directly on 03 95996 1985.

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

On Tuesday 8th September after the 9.30am Mass and Rosary Devotions there will be birthday cake and refreshments to honour Our Mother on this special feast day.

All parishioners welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION – September 4TH

Join us on the first Friday of each month for a sacred evening of worship, prayer and reflection at our church. In September this will take place on the 4th 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.

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 & NEW 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.

FATHER'S DAY APPEAL FOR THE PRIESTS' WELFARE FOUNDATION OF THE DIOCESE OF SALE

This fund supports the priests and deacons of our Diocese in times of sickness or retirement.

Online donations can now be made at <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> and the foundation is most appreciative of your support and any donation you can afford. All donations of \$2.00 and over are tax deductible and a receipt for tax deduction purposes will be automatically sent, if an email address is provided. Donations may also be made through envelopes available in the foyer. Please return the envelopes by the 5th or 6th of September.

This will be collected
Next weekend September
5th & 6th.



Missionary Families of Christ - Singles Section

Calling all Catholic singles and young adults aged 21-40! You are invited to join us for the Missionary Families of Christ (MFC) Singles Conference **RADICATI IN CHRISTO (Rooted in Christ)**. To be rooted is to grow deep, anchored in Christ so firmly that we remain unshaken through every storm, every dry season, every distraction. Because when we're rooted in Him, we grow whole and bear fruit that lasts. | **What to expect:** Engaging talks and testimonies, praise and worship, Holy Mass and the Sacrament of Reconciliation, adoration, and of course - fellowship and food! | **When:** 26-27 September 2026 | **Where:** Don Bosco Retreat Centre | Register now at <https://bit.ly/SC2026registration> or scan the QR code on the poster!

**ARE YOU
ABLE TO
HELP THE**



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 (29/08) 6.00pm** :Repose of the souls of Raffaella & Guglielmo Piraino, Pacita dela Cruz & Daphne & Alphonso louis
- Sunday (30/08) 9.00am** :Thanksgiving for Emil Tom & Repose of the soul of Paul Scicluna
10.45am: Birthday remembrance for Raymond Thompson & Repose of the souls of Aldwin Payod & Michael Hankins
5.00pm :Repose of the souls of Philomina & Molly Xavier & baby Austin & Agapito de Leon
- Tuesday (01/09)** :Repose of the soul of Louis Murray
- Wednesday (02/09)** :For the Holy Souls in purgatory
- Thursday (03/09)** :Repose of the soul of Hector Caszo & Departed Soul for St. Antony patron Saint
- Friday (04/09)** :Repose of the soul of Beatrice Fernando
- Saturday (05/09)** :

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

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 85:3,5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

First Reading: Jer 20:7-9

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, 'I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name any more.' Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62:2-6,8-9

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. **(R.)**

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. **(R.)**

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. **(R.)**

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 12:1-2

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do.

Gospel Acclamation: Eph1:17. 18

Alleluia, alleluia!

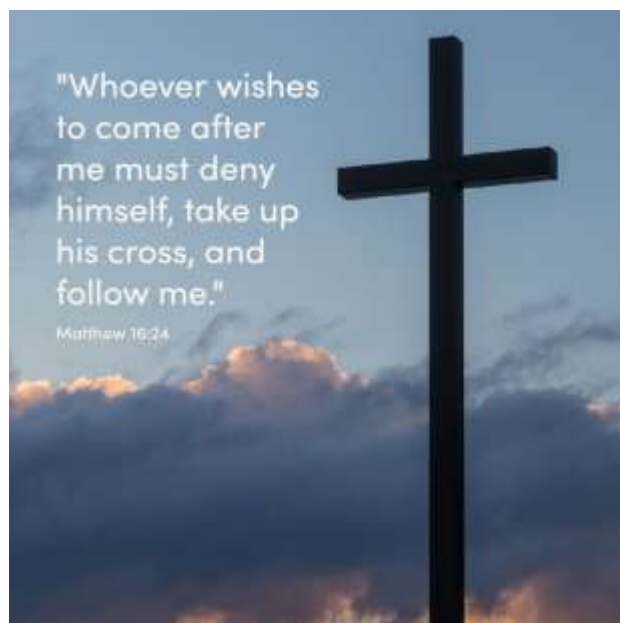
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 16:21-27

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ezek 33:7-9

Rom 13:8-10

Mt 18:15-20

"For the Son of Man is going to come ..." Mt 16:27