

St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Parish, Clyde Nth

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23RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 6th September, 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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www.cranbournееast.catholic.edu.au
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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

It is difficult for leaders to call people to accountability. Such is the unenviable responsibility of pastors in the parish, coordinators of religious education, members of the parish council, principals in the school, directors of liturgical ministry, to name but a few. Disciples must also engage in the very difficult process of reconciliation. Differences of opinion, misunderstandings, and actual offences tend to alienate people. We see this happen in families, neighbourhoods, parish communities, workplaces. It is not enough to say that we must try to forgive from our hearts. The process of reconciliation requires significant movement toward the admission of guilt as well. Both the one offended and the offender must be willing to be transformed.

Gathering two or three together in prayerful collaboration is not as easy as it sounds. If collaboration is to be effective, we have to be open and honest about our opinions and our biases, and respectful of the opinions and biases of others. We must work for the common good and not merely for what we personally think is best. We must be willing to accept and implement decisions with which we may not totally agree, and we must live with them gracefully. All of this calls for unselfish love. Love fulfils the entire law only: when we honour our personal commitments and the personal commitments of others; when we value the life, dignity and reputation of others; and when we respect their possessions. It is only because love is so demanding that it covers all of our responsibilities.

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NATIONAL CHILD
PROTECTION WEEK
2026

EVERY CONVERSATION MATTERS

SHIFTING CONVERSATION TO ACTION

HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

Weekday Masses : Week of 7th - 12th Sep

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday - 9.30 am

Thursday—9.15am

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: Edgar Tellis, Aleyamma Thomas

NEPAL FLOODS

Caritas teams are on the ground assessing the scale of the disastrous Nepalese floods and how to respond. It is expected that the needs will most likely include: emergency shelter and essential items, access to clean water and sanitation, access to food and immediate and long-term recovery. If you are able to support Caritas Australia's Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal.

POPE LEO XIV MESSAGE FOR NEPAL AND TIBET

A message from Pope Leo for Nepal & Tibet has been issued. The message can be found in St. Thomas the Apostle website.

THE LAMP YOUTH FESTIVAL

The Lamp Youth Festival will be held on Saturday 21st of November from 11.00am to 5.00pm at St. Michael's School Stadium No. 125 High Street, Berwick Vic 3806.

Please bring along two or more non - perishable goods. All donations go towards John Mc Foundation Inc.

Scan the QR Code to register.



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!

The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Join us on **Tuesday, 8 September** after the 9.30am Mass and Rosary Devotions for birthday cake and refreshments as we honour Our Blessed Mother on this special feast day. All parishioners are warmly welcome.

Missionary Families of Christ - Singles Section

Catholic singles and young adults aged 21 to 40 are invited to the Missionary Families of Christ (MFC) Singles Conference 2026, themed *Radicati in Christo* (Rooted in Christ). The conference focuses on deepening one's faith and becoming firmly anchored in Christ to remain steadfast through life's challenges.

Highlights include:

Inspiring talks and personal testimonies, Praise and worship, Holy Mass, Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharistic Adoration, Fellowship and meals

Date: 26-27 September 2026

Venue: Don Bosco Retreat Centre

Registration: <https://bit.ly/SC2026registration> or scan the QR code on the event poster.

CURRENT & NEW VOLUNTEERS OF EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & LECTORS 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.

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

CURRENT & NEW VOLUNTEERS OF ALTAR SET-UP / PACK-UP & SACRED LINEN MINISTRY 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

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.

National Child Protection Week

We're excited to promote National Child Protection Week with a fun colouring competition for children! This will take place on **12th & 13th September**, and children **aged 4-11 years** are welcome to join in. It's a simple way to help our young ones engage with the message of keeping children safe, while enjoying a creative activity together.



Congratulations !!!

**Mark Calboutin and
Melinda Rasti**

as you become one in the Sacrament of Marriage, may Christ be at the centre of your home, guiding and strengthening you throughout your married life.

9th Sep, St Thomas the Apostle

WELCOME BACK FR.JAMES

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

Today the Special Collection is for the Priests' Welfare Foundation and the proceeds will go towards the support of the sick and retired clergy (including priests from overseas and deacons wives) of our Diocese. By clicking on <https://www.cdsale.org.au/priestswelfarefoundation> it will make it easy for you to make a donation. 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 this weekend September 5th & 6th.



Congratulations!!!

**Matthew Alexander Forbes
Bruce
Sophia Francesca Rubio**

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.

Any Carpenter/

**ARE YOU
ABLE TO
HELP THE**



**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

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH
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Mass Intentions

- Saturday (05/09) 6.00pm** :Repose of the soul of Gunaseelan Carvalho , Thanksgiving for Morien & family & Thanksgiving for everything received
- Sunday (06/09) 9.00am** :Repose of the souls of Cecilia & John Viegas, Frances & Joseph Cassar & Mr. & Mrs. Barlow
- 10 .45am** :Repose of the soul of Elizabeth D'Cruz & Aldwin Payod Birthday remembrance for Raymond Thompson
- 5.00pm** :Repose of the souls of Agapito de Leon
- Tuesday (08/09)** :Repose of the soul of Cyril Mills & Thanksgiving for the Dias & Clarke families
- Wednesday (09/09)** :Repose of the soul of Crisostomo Mayola, Elizabeth Arances, Rodolfo Mayola & Aleyamma Thomas
- Thursday (10/09)** :
- Friday (11/09)** :Repose of the soul of Aurora Sangalang & Thanksgiving for Bernadette Michael
- Saturday (12/09)** :Birthday thanksgiving for Aliyah

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

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 118:137, 124

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

First Reading: Ezek 33:7-9

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 94:1-2,6-9

**(R.) O that today you would listen to his voice!
Harden not your hearts.**

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord. **(R.)**

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand. **(R.)**

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 13:8-10

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation: 2Cor 5:19

Alleluia, alleluia!

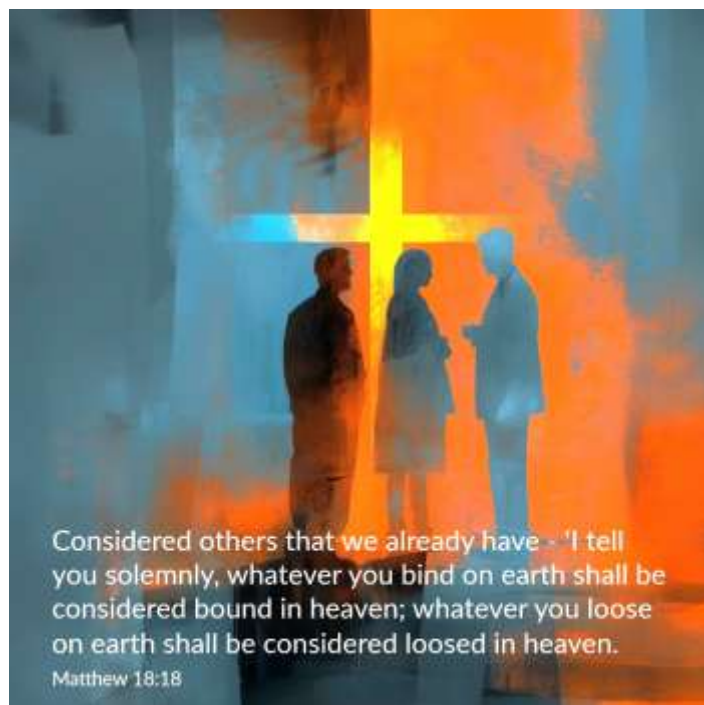
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 18:15-20

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.'



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Rom 14:7-9

Mt 18:21-35

"For where two or three meet in my name..." Mt 18:20