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24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 13th 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
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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

A distinctive feature of the teachings of Jesus is his exhortation to forgive. Very explicit about this, Jesus left us his own example by forgiving his executioners while he hung dying on the cross. Until recently we thought that forgiveness begins with the offender repenting of the offence and then asking for pardon. Today many maintain that reconciliation must begin with the one offended offering forgiveness. This willingness to forgive transforms a victim into a survivor. Such magnanimity might then touch the heart of the offender, who may thus be transformed from being an offender to becoming a friend.

If God has been so generous in forgiving us, surely we should be generous in forgiving others. The process of becoming a forgiving person takes time. For some, it may take a lifetime. Only little by little are our pettiness and indignation reduced and our desire to strike back diminished. Still, as disciples, we are expected to give the forgiveness that we have been given.

Such forgiveness does not provide an easy way out for offenders, for ultimately justice will prevail. If we remain untransformed by God's forgiveness of us, we will be liable to judgment. Our unwillingness to forgive can eat away at us, and we can carry hurts from childhood far into adult years. Forgiving others, as difficult as that may be, is in the long run much easier than bearing the weight of resentfulness, vindictiveness and unresolved frustration. When we forgive we truly begin to be healed.

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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 14th - 19th Sep

Monday - 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:

NEPAL FLOODS

Caritas teams are assessing the impact of the devastating floods in Nepal and identifying urgent needs, including emergency shelter, clean water, sanitation, food assistance, and long-term recovery support. Donations to Caritas Australia's Nepal Floods Appeal can be made at 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.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS!

Congratulations to all our First Communion children who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion this weekend! May Jesus continue to guide and bless you as you grow in faith and friendship with Him. May receiving the Eucharist strengthen you to follow His love and share His goodness with others. As a parish community, we keep you and your families in our prayers, asking God to watch over you and help you remain close to Him throughout your lives.

MIGRANT & REFUGEE SUNDAY

This year, the Parish community of Narre Warren will be hosting the Migrant Sunday Celebrations on **Sunday 27th September.**

Venue : Our Lady Help of Christians Narre Warren
Mass : 1.30pm

Celebrant : Bishop Greg Bennet

Dress code : Cultural Attire

Bring a plate of food to share

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

COME AND SEE

A Opportunity to meet with others who are also discerning a vocation to ministry, and to hear stories from priests about their lives and call to ministry.

Date: Sunday 27th September 2026

Time: 3.30–5.00 pm

Place: St. Thomas the Apostle Church Clyde North

HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS

October 11th

Holy Hour - **10.00–11.00 am** Followed by

Mass 11.00am

St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Foster

October 31st

9.30 am Mass & Holy Hour

St. Patrick's Church, Pakenham

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 6–12 September 2026

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.

National Child Protection Week runs from 6–12 September, with this year's theme **Every Conversation Matters: Shifting Conversation to Action**. For over 30 years, NAPCAN has led this national campaign, encouraging families, communities and organisations to work together to create safe, supportive environments where children can thrive.

Explore the free 2026 webinar program, resources and community events on the NAPCAN website.

Find out more: <https://www.napcan.org.au/ncpw-2/>

DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE: JUBILEE OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Celebrating the Eighth Centenary of the Death of St Francis of Assisi

Bishop Greg Bennet invites all parishioners across the Diocese of Sale to join in a special pilgrimage celebrating the **Franciscan Jubilee Year**.

This sacred journey is not about physical distance, but a journey of the heart. Together, we will travel to **Benambra**—nestled amidst the scenic Omeo High Plains—home to the only church in our diocese dedicated to St Francis of Assisi.

Schedule of Events

Friday, October 2nd

*6:00 PM – Transitus (St Mary's, Bairnsdale)

A Transitus Service is a special prayer service celebrated on the vigil of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. The word *transitus* is Latin for "passing over" or "transition." It commemorates St Francis' passage from earthly life into eternal life with God.

Saturday, October 3rd

*8:30 AM – Morning Prayer (St Mary's, Bairnsdale)

***12:00 PM – Jubilee Mass** (St Francis of Assisi, Benambra)
Solemn Mass celebrated by Bishop Greg and the Clergy of the Diocese.

Blessing of Pets (St Francis of Assisi, Benambra) - All creatures great and small (restrained) are welcome to receive a special blessing following Mass!

Shared Lunch & Sausage Sizzle (Benambra Footyclub) - Fellowship and food for all! Please bring a plate to share.

*3:00 PM – Conclusion (Immaculate Conception, Omeo)

Our pilgrimage draws to a close as we gather at Omeo Parish for final prayers and departure.

Location Information

St Mary's: Corner of Pyke St & Main St, Bairnsdale

St Francis of Assisi: MacFarlane Rd, Benambra

Immaculate Conception: 79 Day St, Omeo

To help the parishioners at Benambra plan the sausage sizzle, please register at cdsale.org.au/year-of-saint-francis-of-assisi



Congratulations!!!

Clay Maynard Lander

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 OFFICE



Looking for **IT Professional** who is willing to help the Parish Office with our computer systems, please contact the 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 (12/09) 6.00pm :Repose of the souls of David Willatgamuwa, Chamindra Fernando & Hiran Adhihetty

Sunday (13/09) 9.00am :Repose of the soul of Rita Francic, Birthday thanksgiving for Anura Fernando & Thanksgiving for Travor Michael

10 .45am:Repose of the souls of Soledad Denava & Liney Iyana

2.00pm: Thanksgiving for Ayden Trousse

5.00pm :Repose of the souls of Agapito de Leon & Michael Hankins & Thanksgiving for the Dias & Clarke families

Monday (14/09) :Repose of the souls in purgatory & Maseiga & Kelston

Tuesday (15/09) :For the sick members of the Mackay family

Wednesday (16/09) :Repose of the soul of Ed Quizon

Thursday (17/09) :Birthday thanksgiving for Sharomi Fernando

Friday (18/09) :Repose of the soul of Brenda Willow & Wedding anniversary of Nicky & Cecil Zuniga

Saturday (19/09) :Repose of the Souls of June & Theo Aldons

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

Entrance Antiphon: Sir 36:18

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

First Reading: Sir 27:30-28:7**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 102:1-4,9-12

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in compassion.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. **(R.)**

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. **(R.)**

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. **(R.)**

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Rom 14:7-9**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. .

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 13:34**Alleluia, alleluia!**

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia!**Gospel: Mt 18:21-35****A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time" he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me" he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 55:6-9
Phil 1:20-24
Mt 20:1-16

"I tell you, but seventy-seven times..." Mt 18:22