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25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 20th 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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www.sjbclaydenorth.catholic.edu.au
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Principal: Mrs Kathryn Pepper

St Carlo Acutis
Primary School (2027)
121-123 Bellavita Ave. Clyde
Principal: Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Our attention shifts slightly in these last Sundays of Ordinary Time. We turn from concentration on the character and responsibilities of discipleship to reflection on the import of the end of time. As we move toward the close of the liturgical year, we are invited to consider the final coming of Christ and the last judgment.

The thought of judgment is enough to strike fear in the hearts of many. We sometimes experience tension between the idea of divine justice, which requires that the good be adequately rewarded and the evil be appropriately punished, and that of the mercy of God, which we hope will be generously extended to us. As seen in the readings for this Sunday, the justice of God does not conform to the standards of human justice. It is incomprehensible, because its foundation is mercy. While we might find consolation in this view of divine judgment



when it is directed toward us, our hearts do not always seem to be generous enough to rejoice in the mercy extended to others. It is almost as if we feel that we have been cheated in some way, if God is merciful to others. However, divine mercy can work in us to abolish our pettiness and indignation and replace it with generosity of heart. We are called to conduct ourselves with this kind of generosity, this kind of love, this kind of mercy.

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HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

Weekday Masses : Week of 21st - 26th Sep

Tuesday - Saturday - 9.30 am

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

PRAYERS FOR

For the sick:

Andrew Mackay, Navaraj Victoria, Mario Gaudio, Florence Johnston, Celeste, Collette, Rebecca & Sidney Gomez, Margaret Chatelier, Marie Cavalot, Edgar Tellis, Russell Xavier, Maria Nivea Vincent, Bill Sheedy, Mark Aiava, Nic Ithier,

Recently deceased: Molly Xavier, Baby Austin Vincent, Nicola Zappia

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.

COLOURING COMPETITION



Colouring sheets will be collected by a volunteer in the church foyer this weekend. If you are unable to submit your sheet this weekend, please place it in the Parish Office no later than Monday.

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

The LAMP Youth Festival: Faith in Action

All youth and young adults aged 13 to 30 are warmly invited to the upcoming LAMP Youth Festival, themed "Faith in Action: Change Starts with You." Join us for a full day of games, dance, food, Adoration, Reconciliation, and Mass.

Date: Saturday, 21st November

Time: 11:00 AM – 5:00 PM (Lunch provided)

Location: St Michael's School Stadium, 125 High St, Berwick VIC 3806

Age Group: 13 – 30 years old

Donation Drive: Please bring two or more non-perishable food items. All collections directly support the John Mc Foundation Inc..

Scan the QR Code to register.



Catholic Social Services Victoria

Catholic Social Services Victoria, the Uniting Church Synod of Victoria and Tasmania, the Victorian Council of Churches, and the Anglican Diocese of Melbourne are working together on a campaign to show local Members of Parliament that communities want more social housing.

If you would like to support this cause, please sign one of the postcards and place it in the collection box.

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.



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

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Parish Envelopes

The new set of envelopes will be available for collection in the Church foyer from **19/20 September**. Envelopes arranged in address order.

Direct Debit & Credit Card Receipts

Receipts will be sent via email. If you do not receive your receipt by the first week of October, please contact the



ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP THE PARISH



Any **Carpenter/ Cabinet maker** or an **Electrician** who is willing to help the Parish projects 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 (19/09) 6.00pm :Wedding Anniversary Thanksgiving Mass of Maria & Reynaldo Letun, In loving memory of baby Delyssa Silva & Repose of the soul of Michael Gomes

Sunday (20/09) 9.00am :Repose of the soul of Stella Alles

10.45am :Thanksgiving for Fredrick Fonseka's 75th Birthday & Repose of the souls of Upali and Kusum Amarasinghe

2.00pm :Repose of the soul of Fr. Simon Pereira

5.00pm :Thanksgiving for Evita D’silva, Repose of the soul of Bunty Francis

Tuesday (22/09) :Thanksgiving Mass for Sanoj Perera, Repose of the soul of Melchor Canoy

Wednesday (23/09) :Repose of the soul of Aleyamma Thomas

Thursday (24/09) :Thanksgiving for the Dias & Clarke families

Friday (25/09) :Repose of the soul of Renato De Guzman

Saturday (26/09) :Repose of the soul of C J Cherian

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

Entrance Antiphon:

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear
them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

First Reading: Is 55:6-9

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 144:2-3,8-9,17-18

(R.) The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured. (R.)

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts. (R.)

Second Reading: Phil 1:20-24,27

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians.

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

Gospel Acclamation: Acts 16:14

Alleluia, alleluia!

Open our hearts, O Lord,
to listen to the words of your Son.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 20:1-16

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.'



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Ezek 18:25-28

Phil 2:1-11

Mt 21:28-32

"Thus the last will be first, and the ..." Mt 20:22