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26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 27th 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

5 Fiorelli Boulevard,
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www.cranbournecatholic.edu.au
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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

In every life there is a struggle between obedience and disobedience, and this struggle takes various twists and turns. At times we are willing to conform to regulations set from the outside, and at times we are not. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. Those who are fundamentally righteous sometimes fall from grace, and people considered evil to the core sometimes reform their lives. What ultimately counts are not the promises made, but the actions taken.

We are called to discipleship, and there may well be urgency in this call, but it is an invitation that is to be accepted freely. As is the case with life itself, options are placed before us all the way along the road. We are invited to choose in favour of the reign of God, or we are free to ignore the invitation. However, the invitation always remains open to us, because God's desire for our acceptance is persistent and enduring.

The real choice set before us today is the imitation of Christ. The specific characteristic of Christ today is his humility. Since demanding one's rights can undermine the loving quality of community, Jesus' humility is offered for our imitation. It is very clear that whichever aspect of discipleship we examine, some aspect of community is also present. To be a disciple of Jesus is to follow him humbly as a member of a believing community.



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HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

Weekday Masses : Week of 28th Sep - 3rd Oct

Tuesday - Saturday - 9.30 am

Praying of the Holy Rosary after morning Mass

PRAYERS FOR

For the sick:

Swee Yong, 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: Beverly Naik, Kathleen Purkiss, Barbara Hickey

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

STAGHORN FERNS SALE

A generous parishioner has donated beautiful and healthy Staghorn Ferns to help raise funds for the Church. Going for a very reasonable price starting from **\$10—\$35** each. They will be on sale **before/after the 9am Mass on 4th October**.



National Child Protection Week Colouring Competition

Thank you to all the children who took part in our National Child Protection Week Colouring Competition. We loved seeing your creativity and the wonderful effort put into each entry.



The winning artworks will be shared on our parish Facebook page. All participants, including the winners, are invited to come to the Parish Office on 1st October between 9.00am–3.00pm to collect your participation awards.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES

Parish Envelopes - The new set of envelopes are available for collection in the Church foyer. 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 Parish Office.



CELEBRATING BLESSED FR JACQUES LAVAL

Saturday 3 October | 6.00pm Mass



All parishioners are warmly invited to join us as we celebrate the life and witness of Blessed Fr Jacques Laval, patron of Mauritius.

We especially welcome our Mauritian parishioners to come together in celebration and share this beautiful part of their faith and heritage with our parish family.

Refreshments will be provided after Mass as we continue the celebration together. **All are warmly welcome!**



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.



Support Social Housing: 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

An 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

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



Congratulations!!!

**Dionne Anthony Rozairo
Emelia Pete Carswell Smith
Ryon De Silva Hewa Lunu-
vilage**

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.



WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 – SEOUL, KOREA!

We are inviting Expressions of Interest from young people who would like to join our Parish/

Diocese for World Youth Day in Seoul, Korea 2027! Parish will support with 25% of the total cost and the rest by the individual. We look at supporting the first 15 who enrol, through different fund raising activities involving with those interested. This is an incredible opportunity to encounter Christ, and meet young Catholics from around the world.

Interested? Please submit your Expression of Interest to parish@stthomasap.org.au. Further information regarding costs, dates, fundraising and travel arrangements will be provided as planning progresses.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION –October 2nd

Join us on the first Friday of each month for a sacred evening of worship, prayer and reflection at our church. In October this will take place on the 2nd 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.



ENROLMENTS FOR ST. CARLO ACUTIS CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL- Scan the QR Code to register your interest or make an enquiry

Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

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Mass Intentions

Saturday (26/09) 6.00pm :Repose of the souls of Armado & Alice Abarquez & Jacinto Escasinas

Sunday (27/09) 9.00am :Thanksgiving for Anabelle D'rozario, Griselda and Christopher Janes on their 30th wedding anniversary & Repose of the soul of Fr Damian Fernando & Ricardi Fernando

10 .45am :B'day blessing for Mary Lou Nunez & Thanksgiving Mass for the De Silva Family

5.00pm :Birthday thanksgiving for Gerard Simmons

Tuesday (29/09) :Repose of the souls of Gareth Motha

Wednesday (30/09) :Repose of the soul of Celine Coelho & B'day thanksgiving for Jaime Buenaventura

Thursday (01/10) :Repose of the souls of Louis Murray & Cheryl Gable

Friday (02/10) :Birthday thanksgiving for Mary Annam & Forgotten souls in the purgatory

Saturday (03/10) :Thanksgiving for the Fernandes family

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

Entrance Antiphon: Dn 3: 31, 29, 30, 43, 42

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

First Reading: Ezek 18:25-28

A reading from the prophet Ezekiel

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.'

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 24:4-9

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. **(R.)**

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. **(R.)**

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
He guides the humble in the right path,
He teaches his way to the poor. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Phil 2:1-11

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

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus: His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accept-

ing death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 10:27

Alleluia, alleluia!

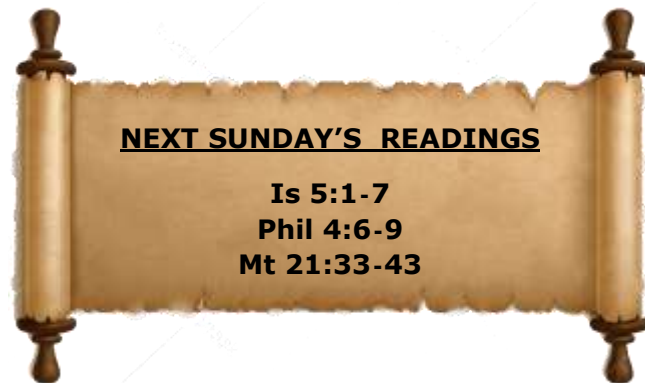
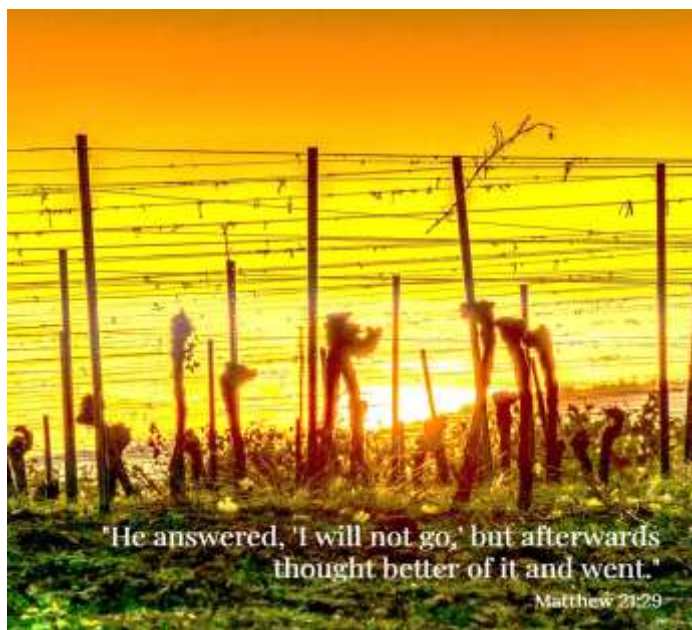
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 21:28-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'



“What is your opinion? ...” Mt 21:28