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27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 4th October, 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

REFLECTION

Nurturing Good Fruit in Our Communities

The message of today's Gospel is clear, violence never works. It may bring some passing satisfaction, the illusion of success, even a sense of winning but as Jesus' parable teaches, in the long run it doesn't work at all.

The gospel also invites us to nurture what it calls, the good fruit, to let go of greed, jealousy, anger, resentment and bitterness and to find ways to nurture with(in) graciousness, love, gentleness and forgiveness and find ways to be grateful. These are not signs of weakness but of strength and we have to work at them.

The gospel reminds us that we don't belong to anyone, we are not someone's possession, whether we are married or single. We come to marriage as two people. No matter how close a marriage or a friendship, we always remain individuals. No love or friendship ever fully takes away our separateness, our identity, our individuality. Nor should it. Although we might grow together in our union, we grow as individuals, and not in someone else's shadow.

We don't stop growing, maturing, discovering new ways of viewing life, more things about ourselves throughout life. That doesn't stop when we get married. It is that complexity that makes this relationship intriguing and interesting.

Even when we have children, they are not our possessions but rather we are called to care for them and to give them the freedom to grow, to nurture the good fruit.

by Jim Quillinan

Blessed Jacques Laval CSSP:

"If someday it happens as with everybody, that you do something stupid.. Don't get discouraged; pull yourself together at once and get on with your work without getting upset.. Never forget that your safest refuge is always the Sacred Heart of Jesus".

St Francis of Assisi:

"Start by doing what's necessary; then do what's possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible".

HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

Weekday Masses : Week of 05th - 10th 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, Celeste, Collette, Rebecca & Sidney Gomez, Margaret Chatelier, Marie Cavalot, Edgar Tellis, Russell Xavier, Maria Nivea Vincent, Bill Sheedy, Mark Aiava, Nic Ithier,

Recently deceased: Roberto Jose Jr

AUSTRALIA NEED FATIMA: PUBLIC ROSARY



Our Parish initiative: Rosary in the Park

The Legion of Mary invites all parishioners to join for the annual Rosary in the Park on **Sat-**

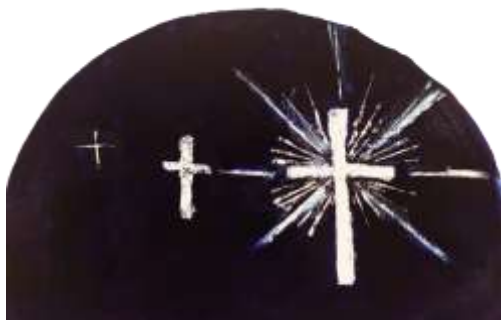
urday 10th October at 10.30am in the **Heritage Park on Selandra Blvd.** Please bring a chair, hat or umbrella depending on the weather and most importantly your Rosary. This is one way of witnessing to our faith publicly.

"Love the Madonna and pray the Rosary, for her Rosary is the weapon against the evils of the world today".
St Padre Pio

Shine A Light Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Throughout October, our parish joins with Shine a Light to raise awareness and stand in solidarity against Domestic and Family Violence. Shine A Light is a Sale Diocese program, developed with Catholic Social Services Victoria, enabling Parish communities to equip themselves with knowledge, tools and a deeper understanding of how to recognise and appropriately respond to family and domestic violence. You can learn more at: www.cdsale.org.au/sal

In this first week, our reflection focuses on **"Nurturing Good Fruit,"** inspired by this Sunday's Gospel. Just as a well-tended vineyard yields a rich harvest, we are each invited to cultivate kindness, mutual support, and dignity within our homes and parish family. When we nurture one another with patience and care, we build a community where everyone can truly thrive.



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.

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..



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.

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.



PARISH DONATION APPEAL FOR THE EVENT

We kindly invite parishioners to donate **new and unused items in their original packaging** that you may have at home and no longer need. Perhaps they are **unwanted gifts** or items you purchased some time ago but have never used. We would be grateful for donations such as: Kitchen items and utensils, Tools, Candles, Toys, Ornaments and decorations, New clothes with tags attached, Unused small electrical appliances, Other new and unused household items. **PLEASE DO NOT BUY ANYTHING FOR THIS APPEAL.** We simply ask you to consider donating items you already have at home that are new, unused and no longer needed. Donations may be left with the **Welcomers at the church** or brought to the **Parish Office.**

Thank you for your generosity and support. **May God bless you abundantly for your kindness and generosity.**

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.



Congratulations!!!

Hernani Gabriel Santos Gallardo
Renley Stone Fernandes
Mapathana
Kanakanamalage
Luke Jaylen

Who are our latest additions to our Catholic Community through the Sacrament of Baptism during this weekend. Let us pray for them and their families.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH, CLYDE NTH



"Take courage! I have overcome the world."
 (John 16:33)

EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST NOW OPEN
 CONTACT PARISHOFFICE VIA EMAIL/PHONE

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY THE 5TH OF OCTOBER

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

SUPPORT OUR PARISH

God loves a cheerful giver

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Mass Intentions

- Saturday (03/10) 6.00pm** :Repose of the soul of Roberto Jose Jr & Birthday thanksgiving for Shehan Fernando
- Sunday (04/10) 9.00am** :Repose of the souls of Mark Camilleri & Cheryl Gable
- 10.45am** :Repose of the souls of Malcolm Gomez, Linah Chambre & Emmanuel Kraft, Gladys Schulberg, Emma Zwane & dearly departed Family
- 5.00pm** :Repose of the soul of Salvatore Mathias
- Tuesday (06/10)** :Repose of the souls of Anna & Wilfred Peres, Linah Chambre & P P Thomas
- Wednesday (07/10)** :Repose of the soul of Michael Hankins, Thanksgiving for the Dias & Clarke families & Wedding anniversary thanksgiving for Peter & Emma Gomez
- Thursday (08/10)** :Repose of the souls of Mark Saldanha, Thanksgiving, good health & all the blessings received for Michael & Thanksgiving for Pearly George
- Friday (09/10)** :Repose of the soul of Clare Correa, 1st death Anniversary of Ramona Goonarathne & For the forgotten souls in the purgatory
- Saturday (10/10)** :Repose of the souls of Samuel & Linnian Joyce & Linah Chambre

End the silence; Stop the violence - Domestic Violence awareness month

Entrance Antiphon: Est 4: 17

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all..

First Reading: Is 5:1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel .

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. **(R.)**

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field. **(R.)**

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. **(R.)**

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Phil 4:6-9

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

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Fi-

nally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation: Jn 15:15

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 21:33-43

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them. "They will respect my son" he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, "This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance." So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They answered, 'He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.' Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord's doing and it is wonderful to see? 'I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.'

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

**Is 25:6-10
Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
Mt 22:1-14**

The stone rejected by the builders became the keystone...