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28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 11th 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
Phone: 5990 7777
Principal: Mr David Hansen

St Thomas the Apostle
Primary School

5 Fiorelli Boulevard,
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www.cranbournecatholic.edu.au
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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

REFLECTION

Nurturing Good Fruit in Our Communities

"Enlighten the eyes of our heart". Ephesians 1:18

One of the central themes of this parable is that God freely invites humanity to his eternal banquet. There are those who willingly accept the invitation, reject the invitation or are indifferent, consumed with the busyness and demands of their own lives. By accepting God's invitation, we are called to transform our lives, to "enlighten the eyes of our heart" by seeing as Christ sees. In a sense, Christ is the "wedding garment". St Paul refers to this as "putting on Christ" (Romans 13:14).

"Enlighten the eyes of our heart" can therefore become a prayer: Lord, help us to see what we have become accustomed to not seeing, to that which blinds us from seeing with the eyes and heart of Christ.

It is often very challenging to look beyond what is visible and to see people and situations as Christ sees them. In the context of domestic violence, this means having the courage to recognise what may be hidden behind closed doors: fear, control, intimidation, humiliation and abuse. As a community we are called to respond with courage and compassion that respects the inherent dignity of the person. In his Encyclical Letter "Magnifica Humanitas" Pope Leo reminds us that "Human dignity does not depend on a person's abilities, wealth or position in life, nor on the right or wrong choices made; instead, it is a gift that transcends each person, endowed by God as an expression of his unfailing love. #50"

I think that it is fitting to end this reflection with part of the prayer from the ACBC Social Justice Statement, 2022-2023: Respect, Confronting Violence and Abuse:

Loving God, you made each of us in your own image and likeness open our eyes to recognise one another as equals, replacing domination and control, violence, and abuse with mutuality, reciprocity, respect and freedom. Help us to love like you.

by RoseMarie Black

HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

Weekday Masses : Week of 12th - 17th 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: Andrew Lander, Eskalin Fernando

MISSION SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

For Yamikani*, getting to school means walking long distances in pain, often without enough food or strength to make the journey. For many families in vulnerable and remote areas like rural Malawi, education has become an impossible choice.

But there is hope. Led by Fr Matthew Semba, a new primary school is being built, offering children a safe place to learn, grow, and look ahead with renewed possibility.

This World Mission Month, you are invited to share in this mission, standing with families as they rebuild their lives and create a brighter future for their children

A SPECIAL COLLECTION WILL BE TAKEN UP AT ALL MASSES ON THE WEEKEND OF 17TH & 18TH OCTOBER



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Our 11 RCIA candidates have reached their first milestone RITE OF ACCEPTANCE in their RCIA journey. As they come forward we would like to present them with a Bible and a Crucifix during the rite. This is an opportunity for 11 of our parishioners to sponsor them a Bible from our piety stall, sold at a discounted price of \$30 each. Great way to be connected with our RCIA and encourage them in their spiritual journey.

COMMISSIONING OF CURRENT LECTORS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION – 17th –18th October 2026



We sincerely thank **all current Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion** for their faithful service to our parish community. We also warmly welcome our new volunteers who have completed the formation workshops held on 12th and



19th September 2026 respectively.

The **Commissioning** of all current and new volunteers who have completed the workshops for the Ministries of Lector and/or Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion will take place at **all Masses on the weekend of 17–18 October 2026**. Special thanks to the Core Team for their initiative to run and organize these Ministries in our parish.

Shine A Light Domestic Violence Awareness Month Theme: Enlighten the Light of Our Hearts

Our month-long journey with the Shine a Light initiative continues throughout October as we focus on fostering a parish culture centred on safety, mutual respect, and heartfelt care. You can learn more at: www.cdsale.org.au/sal

This week's theme, "**Enlighten the Light of Our Hearts**," connects with the Parable of the Wedding Banquet. The gospel reminds us that everyone is called to the feast—to be welcomed with honour, dignity, and genuine kindness. When we allow God's light to enlighten our hearts, we are moved to recognise the value of every person and ensure that each home and gathering within our community is a place where all feel safe, cherished, and supported.



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.



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.**

Thank You

We sincerely thank all the parishioners who purchased the Staghorn Ferns in support of our church fundraising effort. Through your generosity and support, we raised \$480 for the church.



We also extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous donors whose contributions helped make this fundraiser a success.

May God bless you all for your kindness and continued support of our parish community.



Congratulations!!!

Gabrielle Alexandra

Espina 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.

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

ST AGATHA'S CENT NIGHT

Saturday 24th October at 7.00pm St Agatha's School Hall. Join us for a fun filled family evening. Great prizes, 2 Smart TVs, Microwave, Coffee Machine, Electrical items, toys and giftware and much more. Proceeds go to our church renovation. Contact the parish office on 5996 1985 to book a table. \$25 for a table of 10 or \$5 per person.



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 (10/10) 6.00pm :Repose of the souls of Nigel Gozmao & Gerard Henderson, Thanksgiving for Mascurine family

Sunday (11/10) 9.00am :Repose of the souls of Joseph D'Rozario, Edward Peiris, Bishop Marius Peiris & Cecilia Miranda

10 .45am :Repose of the souls of Alex & Milly Fletcher, Liney & Lito Iyana, Thanksgiving for Nadine & Reginald Throuse on their wedding anniversary

5.00pm :Healing, Good health for Nicole & Srimathi Colombege & Thanksgiving for Maelle Magdalene Heldf

Tuesday (13/10) :Repose of the souls of Renato de Guzman, Angelina Lorenzana, For the Holy Souls in purgatory & Thanksgiving for the Dias & Clarke families

Wednesday (14/10) :Birthday thanksgiving for James & Rosalie Buenaventura

Thursday (15/10) :Birthday Thanksgiving for Sophia & For the forgotten souls in the purgatory

Friday (16/10) :For the forgotten souls in the purgatory & Deceased members of the Doherty, Gallagher & Duddy families

Saturday (17/10) :Repose of the souls of Fernando & Marcos Dos Santos, Clotilda Martius & Thanksgiving for the Inocencio Family

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

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 129: 3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

First Reading: Is 25:6-10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. **(R.)**

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. **(R.)**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. **(R.)**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. **(R.)**

Second Reading: Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

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

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Eph 1:17-18

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Mt 22:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the people in parables: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Is 45:1, 4-6
1 Thess 1:1-5
Mt 22:15-21

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