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29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 18th 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
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St Thomas the Apostle
Primary School

5 Fiorelli Boulevard,
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www.cranbournecatholic.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

REFLECTION

Shine on the World Like Bright Stars

There was a blind man who walked through the streets every night carrying a lamp in his hand. One evening, someone saw him and wondered, "Why does a blind man carry a lamp? Even if he cannot see its light." As the blind man was walking, another person, coming from the opposite direction, accidentally bumped into him. Angrily, the man said, "Why are you carrying a lamp? You are blind. The light is useless to you!" The blind man gently replied, "My friend, I know that I cannot see the light. But I carry this lamp so that others can see me and I will not become an obstacle to them."

Dear friends, sometimes we carry the light not because we need it, but because someone else needs it. There are people around us who are walking through darkness, the darkness caused by loneliness, fear, abuse, violence, rejection, addiction, grief or hopelessness. That is what it means to **"Shine on the World Like Bright Stars."** We may not be able to remove all the darkness in the world. We may not be able to solve every problem. But Jesus tells us: "Let your light shine before others."

When we speak up against domestic violence, we become the bright stars. When we listen to someone who is suffering, we become the bright stars. When we stand beside a person who is frightened and say, "You are not alone," we become the bright stars. When we choose kindness instead of anger, forgiveness instead of revenge, respect instead of control, and love instead of violence, we will shine on the world like bright stars.

And sometimes we may wonder, "Is my little light really making a difference?" Remember the blind man. He could not see his own light—but someone else needed it.

Perhaps we cannot see the difference our kindness is making. Perhaps we cannot see the person we are encouraging. Perhaps we will never know whose life was changed because we chose to speak, listen, forgive, protect or love. But keep carrying the lamp. Keep shining. Because somewhere, someone is walking through darkness—and our light may be the very light they need to find their way home.

So today, let us make this our prayer and our mission: Shine on the world like bright stars. Shine in our homes. Shine in our families. Shine in our relationships. Shine wherever there is fear, pain, darkness and violence.

May the light of Christ shine through our lives, so that no one around us needs to walk alone in the darkness. **"Shine on the World Like Bright Stars."** Not because our light is perfect, but because even the smallest light can defeat the darkness.

Let our homes be places where no one is afraid. Let our relationships be places where no one is controlled or humiliated. Let our words heal rather than wound. And let the light of Christ shine through us.

We may not realise how much light we carry. We may not see the difference we are making. But keep carrying the lamp. Keep shining. Because someone walking in darkness may be looking for our light. So, Shine on the World Like Bright Stars".

By Fr Aneesh George IVDei

HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 6pm

Sunday: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm

Weekday Masses : Week of 19th - 24th 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: Nancy Bayer, Mark Dobel, Andrew Lander, Grace Gardner

MISSION SUNDAY 18th OCTOBER

This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home.

Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs.

As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'. Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. **Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united** to make a difference today.



Freecall: 1800 257 296

catholicmission.org.au/united

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



RCIA reaches Rite of Acceptance..

We warmly welcome our RCIA catechumens and candidate as they celebrate their Rite of Acceptance at the 6:00pm Mass on Saturday, 17 October 2026.

Please join us in prayer and support as they continue their journey of faith and preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation.

We sincerely thank all the parishioners who sponsored the Bibles for the RCIA Candidates. May God bless you all for your generosity.

Sincere thanks to our RCIA Coordinators for their total dedication and witness of faith in guiding our group. Our parish is immensely blessed with them.

A NEW LITURGY TEAM IN THE MAKING AT ST THOMAS PARISH:

A team of 5 members came together to organize *All souls day* and other upcoming feasts in our parish to make our celebrations prayerful and spirit-filled. Thank you for responding to this very special ministry in our Parish. If you think you can contribute to creatively celebrating our feasts and worship, please don't hesitate to contact the Priests.

Shine A Light Domestic Violence Awareness Month Theme: Shine on the World Like Bright Stars

As our October journey with the Shine a Light initiative continues, we keep our focus firmly on nurturing safety, dignity, and genuine care throughout our community. You can learn more at: www.cdsale.org.au/sal

This week, our theme invites us to "Shine on the World Like Bright Stars," echoing this Sunday's Gospel acclamation. The gospel reminds us to give to God what belongs to God, Christ calls us to honour the divine image stamped upon every human being. When we reflect God's love through integrity, empathy, and positive action, our lives shine like beacons of hope—showing what it truly means to uplift, protect, and respect one another.



Children, get dressed as your favourite Saint



All Saints day Masses

Sat: 6pm; Sun: 9am, 10.45am & 5pm



All Souls day Masses

9.30 am, 5.30 pm & 7pm

The souls of the just are in the hand of God... Wis 3:1

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.**

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



Congratulations!!!

Hope Thayna Nanette

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.



Congratulations !!!
Ien Mark Sison & Christine Santos

as you become one in the Sacrament of Marriage, may Christ be at the centre of your home, guiding and strengthening you throughout your married life. **15th Oct, St Thomas the Apostle**

New Principal for
St Thomas the Apostle Primary School.
From Term 1, 2027

Diocese of Sale Catholic Education Ltd has made the announcement of the appointment of **Mrs Nicole Black** as the Principal of St Thomas the Apostle Catholic Primary school. We wish her every success as she commences this important leadership role.

Our sincere thanks to Miss Peta Overbury for her dedicated leadership and service to the school in the role of Acting Principal since July till the end of the year.

Our prayers for the whole School community as they make this transition.

ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE PARISH

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Mass Intentions

- Saturday (17/10) 6.00pm** :Repose of the souls of Lancy Dsouza & deceased members of the Dsouza family & Nancy Bayer
- Sunday (18/10) 9.00am** :Repose of the souls of Edgar D'Cruz, Pacholo Barrera Fuentes & Giuseppe Compasso
- 10.45am** :Repose of the souls of Evangelina Castro & Patrick Jerome Rozario
- 5.00pm** :Birthday thanksgiving for Arla & Thanksgiving for Jerrin Jomon & family
- Tuesday (20/10)** :Repose of the souls of Mathew Kalpakasseril Chacko & Patrick Jerome Rozario & Thanksgiving for John family
- Wednesday (21/10)** :Repose of the souls of Lyoia, Belen, Felicissima, Salome & Francisco
- Thursday (22/10)** :Repose of the souls of Jack Miller & Mark Dobel
- Friday (23/10)** :For the forgotten souls & Repose of the soul of Daniel Dereng, Alexander Miro, Yohanshan Kelen
- Saturday (24/10)** :Thanksgiving for Anna Tresa

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

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as
the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings
protect me.

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: 'It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing.'

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to God.'



Ex 22:20-26
1 Thess 1:5-10
Mt 22:34-40

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