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32nd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 8th November, 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

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5 Fiorelli Boulevard,
Cranbourne East
www.cranbourneeast.catholic.edu.au
Phone: 5998 9293
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St Josephine Bakhita Primary School
40 Wild Goose Way, Clyde North.
www.sjbclydenorth.catholic.edu.au
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St Carlo Acutis Primary School (2027)
121-123 Bellavita Ave. Clyde
Principal: Mrs Michelle Bruitzman

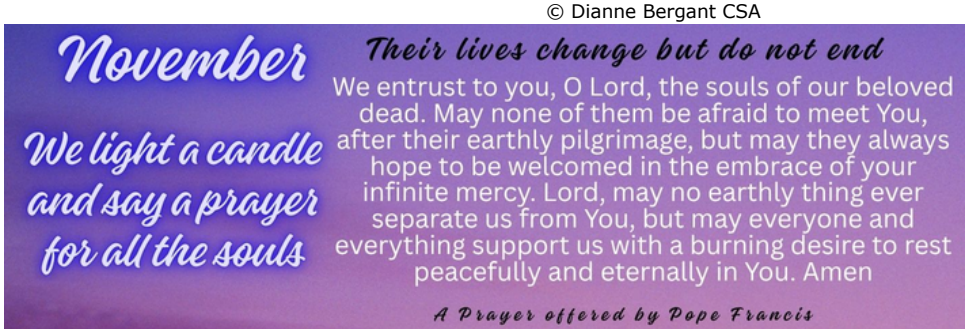
REFLECTION



The early Christians thought that all their questions about death had been answered with the resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, when loyal Christians began to die, not only did their old questions come back, but also they were plagued with new and difficult ones. Was it possible that those loyal Christians had not been loyal after all? Or worse, were the promises made by Jesus empty promises? No! Paul assures us. It is all true. Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again, and all the faithful will be joined with him. How it will happen, we do not know. When it will happen, we do not know. That it will happen, we are sure.

The wisdom that we have culled from life becomes the treasury from which we draw the prudence and insight needed to negotiate life's paradoxes. It throws light on our strengths and on our weaknesses; it enables us to discern what is important and what is not; it directs us to bring extra oil in our lamps. Life and the wisdom that we have acquired through it, have taught us that we can indeed trust the promises of God. They have been fulfilled in the past, and wisdom assures us that they will be fulfilled in the future. It is wisdom that cautions us to be vigilant, to be ready to adjust our plans. It is wisdom that prepares us for the night watches of life. It is wisdom that instructs us to be ready at all times.

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HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

WEEKEND MASSES:
Saturday: 6pm / Sunday:9am, 10.45am & 5pm

WEEKDAY MASSES:10th -14th NOVEMBER
Tuesday - Saturday 9.30am

HOLY ROSARY AFTER MORNING MASSES

PRAYERS FOR

For the sick:
Joy Adriaanse, 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: Fr. Brendan Lane,
Michael Steven Roberts

Entrance Antiphon: Ps 87:3

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

First Reading: Wis: 6:12-16

Wisdom is bright and does not grow dim. By those who love her she is readily seen, and found by those who look for her. Quick to anticipate those who desire her, she makes herself known to them. Watch for her early and you will have no trouble; you will find her sitting at your gates. Even to think about her is understanding fully grown; be on the alert for her and anxiety will quickly leave you. She herself walks about looking for those who are worthy of her and graciously shows herself to them as they go, in every thought of theirs coming to meet them.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps: 62:2-8

R: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water. (R)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise. (R)

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R)

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R)

Second Reading: : 1 Thess 4:13-18

We want you to be quite certain, brothers, about those who have died, to make sure that you do not grieve about them, like the other people who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again, and that it will be the same for those who have died in Jesus: God will bring them with him. We can tell you this from the Lord's own teaching, that any of us who are left alive until the Lord's coming will not have any advantage over those who have died. At the trumpet of God, the voice of the archangel will call out the command and the Lord himself will come down from heaven; those who have died in Christ will be the first to rise, and then those of us who are still alive will be taken up in the clouds, together with them; to meet the Lord in the air. So we shall stay with the Lord for ever. With such thoughts as these you should comfort one another.

Gospel Acclamation : Mt 24:42,44

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready:
you know not when the Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus told this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this: Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish and five were sensible: the foolish ones did take their lamps, but they brought no oil, whereas the sensible ones took flasks of oil as well as their lamps. The bridegroom was late, and they all grew drowsy and fell asleep. But at midnight there was a cry, "The bridegroom is here! Go out and meet him." At this, all those bridesmaids woke up and trimmed their lamps, and the foolish ones said to the sensible ones, "Give us some of your oil: our lamps are going out." But they replied, "There may not be enough for us and for you; you had better go to those who sell it and buy some for yourselves." They had gone off to buy it when the bridegroom arrived. Those who were ready went in with him to the wedding hall and the door was closed. The other bridesmaids arrived later. "Lord, Lord," they said "open the door for us." But he replied, "I tell you solemnly, I do not know you." So stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.'



NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31
1 Thess 5:1-6
Mt 25:14-30

Stay awake, because you do not know either the day or the hour.

NEXT WEEKEND
Fund raising weekend

SUPPORT THE PARISH

BUILD COMMUNITY

14TH SATURDAY AFTER 6PM MASS

RUN BY:
THE INDIAN COMMUNITY

INDIAN DELIGHTS

Bingo & Bargain Sale

PRE ORDER USING THE FLYER QR CODE



15TH SUNDAY AFTER 9 & 10.30AM MASSES

RUN BY:
MARTHAS OF OUR PARISH

SAUSAGE SIZZLE

& Bargain Sale



15TH SUNDAY AFTER 5PM MASSES

RUN BY:
THE COUPLES OF CHRIST &
THE FILIPINO COMMUNITY

FILIPINO DELICACIES

& Bargain Sale



COUNT THE BEAN GAME AND WIN FABULOUS PRIZES

Veritas Teens Sausage Sizzle and Bake Sale!!

Veritas Teens invites you to our sausage sizzles and bake sales after each of the weekend masses on the **28/29th of November!** It'll be a fantastic weekend with plenty of treats and snags to go around. Enjoy a tasty treat knowing all proceeds go towards supporting Veritas Teens and their mission in supporting our parish's youth. Good food for a good cause - it can't get better than that!

Veritas Teens also encourages our teens to help out with the fundraiser however they can; whether it be through donating baked goods or helping out with sales after mass. If you're interested, please let the team know via the Veritas Teens Parent's Chat on WhatsApp. All help will be greatly appreciated!

Christmas Carols

19TH DECEMBER AT 6PM

Please save the date.
Contact Parish Office
if you can help.
Special invitation to any choirs to be part of it...
Children can be part of enacting the Christmas Story.

November Mass Offering

Envelopes are available in the foyer. You can deposit them at the Office or in the Offering plate.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 07/11 - 6pm - Repose of the souls of Oswaldo Freitez, Sancia D'Soyza & deceased members of D'Souza, Mendes & D'silva families

Sun 08/11 - 9am - Repose of the souls of Iris, Clement, Girty, Godwin, William Willrow & Departed soul of friends & family of Tom & Ani Vellaramkunnel

10.45am -Repose of the souls of Angela & Nicola Angelone & Deceased members of the Doherty, Gallagher & Duddy families

5pm - Repose of the souls of Andrew, Doris, Pancracy, Irene, Luvi, Thomas, Leslie, Phyllis & Gracy Mathias & B'day thanksgiving for Ryan & Aiden Simmons

Tue 10/11 - Repose of the souls of Babu M C, Joe Pereira & Thanksgiving forall the blessings for Jude

Wed 11/11 - Repose of the souls of Schulberg family & Frank Onezime

Thur 12/11 - Repose of the soul of June & Theo Aldons, Gerald Caszo & Wim Westeinde

Fri 13/11 - Thanksgiving for Diane Clarke & Repose of the souls of Maseiga Tuala & Wim Westeinde

Sat 14/11 - Repose of the soul of Righty Rajeev, Michael Steven Roberts & 1st birthday remembrance of Baby Vinnie

Eternal rest grant unto them O' Lord and perpetual light shine upon

Thanksgiving Mass for Deceased Members of the St Vincent de Paul Society

A Thanksgiving Mass will be celebrated in memory of the deceased members of the St Vincent de Paul Society on **Wednesday, 11 November, at 7:00 pm at St Thomas the Apostle Church.**

All members, families, friends and parishioners are warmly welcome to attend this special Mass as we remember and pray for our departed members.

Piety Stall – Daily Reflection & Liturgical Books & Calendars

The Piety Stall has **God's Word Daily Reflection Liturgical Diary, and the Advent & Christmas Daily Reflection Books** available for purchase. Please visit the Piety Stall and grab your copy to enrich your spiritual journey and prepare for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Thank you for your support!

DIOCESE OF SALE WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST!

Expressions of Interest for the upcoming Diocese of Sale pilgrimage to World Youth Day 2027 in Seoul, South Korea will officially open on Monday 26th October!

We are now calling for all interested young people aged 16 to 35 years old to submit their Expression of Interest to be either a pilgrim OR small group leader.

Head to the Diocese of Sale World Youth Day website for all up-to-date information and the link to the form: cdsale.org.au/world-youth-day-seoul

For questions, please email WYD Project Officer, Tishan Lokuge (tlokuge@doscel.catholic.edu.au)

Safeguarding: Code of Conduct

A gentle reminder for our volunteers: As part of our commitment to safe and caring ministry, we invite any volunteer who has not yet signed the 2025 Diocese Code of Conduct to please do so. The declaration page can be found in the working sacristy, and the submission box is located there as well.Thank you for the generous way you serve our parish community.



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.

Church Cleaning Ministry



A heartfelt thank you to all the members of our Church Cleaning Ministry for your dedicated service and the love you show through your commitment to keeping our church clean and welcoming. Your time and effort are truly appreciated, and may God bless each one of you abundantly for your selfless service.

We will have a **special blessing for all our Cleaning Ministry members after the 9.30 am Mass on Saturday14th, followed by a time of fellowship.** We welcome all the cleaning ministry members to celebrating together and sharing this special moment as a community. Thank you once again for all that you do. God bless you all!

Faith in Action: An election guide from the Bishops of Victoria

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election, the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: bit.ly/StateElection2026. Or scan the QR code to read it.

GROUPS AND MEETINGS

BAPTISM PREPARATION: 1st Saturday of the month 11.30am. Contact Parish Office for Registration

MARRIAGES: At least 6 months' notice.

RCIA ENQUIRY: For adults interested to join the Catholic Faith. For enquiries, contact Parish Office or email: rciastthomasap@outlook.com

RCIC ENQUIRY: For teens (13 - 17yrs) interested to join the catholic Faith or completing their Sacraments contact Parish Office or Christine email:christine.salu@stthomasap.org.au

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.