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**33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A - 15th November, 2026**

**BAPTISM**
Baptism Preparation
1st Saturday of every month.
Sacrament of Baptism
on Sundays.

**CONFESSIONS**
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

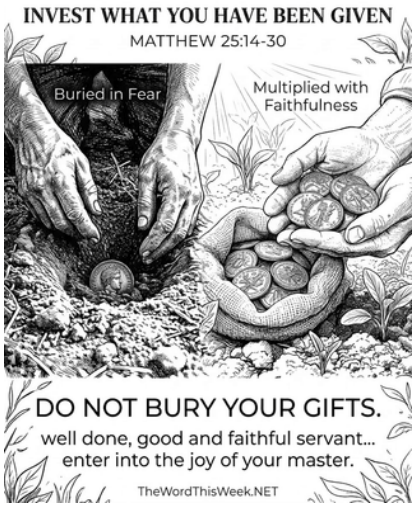
**St Thomas the Apostle Primary School**
5 Fiorelli Boulevard,
Cranbourne East
www.cranbourneeast.catholic.edu.au
Phone: 5998 9293
Acting Principal: Ms Peta Overbury

**St Josephine Bakhita Primary School**
40 Wild Goose Way, Clyde North.
www.sjbclydenorth.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

It is not enough that we wait patiently. We are expected to be industrious as we await the advent of the reign of God. We have all been entrusted with talents that really belong to God, and we must use these talents to the best of our ability in the interim between the Lord's departure and his final return. The ideal wisdom figure in the first reading is a model of such industriousness.




Fidelity to the reign of God requires that we be willing to take risks. We do not know the time of the Lord's coming, and so there will have to be a kind of tentativeness to all of our plans. We will never be able to be certain that they will be brought to fruition. We must spend and be spent without the assurance that we will be able to reap the rewards of our investment. To refuse to risk is to refuse to trust. If we have been wise and have industriously employed the Lord's talents, which were entrusted to us, we will be richly rewarded. However, if we have not realised the potential that is possessed by our talents, and if we have not employed them as they were meant to be employed, we will be punished. The foolish man in the gospel knew that the householder was exacting. He had some idea of what to expect. He made his choice and he had to accept the consequences of that choice.

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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.

## HOLY MASS TIMINGS THIS WEEK

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

**WEEKDAY MASSES:17th -21st NOVEMBER**
Tuesday - Saturday 9.30am

HOLY ROSARY AFTER MORNING MASSES

## PRAYERS FOR

**For the sick:**

Anthony Morril, 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, Kiran Ragireddy

## **Entrance Antiphon:** Jer 29: 11, 12, 14

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

## **First Reading:** Prov: 6:12-16

A perfect wife – who can find her? She is far beyond the price of pearls. Her husband's heart has confidence in her, from her he will derive no little profit. Advantage and not hurt she brings him all the days of her life. She is always busy with wool and with flax, she does her work with eager hands. She sets her hands to the distaff, her fingers grasp the spindle. She holds out her hand to the poor, she opens her arms to the needy. Charm is deceitful, and beauty empty; the woman who is wise is the one to praise. Give her a share in what her hands have worked for, and let her works tell her praises at the city gates.

## **Responsorial Psalm:** Ps: 127:1-5

**R: Happy are those who fear the Lord.**

O blessed are those who fear the Lord
and walk in his ways!
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.
You will be happy and prosper. (R)

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine
in the heart of your house;
your children like shoots of the olive,
around your table. (R)

Indeed thus shall be blessed
the man who fears the Lord.
May the Lord bless you from Zion
all the days of your life! (R)

## **Second Reading:** : 1 Thess 5:1-6

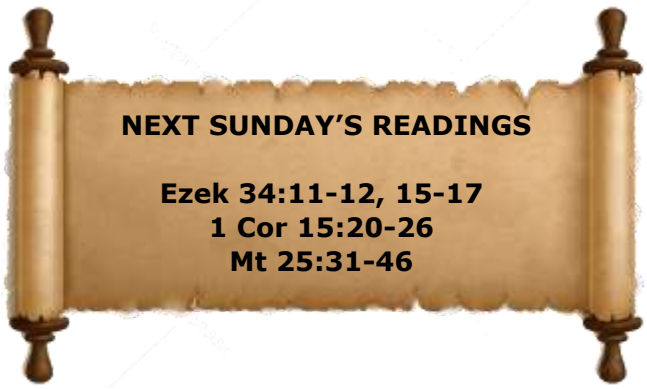
You will not be expecting us to write anything to you, brothers, about 'times and seasons', since you know very well that the Day of the Lord is going to come like a thief in the night. It is when people are saying, 'How quiet and peaceful it is' that the worst suddenly happens, as suddenly as labour pains come on a pregnant woman; and there will be no way for anybody to evade it. But it is not as if you live in the dark, my brothers, for that Day to overtake you like a thief. No, you are all sons of light and sons of the day: we do not belong to the night or to darkness, so we should not go on sleeping, as everyone else does, but stay wide awake and sober.

## **Gospel Acclamation** : Jn 15:4. 5

**Alleluia, alleluia!**
Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.
**Alleluia!**

## **Gospel**: Matthew 25:14-30

Jesus spoke this parable to his disciples: 'The kingdom of Heaven is like a man on his way abroad who summoned his servants and entrusted his property to them. To one he gave five talents, to another two, to a third one; each in proportion to his ability. Then he set out. 'The man who had received the five talents promptly went and traded with them and made five more. The man who had received two made two more in the same way. But the man who had received one went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 'Now a long time after, the master of those servants came back and went through his accounts with them. The man who had received the five talents came forward bringing five more. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with five talents; here are five more that I have made." 'His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Next the man with the two talents came forward. "Sir," he said "you entrusted me with two talents; here are two more that I have made." His master said to him, "Well done, good and faithful servant; you have shown you can be faithful in small things, I will trust you with greater; come and join in your master's happiness." 'Last came forward the man who had the one talent. "Sir," said he "I had heard you were a hard man, reaping where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered; so I was afraid, and I went off and hid your talent in the ground. Here it is; it was yours, you have it back." But his master answered him, "You wicked and lazy servant! So you knew that I reap where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered? Well then, you should have deposited my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have recovered my capital with interest. So now, take the talent from him and give it to the man who has the five talents. For to everyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from the man who has not, even what he has will be taken away. As for this good-for-nothing servant, throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth."'




Well done, good and faithful servant...

Thank you for all the hardwork, planning & generosity that has made this possible. Please make it a success with your participation.

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!!

Veritas Teens invites you to our sausage sizzles after each of the weekend masses on the **28/29th of November!** It'll be a fantastic weekend with plenty of 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 by 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.
PM Mass will be at 5pm
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.

## *Congratulations!!*

**Lyla Skye Ponferrada**

who is our latest addition to our Catholic Community through the Sacrament of Baptism during this weekend. Let us pray for the child and family

## MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

**Sat 14/11 - 6pm** - Repose of the souls of Bernard & Violet Zuzarte, & Dimple Machado
deceased members of Johnson family
**Sun 15/11 - 9am** - Repose of the souls of Swarma Fernando & Phyllis Boother
Departed souls of family & friends of the Crasto family
**10.45am** -B'day blessings for Martha Monteiro & Andrew Teo &
Thanksgiving Mass for wedding anniv of Ben & Josselyn Rosemond
**5pm** - Repose of the souls of Celso Abacan, deceased members of Macasinag family & the souls in purgatory
B'day blessing for Peyton Trousse
**Tue 17/11** - Repose of the souls of Les De La Haye, Marcial Sr, Cristina Peral, Rudolfo & Steeve Jorolan &
departed souls of Legionaries
**Wed 18/11** - Repose of the souls of Johnny Mendonca, K.S. Joseph & Louis Murray
**Thur 19/11** - Repose of the soul of Elvira Racelis, deceased members of the Andrews & Murray families &
Thanksgiving for graces received through Holy Friendship
**Fri 20/11** - Thanksgiving blessings on Ethan Thomas and all children of the Thomas family &
Thanksgiving - wedding anniversary of Chris & Marion Dias
**Sat 21/11** - Repose of the souls of Lilly, Antony & Sheetha Coreya & Deceased members of the Liyanarachchi Family

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

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CHRISTMAS HAMPER APPEAL**

*This Christmas, help us spread joy and kindness to those in need by putting together a Christmas Hamper, with donations of new toys and non-perishable food items.*

**From the 28th/29th Nov - Handing out of Christmas Hamper envelopes**
*(with details of families in need)*



**19th/20th Dec - Collection of completed Hampers**

**21st Dec - Hamper Distribution Day**

More information to come soon
If you have any questions contact Priscilla Crasto on 0423584229

**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.

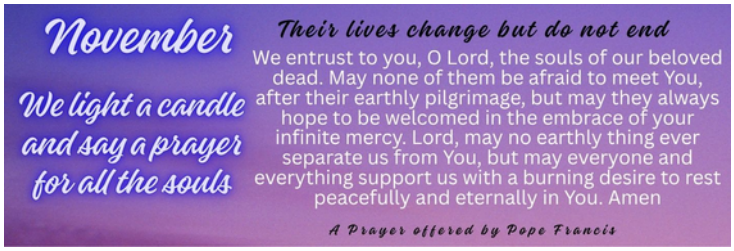



**The LAMP Youth Festival: Faith in Action**

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.




**November Mass Offering**

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

**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!

## 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.