ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE CATHOLIC CHURCH, CLYDE NTH

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Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe- YEAR A - 22nd 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



We have now come to the end of the liturgical year, the point that marks the transition from one period to another. Today we see that the kingdom of God is inclusive. Its embrace is as comprehensive as is the embrace of God. Criteria for membership are not based on obedience to the commandments or on conformity to ritual obligation, but on the bonds of love and concern.

What we do for others, we do for Christ, because Christ is identified with those in need. We very seldom see the face of the glorified Christ in the faces of the needy; it is more often the face of the disfigured Christ that is turned to us. We see his fear and his shame, his brokenness and sense of loss. As difficult as it may be to look into such eyes, it is precisely the needy with whom Christ is identified.

Having entered into the frailty of human nature, identified himself with the needy, and handed himself over to death, in the end Christ will have conquered all. It is a curious kingdom that he has won, a kingdom of the weak rather than the strong. He has turned the standards of the world upside down. He has shown that it does not take strength to ignore or to exploit the needy, but it does take strength to overcome our own selfishness in order to serve them. The kingdom that Christ hands over to God is a kingdom of love and care.

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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: 24th -28th NOVEMBER

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday & Saturday 9.30am
Thursday - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion

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: Marie Luicile Noel, Dianne MacDownell

Entrance Antiphon: Rv 5: 12; 1: 6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

First Reading: Ezek 34:11-12,15-17

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them. As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps: 22:1-3, 5-6

R: The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose. (R)

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name. (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: : 1 Cor 15:20-26,28

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then, after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

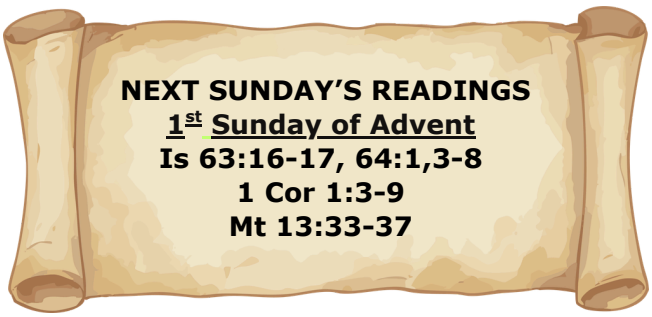
Gospel Acclamation : Mk 11:9,10

Alleluia, Alleluia!
Blessing on him, who comes in the name of the Lord!
Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 25:31-46

Jesus said to his disciples: 'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left. 'Then the King will say to those on his right hand, "Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me." Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, "Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you; or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?" And the King will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me." 'Next he will say to those on his left hand, "Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me." Then it will be their turn to ask, "Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?" Then he will answer, "I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me." 'And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.'



Come, you whom my Father has blessed.....

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

for making it a huge success

A Heartfelt Thank You to Everyone!

Our Parish Fundraiser was a tremendous success, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude to each and every one who made it possible!

A special word of thanks to all the teams who worked tirelessly and selflessly for weeks behind the scenes. Your dedication, generosity and teamwork made this event truly memorable.

We were especially touched by the many people, including those who were strangers to our Parish, who came forward so generously to lend a helping hand. Their willingness to contribute has strengthened our sense of community and belonging.

The generous donations and wonderful prizes began pouring in right from the very beginning, making a significant contribution towards raising a wonderful sum for our Parish.

Thank you also to everyone who braved the weather, stayed back, participated in the fun and enjoyed the delicious food. Your presence, enthusiasm and support made the occasion all the more special.

Above all, thank you for being a wonderful community. Together, we have shown what can be achieved when people come together with generous hearts and a shared purpose. God bless you all!

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!

Fr Jithin's farewell

You are warmly invited to join us in expressing our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Jithin as he prepares to join the Seminary faculty at Corpus Christi. Let us come together as a parish family to thank his ministry here in our parish and wish him every blessing for the future.

Sunday, 13 December, following the 10.45 am Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR FR. JITHIN - We will have a special collection on the weekend of 5th & 6th December. All contributions will be presented as a farewell gift to Fr. Jithin in appreciation of his service to our parish.

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.

SAFEGUARDING in Parish Ministry

THE SHIFT from "PSO checks compliance" to "Ministry Leaders own compliance for their ministry"

The PSO enables, advises and provides assurance

Carols by candle light

SATURDAY,19TH DECEMBER, 6PM

Spread the joy !!

HIGH LIGHTS

*Several choirs of our parish leading us in Carol singing

*Children & Youth enacting the Christmas Story

*Multi-Cultural Food organized by Communities under Marthas' guidance

Save the date

CONTACTS :

FOR CHOIR & PLAY

Vivian - 0423 584 230

FOR FOOD ORGANIZING

Krystal - 0430 761 100

Wendy - 0410 191 694

We invite leaders from every cultural group to take the initiative to set up your food stall

Congratulations!!

Isaac Lothian, Levi Lothian, Ava Lothian & Elijah Baker who is our latest addition to our Catholic Community through the Sacrament of Baptism during this weekend. Let us pray for these children and our families.

MASS INTENTIONS THIS WEEK

Sat 21/11 - 6pm - Repose of the souls of Marie De Magry & Tom Fernandez, Cynthia & Longie Gomes & deceased members of the D'Cruz family

Sun 22/11 - 9am - Repose of the souls of George & Florence Andrews, Sunnah & Seetha Thomas & Hector & Marie Burby

10.45am -Deceased members of the Liyanarachchi & Mark's Families

5pm - Repose of the souls of Mr & Mrs George Perera & the members of the perera family
Thanksgiving for the Dias & Clarke families

Tue 24/11 - Thanksgiving for the Dias & Clarke families, Healing for Jasmi Judith after accident & surgery & Special intention

Wed 25/11 - Repose of the souls of Letitica & Mervyn Murray, Aleyamma & P P Thomas & Michael Gomes
Wedding Anniversary blessing for Oviya & Sumer Mehra

Thur 26/11 - **NO MASS - Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion**

Fri 27/11 - Thanksgiving blessings on Swapna and Good health for Brian Radhakrishnan
Repose of the soul of Celine Coelho

Sat 28/11 - Thanksgiving for Mario Clarke & For the forgotten souls in purgatory

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

SIMBANG GABI 2026

@ ST THOMAS THE APOSTLE

From
15th Dec – 23rd Dec

Watch this space



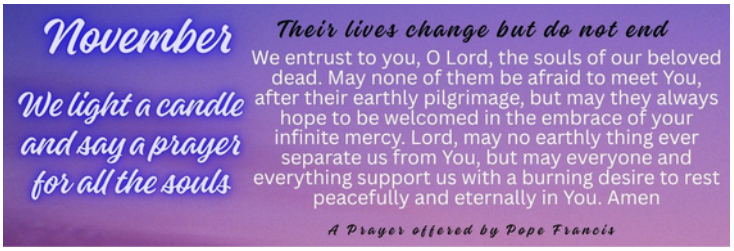
DIOCESE OF SALE WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 - EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST!

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)



Special collection next weekend for the Military Ordinariate

The mission of the Australian Catholic Military Ordinariate is to ensure that all members of the Australian Defence community receive the highest level of pastoral care.
A special collection will be taken up next weekend, 28th/29th November, in support of this important ministry.

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: friendsofjesusstap@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.