

St Thomas the Apostle

Catholic Parish, Clyde North



***"My Lord
and My
God!"***

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Parish Secretaries: Christine Salu & Fiona Goh (Tuesday - Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm)

Parish Safety Officer: Corralee Floyd (Wednesday 9.00am – 3.00pm)

WELCOME TO OUR MASS

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – (Year B) 5th August 2018



Masses & Reconciliation Times

Sunday Mass

(Masses celebrated at St. Peter's College, 55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North)

Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday Mass: 9.00am & 10.45am

Weekday Masses

Weekday Masses are at Blue Hills Chapel unless stated otherwise.

Monday (6/8): No Mass

Tuesday (7/8): No Mass

Wednesday (8/8) Feast of Mary

MacKillop: 9.15am Blue Hills & 11.15am

St Peter's East (MacKillop Hse)

Thursday (9/8): 9.15am

Friday (10/8): 9.15am

Saturday (11/8): 9.15am followed by Reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Recitation of the Holy Rosary

Baptism

Sunday at 12noon.

Baptism Preparation:

1st Sunday of the month. Register at the Parish Office

Reconciliation

Friday & Saturday:

9.45am after morning

Mass at Blue Hills

Chapel

Saturday: 5.30pm

before evening Mass at

St Peter's College

Parish Schools

St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

5 Fiorelli Boulevard Cranbourne East

Phone: 5998 9293

Principal: Mr Brendan Marrinon

St Peter's Secondary College

(Cranbourne East Campus)

55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North

Phone: 5990 7777

Principal: Mr Chris Black

Prayer of Saint Thomas the Apostle

Glorious Saint Thomas, Your love for Jesus and faith in him as Lord and God are an inspiration for all who seek Jesus. You gave up your life as an Apostle and as a missionary. You encourage us to be courageous in giving witness to faith and in proclaiming the gospel. You lead us to be missionary in our endeavours. As our patron, pray for us as we build a new catholic church in Clyde North. We ask your intercession that we may spend ourselves in the service of Jesus and his Mission. Under your watchful care may we grow in faith and generously use our talents, gifts and vision in the service of Christ Jesus and in love for our neighbour.

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Pray For Us

Message from our Parish Priest

Dear Parishioner

It is good to return to the parish after my break, and I thank especially Fr Tony Spierings for his assistance with weekend Masses, and our many parishioner volunteers. In the Year of Youth we have set out as a parish to establish a broadly based youth ministry in our parish. In particular I wish to acknowledge the young people who have accepted a role as youth leaders within our parish, and also those adult mentors in the parish who are contributing to their formation as leaders. We continue to give thanks to God for the blessings our young people bring to our parish and its mission. In the past two weeks 50 children in our parish have begun to prepare to receive their First Holy Communion. To participate fully at Mass by receiving Holy Communion is the very summit of our Catholic life, and also its source. Pope St John Paul II and Pope Francis have both stressed how important it is to renew our encounter with Jesus and to live our lives deeply in relationship with him. Both have reminded us that when this encounter and relationship is absent our Catholic Christian life and the sacraments can quickly become meaningless. So, for the parents of our First Communion children and for all our parishioners the most important gift for these children is to share with them what our relationship with Jesus means to us; and also to share how important the Mass is because this is the most important place where we encounter Jesus. In the Mass Jesus is the sacrament; Jesus is the Word made flesh who dwells among us; it is Jesus that we receive when we receive Holy Communion.

May God bless you all, Fr Denis

Parish Notices

WE WELCOME HOME Fr Denis!

SAUSAGE SIZZLE SUNDAY – Please support our parish Youth Group with their first ever fundraising activity on Sunday 12th August after the 9.00am and 10.45am Masses. The money raised will support the group's activities. Donations welcome too!!

MIGRANT SUNDAY Keep the date! 26th August at 2.00pm at our parish. More details to follow shortly.

SPECIAL COLLECTIONS

Next weekend CatholicCare – CatholicCare is a social service agency of the Archdiocese of Melbourne and Diocese of Sale and are experts in family-focused care. They provide a range of family and relationship services, education and school supports, refugee and settlement programs, and pastoral services. Rozanne Perera, speaker from CatholicCare, will be at the 9.00am and 10.45am Mass on 12th Aug to tell us about their work. Envelopes are available from this weekend.

PARISHIONERS AT BLUE HILLS – An invitation from St Peter's College to attend the school's musical production 'High School Musical' matinee on Wednesday 15th August at 12noon – 2.30pm. Tickets are at no charge. For reservation, please call the parish office no later than Tuesday 7th August.

RECEPTION OF HOLY COMMUNION – Bishop O'Regan has written a letter about Reception of Holy Communion. Please take your copy today.

ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE OF STANLY DEVASIA - The Diocese of Sale is looking forward to celebrating the ordination at St Mary's Cathedral at 11 am on Saturday 22nd September 2018 and welcome expressions of interest from anyone who would like to sing with the choir on that day. Singers must have a current Working With Children Check in accordance with the Diocese's Child Safety Policy. Music packs will be emailed to singers. Please register your interest by contacting Sophy Morley without delay. E smorley@sale.catholic.org.au P 0413 590 007.

NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK – The Church in Melbourne needs more priests and religious. Each one of us can do something about this. Firstly – pray each day. A simple prayer may be the cause of one person saying 'yes'. Secondly – talk about the possibility of a vocation to others. Lend your voice to the call of the Lord.

FAMILY PRAYER MEETING - Last Friday of every month at St Peter's College, Clyde North 7.30pm – 8.30pm. For enquiries, contact Jean-Paul Antoine 59907777 or the parish office. Month of August is on 31st.

PIETY STALL – Holy Beginnings piety stall opens every 2nd weekend of the Month. For orders and enquiries, call Rick & Anita on 0450 782 558. Month of August is on 11 & 12.

EMMAUS SPIRITUALITY MINISTRY is conducting a prayer session – **A Winter Journey**, on 9th August from 1-3pm at 48-50 Monash Road, Newborough (the former convent). For registration and enquiry contact 0477 474 848 or email salespirituality1@gmail.com

EMMAUS WALKING RETREAT 14th – 21st Oct 2018: Registration by 30th July. This 7-day walking retreat from San Remo to Welshpool is an opportunity to spend a reflective time walking in a small community. Like how the disciples on the road to Emmaus contemplated their own journey, having walked with Jesus in their lives. In a similar way, participants are invited to explore their own spiritual journey, walking with Jesus. Organised by Campion Centre of Ignatian Spirituality. Fr Brendan Hogan is one of the organisers of this Retreat. Please refer to the flyer at both our entrances.

WORLD MEETING OF FAMILIES with Pope Francis: Dublin, Ireland, has been chosen by Pope Francis to host the next World Meeting of Families from 21-26 August 2018, guided by the theme "The Gospel of the Family: Joy for the World". Held every three years, this major international event brings together families from across the world to celebrate, pray and reflect upon the central importance of marriage and the family as the cornerstone of our lives, of society and of the Church. For more information, please visit www.worldmeeting2018.ie/en. *The Christian ideal, especially in families, is a love that never gives up. (Pope Francis)*

Message from our Parish Safety Officer – Corralee Floyd

CHILD SAFETY: To satisfy the requirements of keeping our children and vulnerable adults safe, it is imperative that all groups consult with the Parish Safety Officer at least 3 months prior to any events, whereby they are organizing speakers, musicians, volunteers and/or youths involved and **must** be prior to the advertisement of the event. All guests are required to have current Working With Children checks as well as to have signed the Parish Code of Conduct, there are also other requirements if the guest is from outside of our Diocese. This is to avoid the disappointment or cancellation of the planned event due to the failure of any guest in obtaining or qualifying for a Working with Children Check or Diocesan Clearance Paperwork.

ALL GROUP LEADERS are reminded to ensure that every member of their respective group over 18 years including new members have obtained their Working With Children Check and signed the Code of Conduct before they begin their ministry. This is a legal requirement. Please inform the Parish Safety Officer of any new interested parties and they will be guided through the process.

CATHOLIC PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS LIMITED (CPASL)

CPSL was established in November 2016 by the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia, but operates independently from the Church, with no bishops, priests, brothers or sisters on the Board of Directors. The CPSL Board is made up of lay people with expertise in areas of law, education, human services, child safety and regulation.

An initial mammoth task CPSL has embarked upon has been to create a set of National Catholic Safeguarding Standards, which for us are going to provide our framework to build the safe culture for our children and young people, and to advance the safety of young people across the Catholic Church. They take into account the guidance of the Royal Commission into the Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse and the (draft) National Statement of Principles for Child Safe Organisations from the Australian Human Rights Commission.

The Standards are designed to help Parishes like us to have a child safe culture and practices in accordance with legislative requirements of the governments, the expectations of the Australian society, and our Gospel values. These Standards are currently in draft form and it is anticipated that our organisation will commence working with them by September 2018. I will continue to give you information about this new process and what it means for our Parish as we move forward.