



St Thomas the Apostle

Catholic Parish, Clyde North



***“My Lord
and My
God!”***

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WELCOME TO OUR MASS

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT – (Year C) 2nd December 2018

Masses & Reconciliation Times	
<p><u>Sunday Mass</u> (Masses celebrated at St. Peter’s College, 55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North)</p> <p>Saturday Vigil Mass: 6.00pm Sunday Mass: 9.00am & 10.45am</p> <p><u>Weekday Masses</u> Weekday Masses are at Blue Hills Chapel unless stated otherwise.</p> <p>Monday (3/12): No Mass Tuesday (4/12): 9.15am Wednesday (5/12): 9.15am Thursday (6/12): 9.45am at St Peter’s College Hall <u>Cranbourne Campus</u> Friday (7/12): 9.15am Saturday (8/12): 9.15am followed by Reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Recitation of the Holy Rosary</p> <p><u>Advent Sacrament of Reconciliation</u> Wed 12th Dec 7.30pm at St Peter’s College <u>Christmas Mass Times:</u> Christmas Eve Monday 24/12: 7.30pm, Christmas Day Tuesday 25/12: Midnight & 9.30am.</p>	<p><u>Baptism</u> Sunday at 12noon. Baptism Preparation: 1st Sunday of the month. Register at the Parish Office</p> <p><u>Reconciliation</u> Friday & Saturday: 9.45am after morning Mass at Blue Hills Chapel</p> <p>Saturday: 5.30pm before evening Mass at St Peter’s College</p>

Parish Schools
<p>St Thomas the Apostle Primary School 5 Fiorelli Boulevard Cranbourne East Phone: 5998 9293 Principal: Mr Brendan Marrinon</p> <p>St Peter’s Secondary College (Cranbourne East Campus) 55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North Phone: 5990 7777 Principal: Mr Chris Black</p>

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. St Thomas the Apostle Pray For Us

Message from the Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,
I urge all parishioners to take time during Advent, in what is always a busy month, to prepare spiritually for Christmas. Especially I ask you to participate in the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our Parish Advent Celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation on Wednesday 12th December at 7.30pm. This will be held in St Peter’s College in the same place where we celebrate our Masses. There will be multiple priests in attendance.
May God bless you all, Fr Denis

Plenary Council

"WHAT IS GOD ASKING OF US IN AUSTRALIA AT THIS TIME?"

Dear Parishioners, we have finished our listening and dialogue sessions for the month of November. Many were the responses but most importantly, the richness of our stories of faith made possible to unite our hearts, souls and minds in prayer. In the weeks to come, we will share with you this experience.
As the Holy Season of Advent starts, we ask God to help us prepare ourselves for a deep, personal encounter with Christ this Christmas season. The following is a reflection from ‘One Bread, One Body’ courtesy of Presentation Ministries.
“The Holy Spirit has taught the Church that to prepare for Christ, we must:

- Pray the Mass with so much love that Mass becomes the center of our lives. Thus, we have the word, "Christ-Mass."*
- Be immersed in repentance and express this by Advent Confession(s) (see Lk 3:3ff).*
- Abide in God's Word (Jn 8:31) and share His Word. This is the origin of Christmas cards.*
- Do penance, especially fasting. This is the connotation of the Advent color, purple.*
- Do good deeds, especially almsgiving. This is the origin of Christmas gift-giving."*

“May the Holy Spirit lead our steps towards Jesus this Christmas season”

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The five Regional Gatherings and listening sessions with Bishop O’Regan have now concluded. Bishop O’Regan has revealed some of the common elements that have been raised:

- How, in the 21st Century, can we pass on the gift of faith to our children
- How can we be an evangelising presence in our society.
- What is the best form of Youth Ministry
- How might we be more inclusive in our parishes to all
- How might we be more welcoming in our parishes.

Please do not let go the opportunity to make your contribution to the preparation for the Plenary Council.

<http://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/>

Parish Notices

ADVENT CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: All parishioners are asked to set aside the evening of Wednesday 12th December for our parish Advent celebration of the Sacrament of Reconciliation with visiting priests. This will take place at 7.30pm at St Peter’s College.

CHRISTMAS MASS TIMES: Christmas Eve at 7.30pm, Christmas Day Midnight Mass and 9.30am

Happenings this week:

Youth Group Pizza Night: Friday 7th December 7pm – 9pm at St Peter’s College.
Altar Servers Pizza Night: Friday 14th December 6.30pm at St Peter’s College. Please sign and return consent form.

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT – after this Saturday Vigil Mass. Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament is on every 1st Saturday of each month for half an hour following the Saturday evening Mass.
CATECHISTS REQUIRED: As our parish grows so does our need for catechists for primary school aged children. I am inviting parishioners to respond to our need by contacting the parish office.
RECALL – If you have purchased items from the Olive Wood shop that contain the Lord’s Prayer, please check for any misprint. Call the parish office if you have any issue with your purchase.
STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPES – Please pick-up your new set of stewardship envelopes at the back of our worship space. For parishioners giving through Direct Debit and Credit Card, please pick-up your receipts. Thank you.
SUMMER SCHOOL OF EVANGELISATION – will be from 20-27 January 2019 in Kyneton. This event is run by the Disciples of Jesus Covenant Community. All young people aged 16-35 are encouraged to attend a week-long retreat of teaching, live music, Sacraments, prayer, praise and great speakers. We are also seeking sponsors for participants and will appreciate any contribution. The cost is \$550 per participant. More info: melbourne@summerschool.org.au or summerschool.org.au or 0467 092 091.
THANK YOU FROM CATHOLIC CARE– CatholicCare would like to thank the parishioners of St Thomas the Apostle Parish for their generous donation of \$1,081.75 to the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal.
ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD - Deacon Paul Hiep Van Nguyen will be ordained to the priesthood for the Diocese of Sale on Saturday 15th December at 11.00 am at St Mary’s Cathedral Sale. All are most welcome to attend.
PIETY STALL – Holy Beginnings piety stall opens every 2nd weekend of the Month. Month of December is on the 8th & 9th. For orders and enquiries, call Rick & Anita on 0450 782 558.
ECUMENICAL DAY ON RAYMOND ISLAND: Clergy and parishioners of the Sale Diocese are invited to come along to the Advent Ecumenical Conversation to be held at The Abbey, Raymond Island (near Bairnsdale) on Thursday 6th December with Bishop Patrick O’Regan and Bishop Richard Treloar, Anglican Bishop of Gippsland. Fr Frank Moloney and Dorothy Lee are the other two presenters on the day. For catering purposes booking is essential. Please register via this email address: info@theabbey.org.au