

Groups and Meetings

BAPTISM PREPARATION: 1st Sunday of the month 2.00pm at St Peter’s College. Registration at the Parish Office or visit our website.
RCIA: For adults interested to join the Catholic Faith. Classes to begin in July 2018. For enquiries, contact Joy Andriaanse on 5991 5669.
RCIC: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments. Meeting: every Sunday 10.00am at St Agatha’s Providence House, Cranbourne. Enq: Sr Lucy 5996 1985.
YOUTH GROUP: Meets twice a month at St Peter’s College. For more enquiries, contact the parish office.
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION (R.E.): For children who are in non-catholic schools. Every Wednesday at St Agatha’s Parish Hall, Cranbourne, 4.00pm – 5.00pm. Enq: Sr Lucy 5996 1985. **Children making their Sacraments in 2018 and would like to join the class at St Thomas the Apostle Parish, please contact Christine at the parish office for registration.**

Dear Volunteers
It is even more important that volunteers sign on to the new Code of Conduct. If I have your correct email address, I will/have email/ed it to you to sign and return. If you do not have an email address or it is not correct with the Parish Office, please send an email to the Parish Office and we will get the form to you asap.

Rosters	8/9	9/9		15/9	16/9	
	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am
Lectors	Moril Cooke	Michael Ryan	Andrew Schulberg	Orestes.Jr	Barbara Alder	Christine Salu
Extraordinary Ministers	Fraulín, Dalreen, Ian Sangalang	Maureen Morris, Antonia Sopi, Manju Soni	Dezlene Orchard, Dino Jaboli, Mary Schulberg	Marilyn,Patrick ,Manni	Jane Ryan, Julie Sheedy, Kevin Lawlor	Mata loane, Fale Salu, Naomi loane
Welcomers	Carmen	Colleen and Olivia Johnson	TBA	Maureen & Philip	Sonia Ruiz	TBA
Children’s Liturgy		Flora Biton	TBA		TBA	Dezlene Orchard
Morning Tea		Luicile Noel and Cynthia Acanthe			Carrien and Ted Wynen	
Next week’s readings: Isaiah 50:5-9, James 2:14-18 Mark 8:27-35						

WELCOME TO OUR MASS

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – (Year B) 9th September 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 (10/9): No Mass Tuesday (11/9): 9.15am Wednesday (12/9): 9.15am Thursday (13/9): 9.15am St Peter’s College Clyde North Friday (14/9): 9:15am Saturday (15/9): 9.15am followed by Reconciliation, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament & Recitation of the Holy Rosary	Baptism Sunday at 12noon. Baptism Preparation: 1 st 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.
St Thomas the Apostle Pray For Us

Message from our Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,
Over the past four weeks I have been quite unwell, and I wish to thank the many who have extended their kindness to me in many ways, and through their prayers. In particular I wish to thank Fr Joseph, Fr Antony and Fr Tony Spierings who have generously assisted in celebrating our weekend Masses over the past three weekends and again this weekend. I hope to be well enough to be more active in ministry from the coming week. I wish also to congratulate those who from this weekend will celebrate their First Holy Communion. I wish also to congratulate their families and thank them, our catechist, Fiona in our parish office, and Leah Hirt and the staff of St Thomas the Apostle Primary School who have also been very generous in assisting the children in their preparation.
May God bless you all, Fr Denis

Parish Notices

SACRAMENT OF FIRST HOLY COMMUNION – Masses are celebrated on 8th, 9th, 15th, 16th, 22nd & 23rd. We congratulate all the children and their families. May you continue to grow in the grace of God.
ALTAR SERVER TRAINING – We welcome anyone who is interested in Altar Service and have completed the Sacrament of Reconciliation to please pick-up the Parent Permission form from the table at our entrances and return to the parish office before the training date. Training will be held on Tuesday 2nd October at 4.00pm.

PARISH MEETING
Parish Council Meeting - Wednesday 12th September 7.30pm – Our Lady Help of Christians Parish Hall, Narre Warren. Training Session for Plenary 2020.
Parish Finance Meeting - Thursday 20th September at 7:30pm at the Presbytery.

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020: In recent weeks, and with the prayerful advice of the Parish Pastoral Council, our Parish Plenary Council Team has been formed. The Parish Council had a key role in discerning those parishioners who would be invited to be Animators for our parish, and I thank them for their advice. I thank those parishioners who have accepted to be members of the Plenary Council Team. The members are: Sonia Ruiz (Animator & Convenor), Jamie Floyd (Animator), Christine Salu (Animator), Angelin Tom (Youth Animator), Patrick Ross, Magda Westeinde, Vivian Crasto & Fr Denis. This coming Wednesday (12th September) there will be a Formation Evening at OLHC Narre Warren at 7.30pm for Animators, Plenary Council Team members, Pastoral Council members and parish office staff.
PAUL VELTEN: For a significant number of years Paul has been the Diocesan Business Manager and has worked closely with parishes and schools throughout the Sale Diocese. Paul is now leaving to take up a new position in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. St Thomas the Apostle Parish acknowledges with gratitude the enormous contribution that Paul has made to our diocese, and we wish every blessing in his new position.
DIOCESAN PILGRIMAGE TO THE SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP - The annual pilgrimage at St Mary’s Cathedral will take place on Sunday 16th September commencing at 1.30 pm. The Pilgrimage will conclude with a final liturgy at the Cathedral. Please see flyers at both entrances for more details.
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.
PRIESTLY ORDINATION – Rev. Mr Hiep Nguyen, currently transitional deacon, will be ordained priest on Saturday 15th December at 11am in St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale. All parishioners are welcome. Please keep Hiep Nguyen in your prayer.
ECUMENICAL GATHERING – a gathering between the Anglican & Catholics of our Dioceses on Thursday 6th December at Raymond Island. More details to follow soon.
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 September is on the 28th.
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 September is on the 8th & 9th.

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CHILD PROTECTION WEEK – Sunday 2nd – 8th September.

NAPCAN (National Association for Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect) is Australia’s only peak body that is dedicated to the prevention of child abuse and neglect.

- National Child Protection Week starts annually on Fathers’ Day each September (Sunday 2nd – Saturday 8th September this year).
- NAPCAN invites you to get involved with National Child Protection Week this year and play your part in creating safe and nurturing environments for all Australian children.
- This week is an opportunity for government, business and community to come together to promote the safety and wellbeing of children, with particular emphasis on messages such as:
 - We all have a part to play in protecting children
 - By building stronger communities, we are creating safer environments for all children
- Research tells us that a strong community is important for children and helps them to thrive and be safe.
- We all have a role to play in protecting children from harm. The little things we do every day can help to create safer environments for children. For instance:
 - Be kind to children and parents
 - Respect young people
 - Be a good role model around children
 - Get involved in your local community
 - Look out for signs of abuse and neglect; if you suspect something if wrong talk to an expert
 - Always take reports of abuse seriously
 - Avoid blame and don’t judge; instead, ask yourself what you can do to help
 - Listen to the needs of children and spend time with them

