

Groups and Meetings

BAPTISM PREPARATION: 1st Sunday of the month 2.00pm at St Peter’s College. Registration: 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 at St Agatha’s Providence House, Cranbourne. Enq: Fiona 5998 0947.
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: Fiona 5998 0947

Mass Intentions

Saturday (23/3) 6.00pm: Antonio & Fortunata Angelone & deceased family members & friends of the Angelone family

Sunday (24/3) 9.00am: Available (pls see Fr Denis)

Sunday (24/3) 10.45am: For the People of the Parish

Tuesday (26/3) 9.10am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)

Wednesday (27/3) 9.15am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)

Thursday (28/3) 9.15am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)

Friday (29/3) 9.15am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)

Saturday (30/3): Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)


Death Anniversary: Fr John Black & Fr Michael Callery


Parish Council Members:
Fr Denis, Vivian Crasto, Dezlene Orchard, Fale Salu, Neil Mendes, Mick Ryan, Jonathan Rubite, Shiran Jayamaha, Tom Joseph and Colleen Johnson.

Parish Finance Members:
Fr Denis, Heidi Keel, Sinclair Thomas, Patrick Ross, Helene Jayamaha, Peter Gomez, Vincent Willatgamuwa

St Thomas the Apostle

Catholic Parish, Clyde North



Church: St Peter’s ollege, 55 MacKillop Way, Cnr Heather Grove, Clyde North
Parish Priest: Fr Denis O’Bryan EV
Parish Office: 50 Heather Grove, Cranbourne East (PO Box 6089, Clyde VIC 3978)
Parish Office Phone: 5998 0947
Email: parish@stthomasap.org.au **Website:** www.stthomasap.org.au  www.facebook.com/stthomasap
Parish Secretaries: Christine Salu & Fiona Goh (Tuesday - Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm)
Parish Safety Officer: Corralee Floyd (Wednesday 9.00am – 3.00pm)

***“My Lord
and My
God!”***

WELCOME TO OUR MASS

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT–24th March 2019



Rosters	23/3	24/3		30/3	31/3	
	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am
Lectors	Emma Gomez	Samantha Rowland	Rhys Ah Colt	Ian Sangalang	Declan Floyd	Christine Salu
Extraordinary Ministers	Orestes Quito, Mary Cooke,Vimi Pinto	Doreen Storti, Sonia Ruiz, Jack Van Bakel	Francoise Vinay, Amanda Ah Colt, Mary Schulberg	Eugene Catindig,Patrick Ross, Raquel Catindig	Coralee Floyd, Bill Sheedy, Manju Soni	Fale Salu, Naomi loane, Mata loane
Welcomers	Rose & Dominic Lobo	Vivian and Alisha Crasto	TBA	Jonathan & Shey	Colleen and Olivia Johnson	TBA
Children’s Liturgy		Flora Bition	TBA		TBA	Dezlene Orchard
Morning Tea		Bill and Julie Sheedy			Jose and Flora Bition	
Next week’s readings: Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13 Ephesians 5:8-14 John 9:1-41						

New Parishioner Registration (to return, drop this form in the Parish Office Box at Church or the Parish Office):

Please complete this card so that we register you as a parishioner and send you a welcome letter

Please circle – Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss

CHRISTIAN NAME: _____ SURNAME: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

OCCUPATION: _____ RELIGION: _____

Please circle – Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss

CHRISTIAN NAME: _____ SURNAME: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ MOBILE: _____ EMAIL: _____

OCCUPATION: _____ RELIGION: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Would you like to support St Thomas the Apostle Parish Financially? Would you join the Stewardship program and contribute weekly, monthly or yearly? YES / NO (please circle your response)

CHILDREN INFORMATION: (please attach paper for additional children)

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	SEX	RELIGION	BIRTH DATE	OCCUPATION/SCHOOL NAME

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 (25/3): No Mass
Tuesday (26/3): **9.10am at St Peter’s College Clyde North** (Romero House)
Wednesday (27/3): 9.15am Blue Hills & 10.30am Langford Grange
Thursday (28/3): 9.15am
Friday (29/3): 9.15am
Saturday (30/3): 9.15am followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary and Reconciliation.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS Fridays during Lent 7.30pm at St Peter’s College Clyde North

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 your Lord and God, are an inspiration for all who seek Jesus. You gave up your life for Him as an Apostle, and as a missionary. You encourage us to be courageous in giving witness to our 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

First Reading

Exodus 17:3-7

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R: O that today you would listen to his voice: ‘Harden not your hearts.’

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! **Lord, you are really the Saviour of the world; give me living water, so that I may never get thirsty.** *Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel

John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42

Jesus came to the Samaritan town called Sychar, near the land that Jacob gave to his son Joseph. Jacob's well is there and Jesus, tired by the journey, sat straight down by the well. It was about the sixth hour. When a Samaritan woman came to draw water, Jesus said to her, ‘Give me a drink.’ His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, ‘What? You are a Jew and you ask me, a Samaritan, for a drink?’ – Jews, in fact, do not associate with Samaritans. Jesus replied: ‘If you only knew what God is offering and who it is that is saying to you: Give me a drink, you would have been the one to ask, and he would have given you living water.’ ‘You have no bucket, sir,’ she answered ‘and the well is deep; how could you get this living water? Are you a greater man than our father Jacob who gave us this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?’ Jesus replied: ‘Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never be thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.’ ‘Sir,’ said the woman ‘give me some of that water, so that I may never get thirsty and never have to come here again to draw water.’ ‘Go and call your husband’ said Jesus to her ‘and come back here.’ The woman answered, ‘I have no husband.’ He said to her, ‘You are right to say, “I have no husband”; for although you have had five, the one you have now is not your husband. You spoke the truth there.’ ‘I see you are a prophet, sir’ said the woman. ‘Our fathers worshipped on this mountain, while you say that Jerusalem is the place where one ought to worship.’ Jesus said: ‘Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what we do know; for salvation comes from the Jews. But the hour will come – in fact it is here already – when true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth: that is the kind of worshipper the Father wants. God is spirit, and those who worship must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah – that is, Christ – is coming; and when he comes he will tell us everything.’ ‘I who am speaking to you,’ said Jesus ‘I am he.’ At this point his disciples returned, and were surprised to find him speaking to a woman, though none of them asked, ‘What do you want from her?’ or, ‘Why are you talking to her?’ The woman put down her water jar and hurried back to the town to tell the people, ‘Come and see a man who has told me everything I ever did; I wonder if he is the Christ?’ This brought people out of the town and they started walking towards him. Meanwhile, the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, do have something to eat;’ but he said, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples asked one another, ‘Has someone been bringing him food?’ But Jesus said: ‘My food is to do the will of the one who sent me, and to complete his work. Have you not got a saying: Four months and then the harvest? Well, I tell you: Look around you, look at the fields; already they are white, ready for harvest! Already the reaper is being paid his wages, already he is bringing in the grain for eternal life, and thus sower and reaper rejoice together. For here the proverb holds good: one sows, another reaps; I sent you to reap a harvest you had not worked for. Others worked for it; and you have come into the rewards of their trouble.’ Many Samaritans of that town had believed in him on the strength of the woman's testimony when she said, ‘He told me all I have ever done,’ so, when the Samaritans came up to him, they begged him to stay with them. He stayed for two days, and when he spoke to them many more came to believe; and they said to the woman, ‘Now we no longer believe because of what you told us; we have heard him ourselves and we know that he really is the saviour of the world.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again.

Message from our Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

*During the past week there have been formation sessions for all the clergy of the Sale Diocese and all the Parish Plenary Council teams as we prepare to enter the next stage of preparation for the Council. The next stage which will begin at Pentecost will focus on Listening and Discernment as the major themes for the Council are discerned. At the same time Bishop O'Regan has called all the parishes of the Sale Diocese to participate in a Diocesan Assembly, to be held on Friday evening and Saturday 13th & 14th September. The Assembly will be held at Marist Sion College, Warragul in the lead up to the Assembly there is a Diocesan Pilgrimage of the Icon of Our Lady of Perpetual Help and the Candle for a week of prayer and preparation in each parish of the diocese. The Icon and Candle will begin its week in our parish on the weekend of 4th/5th May. **On Tuesday evening, 7th May**, Sophy Morley who is the Plenary Council Coordinator for the Sale Diocese, will visit our parish for a gathering of our parish for prayer, information and formation regarding both the Plenary Council and the Diocesan Assembly. This will be an important gathering for our parishioners, and I ask you to keep that date free for this parish gathering. May God bless you all, Fr Denis*

Plenary Council 2019 “The Year of Listening & Discernment”.

Plenary Days for the Clergy/Parishes and Network teams, March 15th & 16th.- the National Facilitator Lana Turvey-Collins explained to us of the development in the process of collecting and analysing all responses submitted during the Year of Listening and Dialogue. At the present time, the National Centre for Pastoral Research is arranging those responses into themes for national discernment which will be launched on Pentecost Day, 9th of June.

Diocese of Sale Regional Listening and Dialogue Raw Responses.- our diocese has collected the responses from around 400 participants at the 5 regional listening and Dialogue sessions with the Bishop. Our Bishop invites us all to **view those responses**. The responses are grouped under several headings for ease reading: Liturgy, Mission, Church, Teachings, Pastoral Care, Vocation, Communication, Leadership, Catholic Education Faith Formation. Website <https://www.sale.catholic.org.au/25-bishop/348-towards-2020.html> then scroll down to Listening and Dialogue sessions link.

“BE HOLY, AS I AM HOLY.”, says the Lord - ‘Gaudete et Exsultate - Rejoice and Exult’- Apostolic Exhortation on the call to Holiness in today’s World from Pope Francis.- Download it for free or buy the book at Catholic book shops for about \$10. Google search: Gaudete Et Exsultate Pope Francis, click on first link : Gaudete et Exsultate: Rejoice and Exult

Dates to remember for community prayer:

Diocesan Assemble: 13-14 September

This week’s Diocesan Pilgrimage host is at St Joseph’s Parish, Korumburra

Parish Notice

RCIA – FIRST SCRUTINY (Saturday 6pm Mass)

Our parish invitges all youths to be part of the Good Friday Service. Practices will be held in our worship area after the 9.00am Sunday Mass on the 7th & 14th of April and on Good Friday. If you would like to be part of this service, please put your name on the sign-up sheet.

CALLING ALL YOUTHS FOR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

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MEETING THIS WEEK

Church Building Committee Meeting – Thursday 28th March at 7.30pm at the Parish Office

FIRST RECONCILIATION CEREMONIES will be on Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March 5pm & 7pm at St Thomas the Apostle Primary School. Please arrive 10mins before your selected time.

PARISH LENTEN CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION will be held on Tuesday 9th April at 7.30pm at St Peter’s College, Clyde North.

ALTAR SERVERS: A training session for new and existing altar servers will be held at St Peter’s College at 4.00pm on Wednesday 10th April. Any new altar servers should have made their First Reconciliation, and we welcome new servers who have been altar servers in other parishes. All those wishing to become new altar servers should register their interest at the parish office from this week onwards.

STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPE # 515 – Please contact the parish office. Thank you.

CATHOLIC CARE would like to thank the parishioner of St Thomas the Apostle parish for their generous contribution of \$824.65 towards the Catholic Mission in Myanmar.

FUNDRAISING FOR OUR NEW CHURCH BUILDING: With the project to build our first church, and also our parish offices, progressing and hopefully coming to completion over the coming 2 years, parishioners who are willing to work for a parish fundraising campaign are asked to please contact the parish office. Some have done this previously, and we invite you to renew your offer, and we are conscious that we have always new parishioners coming to our parish, and we would welcome your support too.

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE – Tickets due back on 7th April 2019. Draw date 4th May. To return: place ticket and money in an envelope (do not remove staples) and put in any of the offering plate. Thank you. (VCGR Permit no. – 10699/18)

LENTEN RESOURCE ON FORMED.org : Into the Desert – A Lenten Study on Prayer. Dr Tim Grey masterfully show you how to make prayer an effective effort of love and intimacy. To get your free access, contact Parish Office: 5998 0947 or email: parish@stthomasap.org.au.

PIETY STALL – Holy Beginnings piety stall opens every 2nd weekend of the month. Month of April is on the 13th & 14th. For orders and enquiries, call Rick & Anita on 0450 782 558.

PROJECT COMPASSION: Peter is thrilled to now have clean water on tap at his boarding school. Long walks to unsafe water sources were tiring for Peter, who is living with a disability. With more free time and fewer illnesses caused bu dirty water. Peter can fulfil his hope of focusing on his studies, providing him with a brighter future. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help young people with disabilities gain access to clean water in the Solomon Island; providing hope for a brighter future. Box due back 18th April.

A KSC FUNDRAISING DINNER: Unfortunately, due to lack of response, the KSC Fundraising Dinner on 28th March 2019 has been postponed until later in the year. The group are looking for suggestions for this event later in the year (e.g. lunch or dinner on a weekend?) and would welcome your input. All suggestions are welcome. Please send thoughts to Jim Johnson by email: jimjohnson@desi.net.au

LPHA TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOPS Traralgon March 27th & 28th - Alpha is a tool used by thousands of Catholic Parishes around the world, to introduce participants to the basics of the Christian faith and to evangelise and deepen faith. There will be Alpha Training offered for Parish Teams or those interested in further information, at St Michael’s Parish, Traralgon, on the evenings of March 27th and 28th. For more information, please call 5174 2060 or email: sec@smpt.org.au

DIVINE RENOVATION/ALPHA WORKSHOP Keys for Creating a Missionary Culture in Parishes with Mr. Ron Huntley SATURDAY 6TH APRIL 9.30am-3pm St Peter’s Parish Hall 22 Mary Street, Clayton Cost \$45. For enquiry, call Lorraine McCarthy 0402 217 123 or Lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au.