

Groups and Meetings

BAPTISM PREPARATION: 1st Sunday of the month 2.00pm for more information or registration call the Parish Office or visit our website.
RCIA: For adults interested to join the Catholic Faith. Classes to begin soon. For enquiries, contact Joy Andriaanse on 5991 5669.
RCIC: For older children who have not completed their Sacraments. St Agatha's Providence House, Cranbourne. Enq: Fiona 5998 0947.
YOUTH GROUP: Meets twice a month at St Peter's College. For enquiries please contact Ryan Fynn 0425 654 017, email: zinyouthgrp@gmail.com
 FB: www.facebook.com/groups/zinyouthgrp/
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 (15/2) 6.00pm: Merlyn & Edwin D'Cruz (Remb)
Sunday (16/2) 9.00am: For the People of the Parish
Sunday (16/2) 10.45am: Thanksgiving 24th Wedding Anniversary of Fale & Christine Salu
Monday (17/2): No Mass
Tuesday (18/2): No Mass
Wednesday (19/2) 9.15am: Lancy Jacob (B'day Remb)
Thursday (20/2) 9.15am: Deceased family & friends of O'Keefe & Kearns families
Friday (21/2): No Mass
Saturday (22/2): No Mass
Pray for the sick: Fr Bernard Buckley, Fr Brian Gleeson, Philippe & Marie Tranquille, Walter De Silva, Lucile Noel, Annette Gaiardo, Jim Ryan, Anne Marie Hartung, Sue Dower, Sr Kathleen Boschetti
Death anniversary/Remembrance: Bishop Arthur Fox, Fr Emanuel Spiteri, Fr Wladyslaw (Les) Lisik S Chr.

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.

Rosters	15/2	16/2		22/2	23/2	
	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am
Lectors	Fraulín Mendes	Kevin Lawlor	James Joyce	Dalreen Thomas	Nomsa Phiri	Rhys Ah Colt
Extraordinary Ministers	Maureen Morris, Simida Coutinho, Mary Cooke	Ani Vellaramkunnel, Jack Van Bakel, Bill Sheedy	Dino Jaboli, Amanda Ah Colt, Seethal Babu	Raquel Catindig, Sherrylin Tan, Jan Ridout	Julie Sheedy, Marilyn Smith, Sonia Ruiz	Francoise Vinay, Neil Teanio, Mata Ioane
Welcomers	Ashlee Vidot	Carrien and Ted Wynen	TBA	Maureen & Philip	Vivian and Alisha Crasto	TBA
Children's Liturgy		TBA	Dezlene Orchard		TBA	TBA
Morning Tea		Jane Ryan			Tom and Ani Vellaramkunnel	
Next week's readings:	Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18		1 Cor 3:16-23		Matt 5: 38-48	

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 join the Stewardship Program and support the parish financially? YES / NO

If Yes, please select one from the following: ENVELOPES / CREDIT CARD / DIRECT DEBIT

Weekly / Fortnightly / Monthly / Other (please specify) _____

CHILDREN INFORMATION: (please attach paper for additional children)

FIRST NAME	SURNAME	GENDER	RELIGION	BIRTH DATE	OCCUPATION/SCHOOL NAME

St Thomas the Apostle

Catholic Parish, Clyde North



"My Lord and My God"

Church: St Peter's College, 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 Hours: Tuesday – Friday 9.00am – 3.00pm

Parish Office Phone: 5998 0947

Email: parish@stthomasap.org.au

Website: www.stthomasap.org.au



www.facebook.com/stthomasap

Pastoral Associate: Sr Juliana Ogbole **Email:** Clydenorth.Pastoralassociate@cdsale.org.au

Parish Secretaries: Christine Salu

Email: Clydenorth.Secretary1@cdsale.org.au

Fiona Goh

Email: Clydenorth.Secretary2@cdsale.org.au

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

Email: Clydenorth.Safety@cdsale.org.au

WELCOME TO OUR MASS

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) – 16th February 2020



Masses & Reconciliation Times

Sunday Mass

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

Saturday Mass: 6.00pm

Sunday Mass: 9.00am & 10.45am

Weekday Masses

Weekday Masses are at Blue Hills Chapel unless stated otherwise.

Monday (17/2): No Mass

Tuesday (18/2) : No Mass

Wednesday (19/2): 9.15am @ St Thomas the Apostle Primary School

Thursday (20/2): 9.15am @ St Peter's College Clyde North

Friday (21/2) : No Mass

Saturday (22/2): No Mass

NB: There will be no weekday Masses in Blue Hills Chapel in the coming week.

Baptism

Sunday at 12noon.

Baptism Preparation:

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

Reconciliation

After Friday & Saturday morning Mass & 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

(Clyde North 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

Sirach 15:15-20

If you wish, you can keep the commandments; to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. They are happy who follow God's law!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts. **R.**

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes. **R.**

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law. **R.**

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart. **R.**

Second Reading

1Cor 2:6-10

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia!**

Gospel

Mt 5:17-37

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. "You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does kill he must answer for it before the court. But I say to you: anyone who is angry with his brother will answer for it before the court. "You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart.' Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath, but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

NOTICE

Message from our Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,
On Monday this week people in religious ministry will become mandatory reporters to Child Protection. This includes those ordained for ministry (Bishops, Priests and Deacons) and also Religious Sisters and Brothers. The Victorian Government has made amendments to the Children, Youth and Families Act 2005 in September 2019 to include people in religious ministry as mandatory reporters to Child Protection, without any exemption for religious confession. These amendments are as a result of recommendations from the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. The Victorian Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has been tasked to implement this legislation which is to be enforced from 17th February 2020. The Diocese of Sale has and will continue to provide formation for all its Clergy and Religious regarding this amendment to the legislation.
May God bless you all, Fr Denis

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT PHASE

Plenary Council website: <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

How is God calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Prayerful and Merciful?

Last Saturday 8th February, a group of parishioners gathered at St Peter's College for the session of listening and discernment reflecting on How God is calling us to be a Christ-centred Church in Australia that is Prayerful and Merciful. Guided in prayer, reflection and sharing on this second theme for the Plenary Council 2020, we submitted some recommendations to the National Team. As follow:

- *Establish national Outreach program to identify and contact ALL Catholic Baptised. There are many of the baptised that remain hidden in parishes and regions and therefore never get all the rich communication from the Church and/or their local Parish.*
- *Introduce at all weekend Masses, a formal welcome of new parishioners and farewell of departing members, near the end of Mass. This is done informally in some parishes, but a national program would formalise this.*
- *A formal national program to focus the Australian Church on having a personal relationship with Jesus. This is often not understood or not known, because it is not taught/explained.*
- *A formal program to promote Spiritual Direction. Such a program needs to show how it "works" as well as the benefits - few are aware it applies also to laity. A National listing and accreditation of Spiritual Directors is necessary so that those seeking may find the right director.*
- *Promotion of Eucharistic Processions e.g for some major Feast Days!*

*** INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS ***

NEXT PARISH PLENARY COUNCIL 'LISTENING AND DISCERNING' SESSION
HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE CHRIST-CENTRED THAT IS: "HUMBLE, HEALING AND MERCIFUL"?
29TH FEBRUARY 2020 – at St Peter's College, 2.00 to 4.30 pm
ALL ARE WELCOME!

RCIA – Period of Catechumanate.- Please pray for Margaret Grech, Junghee Youm and Dhaneshi Mannapperuma as they are continuing to reflect in the persona of Jesus Christ in Scripture and his teachings, and in the life and values of our Catholic Church. We thank God for their desire to build a relationship with Him, his Son and the Holy Spirit. May God bless them.

During this week:

Church Building Committee: Thursday at the Parish Office at 7.30pm

RITE OF ELECTION FOR CATECHUMENS AND THE FORMAL RECOGNITION OF BAPTISED CANDIDATES

An invitation is extended to all catechumens, candidates and their families, RCIA team members and parishioners to the Rite of Election celebrated by Bishop Pat O'Regan on Sunday 1st March at 3.00 pm in St. Mary's Cathedral, Sale.

As in past years, we are forming a Diocesan choir for the Rite of Election at St Mary's Cathedral on Sunday 1st March. To register your interest and receive the music pack, please contact Sophy Morley 5622 667 (leave a message) or email smorley@sale.catholic.org.au as soon as possible.

LENT RETREAT DAY: On Sat 7th March all parishioners are invited to participate in a Lenten Retreat Day led by Fr Dr Elio Capra SDB. This is a new initiative for our parish and a wonderful opportunity to reflect on our own lives and to gather for a day of prayer. Please come. Venue: St Peter's College Clyde North 10.00am to 4.30pm Cost: \$10/adult (under 18 free). Please refer to the flyer. Register at the Parish Office or call Joy 0408005477

PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL: During the coming months the membership of the Parish Pastoral Council will be renewed. The present members are the foundation members of our Pastoral Council, whose role began as members of the Pastoral Leadership Group when we were still a part of St Agatha's Parish. Many new families have come to our parish over the past four years and we are particularly inviting members of those families to consider nominating for the Pastoral Council. There will be further information in coming weeks.

NEW PARISHIONERS LUNCH CANCELLED: We wish to inform that the New Parishioners Lunch this Sunday is cancelled due to poor response. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.

GOD START: God Start is a ministry in our parish that maintains contact with families and their children after their Baptism, especially on the occasion of their birthdays. If your child is aged 1-4 years and was Baptised in a parish other than St Thomas the Apostle, we invite you to register at the parish office to be able to participate in God Start.

RAFFLE TICKETS - The Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle tickets are on **SALE NOW!** There are 3 Suzuki Baleno & Coles/Myer gift cards to be won!! Raffle Drawn 6th Jun 2020. Parish staff members are selling the tickets this weekend after all Masses. Tickets \$2.00 each or \$20 a book. Vic permit 10722/19.

menALIVE weekend - coming to our parish on March 14 & 15, 2020. Enquiries: stthomasmengroup@gmail.com.

THE LAMP – 'In His Image and Likeness'. All youths from Yr 7 to 25 years of age are welcome. Venue: Our Lady Help of Christian, Narre Warren. Date: 22 Feb 2020 Time: 9am – 3pm. Register at: <https://forms.gle/LSkpw4wUtm4MBY8NA>.

PIETY STALL – Will operate on 15th & 16th February. For enquiries, please call call Rick & Anita on 0450 782 558.

POSITION VACANT: Parish Business Manager at OLHC, Narre Warren. This is a part time position, ideally 15 hours to be worked across four days per week. Reporting to the Parish Priest, the Business Manager is responsible for the sound financial and commercial management of the Parish resources. The role will apply professional skills and knowledge of several fields including accounting, human resources, building and maintenance administration. As a person of faith, committed to gospel values you will fully support the Parish Priest to enable and help the parish fulfill its mission and purpose. For a position description and statement of key requirements, please call 9704 7935. Applications close Wed 19th February 2020.

MESSAGE FROM OUR PARISH SAFEGUARDING OFFICER

CatholicCare Child Safeguarding Workshops

Bishop Patrick O'Regan has engaged the services of CatholicCare to continue a series of training sessions across the Diocese on "Building a Child Safe Environment". It is expected that all parishioners with WWCC, volunteering or intending to volunteer, will attend one of the 2.5 hr sessions, unless they have already done so in 2019. If you would like to register for any of the following dates, **please complete the sheet on the clipboards at the back of the church or email the Parish Office.**

Location	Date	Time
St Agatha's, Cranbourne (Parish Hall)	Saturday, 22 nd February	10am – 12:30pm
Our Lady Help of Christians, Narre Warren (Parish Centre)	Thursday, 12 th March	7pm – 9:30pm
St Michael's, Berwick (Parish Support Centre)	Saturday, 14 th March	2pm – 4:30pm
St Patrick's, Pakenham (Parish Hall)	Saturday, 21 st March	10am – 12:30pm

Interested in Volunteering? We always welcome new volunteers to our Parish. Anyone over 18 years who wishes to volunteer please contact Corralee at the Parish Office on Wednesdays. **Current Volunteers** If you would like to make any changes to the ministries you currently undertake, or the Mass you volunteer at, please email clydenorth.safety@cdsale.org.au before 16/2/2020 so that these can be taken into account.