

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 (9/3) 6.00pm: For the People of the Parish
Sunday (10/3) 9.00am: Preethi Raj Fernando (Anniv)
Sunday (10/3) 10.45am: Guiseppa Andolfatto (B'day Remb)
Tuesday (12/3) 9.15am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)
Wednesday (13/3) 9.15am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)
Thursday (14/3) 9.15am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)
Friday (15/3) 9.15am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)
Saturday (16/3): Marie Gomez (B'day Remb)
Death Anniversary: Monsignor James McCartan

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



*"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 Phone: 5998 0947

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Website: www.stthomasap.org.au



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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – (Year C) 10th March 2019



Rosters	9/3	10/3		16/3	17/3	
	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am
Lectors	Vimi Pinto	Ani Vellaramkunnel	Andrew Shulberg	Raquel Cantindig	Kevin Lawlor	Jordan Salu
Extraordinary Ministers	Manni Vailmanni, Dalreen Thomas, Manni Carvalho	Maureen Morris, Maria Sopi, Priscilla Crasto	Dino Jaboli, Mary Schulberg, Amanda Ah Colt	Shey Rubite, Penelope Smith, Jonathan Rubite	Rita Scicluna, Ani Vellaramkunnel, Brunhilda Samuel	Dino Jaboli, Mata Ioane, Neil Teanio
Welcomers	Ashlee Vidot	Lorraine Fynn	TBA	Vimi & Flevius	Carrien and Ted Wynen	TBA
Children's Liturgy		Colleen Johnson	TBA		TBA	Christine
Morning Tea		Jane Ryan			Vivian and Priscilla Crasto	
Next week's readings:	Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18		Philippians 3:17-4:1		Luke 9:28-36	

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 (11/3): No Mass

Tuesday (12/3): 9.15am

Wednesday (13/3): 9.15am at **St Thomas the Apostle Primary**

Thursday (14/3): 9.15am

Friday (15/3): No Mass

Saturday (16/3): No Mass

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

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

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

Deut 26:4-10

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the pannier from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement: "My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. Be with me, O Lord, in my distress.

He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' **R.**

Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. **R.**

They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. **R.**

His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer; 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. **R.**

Second Reading

Rom 10:8-13

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory! Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Praise to you, O Christ, king of eternal glory!

Gospel

Luke 4:1-13

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.' Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says: You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.' Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says: He will put his angels in charge of you to guard you, and again: They will hold you up on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.' But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said: You must not put the Lord your God to the test.' Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

Message from our Parish Priest

Dear Parishioners,

During this coming week, on Friday, all the priests and deacons of the Diocese together with Bishop O'Regan will participate in a day of formation for the next stage of preparation for the Plenary Council. On Saturday, our parish Plenary Council Team will join teams from all other parishes for a similar day of formation. Ms Lana Turvey-Collins, the National Plenary Council Facilitator, will be with us during these days and will lead us in a time of reflection, followed by discussion and a look at what's coming up for us in the next stage of the Plenary Council preparation for 2019, the Listening and Discernment phase. There will also be some more information about the Diocesan Assembly in December. Please continue to pray for all who are helping to facilitate the preparations for the Plenary Council 2020.

May God bless you all, Fr Denis

Plenary Council 2019 “The Year of Discerning”.

Plenary Day for Clergy: 15th of March - Warragul

Plenary day for Parish/School/Agency/Network Team: 16th March – Warragul

Diocesan Assembly: 13-14 September

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

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

Parish Notices

RCIA – RITE OF SENDING AND RITE OF ELECTION – 10TH OF MARCH 2019

RCIA Team ask your prayers for our Catechumen, Dilmini Gamaralalage and our Baptised Candidate Catholic, Krishendi De Silva as they continue their faith journey towards Easter.

Rite of Sending - 9 am Mass. This rite offers the parish community an opportunity to acknowledge the spiritual progress Dilmini and Krishendi have made in their preparation and their decision to receive the Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil. In listening to their testimony, Fr Denis and parishioners will send them forth to our Bishop in Sale for the Rite of Election.

Rite of Election - St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale at 2 pm. This rite represents Dilmini’s final decision to respond to Jesus’ call to enter the Catholic Church. For Krishendi, already enriched by Baptism, this rite means to renew her baptismal promises. With the acceptance of the Bishop and his blessings both Dilmini and Kreshendi will enter into the final period of their preparation during the Lenten season to receive and complete the Sacraments of Initiation at the next Easter Vigil.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC BISHOPS CONFERENCE

Statement from Archbishop Mark Coleridge, President of the Australian Bishops Conference (February 26, 2019)

The news of Cardinal George Pell’s conviction on historical child sexual abuse charges has shocked many across Australia and around the world, including the Catholic Bishops of Australia.

The Bishops agree that everyone should be equal under the law, and we respect the Australian legal system. The same legal system that delivered the verdict will consider the appeal that the Cardinal’s legal team has lodged. Our hope, at all times, is that through this process, justice will be served.

In the meantime, we pray for all those who have been abused and their loved ones, and we commit ourselves anew to doing everything possible to ensure that the Church is a safe place for all, especially the young and the vulnerable.

MEETINGS THIS WEEK:

Reconciliation Parent & Child Workshop at St Thomas School: Tuesday at 7.00pm or Wednesday at 5.00pm and 7.00pm

Formation meeting for Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist who bring Holy Communion to the sick and aged in their homes and in aged care facilities: Thursday at 7.30pm:

Youth meeting – On Friday 15th March 7.30pm the youths will be participating in Stations of the Cross before the usual gathering.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Every Friday during Lent at 7.30pm at St Peter’s College, Clyde North.

PROJECT COMPASSION: ‘Twelve-year-old Thandolwayo would walk seven kilometres each day, threatened by crocodiles, to collect contaminated water for her family. It looked like she would never realise her hope of finishing her education and becoming a nurse, until a Caritas Australia-supported project treated access to clean water helping Thandolwayo to stay at school and achieve a future full of hope.’ Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 to provide access to clean water and a future full of hope for vulnerable communities in Zimbabwe. Box due back 18th April.

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

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 Sold Out!! Thank you for your support. Tickets due back on 7th April 2019. 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 (BRISBANE) – The Lent program for 2019 Compassion is now available as an App for App Store or Google Play for \$1.99.

<http://evangelisationbrisbane.org.au/product-category/lent-pentecost/>

PIETY STALL – THIS WEEKEND!! Holy Beginnings piety stall opens every 2nd weekend of the month. Month of March is on the 9th & 10th. For orders and enquiries, call Rick & Anita on 0450 782 558.

FORMED.org an online platform featuring Catholic videos, audio talks, eBooks and movies from partners like the Augustine Institute, St. Paul Center, Marian Fathers, Lighthouse Catholic Media, Ignatius Press and Word on Fire. St Thomas the Apostle parishioners have free access to this. To get the parish code contact Parish Office: 5998 0947 or email: parish@stthomasap.org.au.

ALPHA 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 or see flyer on notice board.