

Groups and Meetings

**BAPTISM PREPARATION:** 1<sup>st</sup> 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 (30/3) 6.00pm:** For the People of the Parish  
**Sunday (31/3) 9.00am:** Intentions of Doreen Storti (Priscilla)  
**Sunday (31/3) 10.45am:** Cyril Jean-Pierre (Anniv)  
**Tuesday (2/4) 9.15am:** Private Intention  
**Wednesday (3/4) 9.15am:** Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)  
**Thursday (4/4) 9.15am:** Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)  
**Friday (5/4) 9.15am:** Souls in Purgatory  
**Saturday (6/4) 10.00am:** TT Kurian (Anniv)  
**Recently deceased:** Joaquin Maseiga Vong  
**Death Anniversary:** Fr Patrick O’Brien

**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

Rosters	30/3	31/3		6/4	7/4	
	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am
Lectors	Ian Sangalang	Declan Floyd	Christine Salu	Dalreen Thomas	As per roster	As per roster
Extraordinary Ministers	Eugene Catindig, Patrick Ross, Raquel Catindig	Coralee Floyd, Bill Sheedy, Manju Soni	Fale Salu, Naomi loane, Mata loane	Shey Rubite, Christine Fernandez, Vailama nni Carvalho		
Welcomers	Jonathan & Shey	Colleen and Olivia Johnson	TBA	Moril Cooke		
Children’s Liturgy		TBA	Dezlene Orchard			
Morning Tea		Jose and Flora Bition				
Next week’s readings: Ezekiel 37:12-14 Romans 8:8-11 John 11:1-45						

**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

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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

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’Brien 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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT–31<sup>st</sup> March 2019



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 (1/4): No Mass  
Tuesday (2/4): 9.15am  
Wednesday (3/4): 9.15am  
Thursday (4/4): 9.15am at St Peter’s College Clyde North  
Friday (5/4): 9.15am  
Saturday (6/4): 10.00am Mass and Reconciliation

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

**Baptism**  
Sunday at 12noon.  
Baptism Preparation: 1<sup>st</sup> 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

Samuel 16:1, 6-7, 10-13

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

*R: The Lord is my shepherd there is nothing I shall want.*

Second Reading

Ephesians 5:8-14

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

*Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; anyone who follows me will have the light of life.*  
*Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

Gospel

John 9:1-41

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. His disciples asked him, ‘Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, for him to have been born blind?’ ‘Neither he nor his parents sinned,’ Jesus answered ‘he was born blind so that the works of God might be displayed in him.’ ‘As long as the day lasts I must carry out the work of the one who sent me; the night will soon be here when no one can work. As long as I am in the world I am the light of the world.’ Having said this, he spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man, and said to him, ‘Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam’ (a name that means ‘sent’). So the blind man went off and washed himself, and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, ‘Isn’t this the man who used to sit and beg?’ Some said, ‘Yes, it is the same one.’ Other said, ‘No, he only looks like him.’ The man himself said, ‘I am the man.’ So they said to him, ‘Then how do your eyes come to be open?’ ‘The man called Jesus’ he answered ‘made a paste, daubed my eyes with it and said to me, “Go and wash at Siloam;” so I went, and when I washed I could see.’ They asked ‘Where is he?’ ‘I don’t know’ he answered. They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a Sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man’s eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, ‘He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.’ Then some of the Pharisees said, ‘This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.’ Others said, ‘How could a sinner produce signs like this?’ And there were disagreement among them. So they spoke to the blind man again, ‘What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?’ ‘He is a prophet’ replied the man. However, the Jews would not believe that the man had been blind and had gained his sight, without first, sending for his parents and asking them, ‘Is this man really your son who you say was born blind? If so, how is it that he is now able to see?’ His parents answered, ‘We know he is our son and we know he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that he can see now, or who opened his eyes. He is old enough: let him speak for himself.’ His parents spoke like this out of fear of the Jews, who had already agreed to expel from the synagogue anyone who should acknowledge Jesus as the Christ. This was why his parents said, ‘He is old enough; ask him.’ So the Jews again sent for the man and said to him, ‘Give glory to God! For our part, we know that this man is a sinner.’ The man answered, ‘I don’t know if he is a sinner; I only know that I was blind and now I can see.’ They said to him, ‘What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?’ He replied, ‘I have told you once and you wouldn’t listen. Why do you want to hear it all again? Do you want to become his disciples too?’ At this they hurled abuse at him: ‘You can be his disciple,’ they said ‘we are disciples of Moses: we know that God spoke to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.’ The man replied, ‘Now here is an astonishing thing! He has opened my eyes, and you don’t know where he comes from! We know that God doesn’t listen to sinners, but God does listen to men who are devout and do his will. Ever since the world began it is unheard of for anyone to open the eyes of a man who was born blind; if this man were not from God, he couldn’t do a thing.’ ‘Are you trying to teach us,’ they replied ‘and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!’ And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him he said to him, ‘Do you believe in the Son of Man?’ ‘Sir,’ the man replied ‘tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.’ Jesus said, ‘You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.’ The man said, ‘Lord, I believe,’ and worshipped him. Jesus said: ‘It is for judgement that I have come into this world, so that those without sight may see and those with sight turn blind.’ Hearing this, some Pharisees who were present said to him, ‘We are not blind, surely?’ Jesus replied: ‘Blind? If you were, you would not be guilty, but since you say, “We see,” your guilt remains.

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.

**Do you know our Easter symbols?**  
**HOT CROSS BUN RITUAL** – Gather the family and make a special effort to eat traditional buns on Good Friday.  
**LOOK** – The Hot Cross Bun represents us coming to the foot of the cross where Jesus made the ultimate sacrifice to show how much we are loved.  
**EAT** – Take a little bite of the bun and slowly chew it in silence, savouring the taste. (pause)  
**PRAY** – God of our heart, we remember the quiet passion of Jesus, your Son. We recall his dignity and grace, his genuine desire to reveal your love for all of us, me included. We remember his cruel and agonizing death on the cross. (pause). The tang of cinnamon in our mouth reminds us of the women who carried fragrant spices to the tomb to anoint his body after burial. The same women found the tomb empty and proclaimed that Jesus is risen from the dead. May we, too, proclaim joyfully the new life of Easter with those we to meet. We ask this through Him who is the sign of your promise that darkness and death have been overcome, your only Son, Jesus, our Lord and Brother. Amen.

**Message from our Parish Priest**  
***Dear Parishioners,***  
*During the past week many children have participated in the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. These were not celebrations for the children but for the families who were welcoming their children to this sacrament which has great power for forgiveness and healing in our lives. On **Tuesday evening, 9th April**, this opportunity will exist for all parishioners as, together, we prepare for the coming Holy Week and Easter celebrations. It is always humbling for a priest to witness the power of the encounter with Jesus that occurs in this sacrament and those who participate in it. It is one of the great gifts of God to the church. Please take the opportunity to participate.*  
*May God bless you all, Fr Denis*

**Plenary Council “Year of Listening and Discernment”**  
“142. Each community is called to create a “God-enlightened space in which to experience the hidden presence of the risen Lord”.[105] Sharing the word and celebrating the Eucharist together fosters fraternity and makes us a holy and missionary community.”  
(From the Gaudete et Exsultate - Rejoice and Exult” – Chapter Four, In Community Apostolic Exhortation on the call to Holiness in today’s world from Pope Francis  
**Dates to remember in prayer and gathering:**  
- This week Diocesan Pilgrimage at St Joseph’s Parish – Wonthaggi  
- Tuesday evening, 7th May – St Thomas the Apostle Parish  
- Diocesan Pilgrimage in our parish: week of Sunday May 5th  
- Diocesan Assembly: 13-14 September

**Notice**


**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.

**RCIA – 2ND SCRUTINY, SUNDAY 9 AM MASS**  
We continue praying for Dilmini Gamaralalage and Krishendi De Silva as they continue their journey towards to receive the Holy Sacraments of Initiation at Easter Vigil.

**CALLING ALL YOUTHS FOR GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE**  
Our parish invites all youths to be part of the Good Friday Service. Practices will be in our worship space after the 9.00am Sunday Mass on the 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of April and on Good Friday. If you would like be part of this service, please put your name on the sign-up sheet found at the entrances.  
**PRACTICE FOR GOOD FRIDAY** — An invitation to ALL youths of the parish (even if you have not signed-up) who would like to be part of the Good Friday Service. Come to our practice for Stations of the Cross and Choir on 5th April 7.30pm – 9.00pm at St Peter’s College.

**EASTER TRIDUUM MASSES**

Mass of the Lords Supper (Holy Thursday) 18 <sup>th</sup> April	7:30pm
Stations of the Cross (Good Friday) 19 <sup>th</sup> April	10:00am
Celebration of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday) 19 <sup>th</sup> April	3:00pm
East Vigil Mass Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	7:00pm
Easter Sunday Mass 21 <sup>st</sup> April	9:00am & 10.45am



**CONGRATULATIONS TO ANDREW & MARY SCHULBERG** on their 44<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary. May the Lord continue to bless you and your family.  
**SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm** at Blue Hills Chapel  
**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 or fill-in the form found at the entrances of our worship space.  
**STEWARDSHIP ENVELOPE # 515** – Please contact the parish office. Thank you.  
**ANZ DAY INVITATION** – St Peter’s College Clyde North is holding an ANZAC Day Liturgy on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 10am and invites all parishioners and Blue Hills Residence to attend. The VCAL students are organising the Liturgy and it would be followed by Morning Tea in the Staff room. RSVP by 3<sup>rd</sup> April at the parish office.  
**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** – Any unsold tickets to return to the parish office **immediately** so that we can sell them at the weekend Masses. **Completed booklet due back on 7<sup>th</sup> April 2019**, Draw date 4<sup>th</sup> 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. \*\*\*\*\* rating. To get your free access, contact Parish Office: 5998 0947 or email: parish@sthomasap.org.au.  
**PIETY STALL** – Holy Beginnings piety stall opens every 2<sup>nd</sup> weekend of the month. Month of April is on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup>. For orders and enquiries, call Rick & Anita on 0450 782 558.  
**PROJECT COMPASSION:** Michaela is a 21-year-old trainee at Purple House, a dialysis centre in the Central Desert for people suffering from kidney disease. With the support of Caritas partners, Michaela is helping to build a social enterprise, a connection to culture and a new outlook for the chronically ill. Please donate to Project Compassion 2019 and help provide essential care, employment and training for First Australians. Box due back 18<sup>th</sup> 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  
**ALPHA TEAM TRAINING WORKSHOPS Traralgon March 27th & 28<sup>th</sup>** - 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](mailto:Lorraine.mccarthy@alpha.org.au).