

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: zionyouthgrp@gmail.com
FB: www.facebook.com/groups/zionyouthgrp/
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 (22/2) 6.00pm: Rudolph & Yvonne D’Cruz (Remb)
Sunday (23/2) 9.00am: School of Discipleship Thanksgiving Mass
Sunday (23/2) 10.45am: For the People of the Parish
Monday (24/2): No Mass
Tuesday (25/2) 9.15am: Caroline Clarke (B;day Blessing)
Wednesday (26/2) 9.15am: Deceived family & friends of O’Keefe & Kearns families
Wednesday (26/2) 2pm & 7.30pm: Available (Pls see Father or call the parish office)
Thursday (27/2) 9.15am: Deceased grandparents of Kenny, & Alec & Rosemary Templeton
Friday (28/2) 9.15am: Available (Pls see Father or call the parish office)
Saturday (29/2) 9.15am: Available (Pls see Father or call the parish office)
Pray for the sick: Fr Bernard Buckley, Fr Brian Gleeson, Walter De Silva, Luicile Noel, Annette Gaiardo, Jim Ryan, Anne Marie Hartung, Sue Dower, Sr Kathleen Boschetti
Death anniversary/Remembrance: Fr Joseph O’Hagan, Fr Daniel O’Shea, Fr John Shanley

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	22/2	23/2		29/2	1/3	
	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am	6.00pm	9.00am	10.45am
Lectors	Dalreen Thomas	Nomsa Phiri	Rhys Ah Colt	Gerard Fernandes	Ryan Fynn	Christine Salu
Extraordinary Ministers	Raquel Catindig,Sherrylin Tan,Jan Ridout	Julie Sheedy, Marilyn Smith, Sonia Ruiz	Francoise Vinay, Neil Teanio, Mata Ioane	Jonathan Rubite,Jan Ridout,Shey Rubite	Asanthi Chadrasekera, Mary Garoni, Fred Garoni	Fale Salu, Naomi Ioane, Raquel Catindig
Welcomers	Maureen & Philip	Vivian and Alisha Crasto	TBA	Carmen Camilleri	Colleen and Olivia Johnson	TBA
Children’s Liturgy		TBA	TBA		TBA	TBA
Morning Tea		Tom and Ani Vellaramkunnel			Luicile Noel and Cynthia Acanthe	
Next week’s readings: Isaiah 49: 14-15 Corinth 4: 1-5 Matt 6: 24-34						

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



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

*“My Lord
and My
God!”*

WELCOME TO OUR MASS

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME (Year A) – 23rd February 2020



Masses & Reconciliation Times		Parish Schools
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 (24/2): No Mass Tuesday (25/2) : 9.15am Ash Wednesday(26/2): 9.15am @ Blue Hills Chapel, 2pm & 7.30pm@ St Thomas the Apostle Primary School Thursday (27/2): 9.15am Friday (28/2) : 9.15am Saturday (29/2): 9.15am	Baptism Sunday at 12noon. Baptism Preparation: 1 st 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	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
STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Starting 28th Feb and every Friday in Lent 7.30pm @ St Peter’s College Clyde North		

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 ApostlePray For Us

First Reading

Leviticus 19: 1-2. 17-18

The Lord spoke to Moses; he said: `Speak to the whole community of the sons of Israel and say to them: “Be holy, for I, the Lord your God, am holy.”’ You must not bear hatred for your brother in your heart. You must openly tell him, your neighbour, of his offence; this way you will not take a sin upon yourself. You must not exact vengeance, nor must you bear a grudge against the children of your people. You must love your neighbour as yourself. I am the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

R. *The Lord is compassion and love.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings. **R.**

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion. **R.**

The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults. **R.**

As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins. As a father has compassion on his sons, the Lord has pity on those who fear him. **R.**

Second Reading

1 Cor 3:16-23

Didn’t you realise that you were God’s temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. Make no mistake about it: if any one of you thinks of himself as wise, in the ordinary sense of the word, then he must learn to be a fool before he really can be wise. Why? Because the wisdom of this world is foolishness to God. As scripture says: The Lord knows wise men’s thoughts: he knows how useless they are, or again: God is not convinced by the arguments of the wise. So there is nothing to boast about in anything human: Paul, Apollos, Cephas, the world, life and death, the present and the future, are all your servants; but you belong to Christ and Christ belongs to God.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we s**Alleluia!**

Gospel

Matt 5: 38-48

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘You have learnt how it was said: Eye for eye and tooth for tooth. But I say this to you: offer the wicked man no resistance. On the contrary, if anyone hits you on the right cheek, offer him the other as well; if a man takes you to law and would have your tunic, let him have your cloak as well. And if anyone orders you to go one mile, go two miles with him. Give to anyone who asks, and if anyone wants to borrow, do not turn away. ‘You have learnt how it was said: You must love your neighbour and hate your enemy. But I say this to you: love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you; in this way you will be sons of your Father in heaven, for he causes his sun to rise on bad men as well as good, and his rain to fall on honest and dishonest men alike. For if you love those who love you, what right have you to claim any credit? Even the tax collectors do as much, do they not? And if you save your greetings for your brothers, are you doing anything exceptional? Even the pagans do as much, do they not? You must therefore be perfect just as your heavenly Father is perfect.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

Memorial Acclamation

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

NOTICE

PLENARY COUNCIL 2020 - LISTENING AND DISCERNMENT PHASE

[Plenary Council website:](https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au) <https://plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au>

**** *INVITATION TO ALL PARISHIONERS, ALL ARE WELCOME!* ****

Next Session: 29TH FEBRUARY 2020 – at St Peter’s College, 2.00 to 4.30 pm

HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE CHRIST-CENTRED THAT IS: “HUMBLE, HEALING AND MERCIFUL”?

This National Theme for Discernment is inspired by the voices of the People of God who expressed a deep and faith-filled trust in God and a need for lament and healing within the Church, acknowledging the sexual abuse crisis as a turning point for the Church in Australia. It identified the need for relationship and reconciliation among many within the Catholic community, and with the wider Australian society, particularly with Australia’s First Peoples and with all of creation. A desire was expressed for stronger prayer and sacramental life and more effective outreach to those who seek healing, as a renewed openness to and sign of God’s mercy.

RCIA 1ST March, RITE OF SENDING & RITE OF ELECION.- Margaret Grech, Junghee Youm and Dhaneshi Mannapperuma will celebrate with us the Rite of Sending in our parish at 9 am Mass, and the Rite of Election with the Bishop and other Catechumens from the Diocese at St Mary’s Cathedral, Sale at 3 pm. Bishop Pat invites parishioners to attend this celebration in Sale. The Catechumens, godparents, family, and the RCIA team will be leaving for Sale after the Rite of Sending. Contact our parish office if you would like to attend too. If you are interested in participating in the choir for 3 pm celebration in Sale, please contact Sophy Morley 5622667 or email smorley@sale.catholic.org.au

LENT RETREAT DAY: All are invited!!

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 before 28th Feb at the Parish Office or call Joy 0408005477.

LENT – Lent is the time of spiritual preparation prior to the Easter season. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and end on Holy Thursday after which the Easter Triduum begins. The 40 days of Lent correspond to the 40 days that Jesus spent in the wilderness to fast, pray, and endured temptations. To help you in your prayer time, **the parish is selling Lenten Reflection Book for \$7. Limited copies available for sale. Buy yours today!**

STATIONS OF THE CROSS every Friday in Lent at 7.30pm St Peter’s Clyde North.

PROJECT COMPASSION this year asks us to consider how, as global neighbours, we can “go further together”. Be generous for we share the same genesis – our common humanity obliges us to share in what we can. Please take a Project Compassion box home with you today and contribute generously.

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.

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 –Thank you for your support. All tickets have been sold! Please return all sold ticket butts by 3rd May. To return, please leave money and tickets in an envelope and put in our collection plate. DO NOT REMOVE STAPLES from book.

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

The Catholic Diocese of Sale is delighted to welcome back Fr Paul Turner, from the Diocese of Kansas City-St Joseph.

HOW IS GOD CALLING US TO BE A CHRIST-CENTRED CHURCH THAT IS PRAYERFUL AND EUCHARISTIC? Fr Paul is a gifted and highly respected theologian, liturgist, writer and musician. He is a prolific author with books on the sacraments, the Mass, RCIA and other aspects of liturgy. He is a former President of the North American Academy of Liturgy. He serves as a facilitator for the International Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL), on which our Bishop Pat represents the Australian Bishops. His blogs on all matters liturgical can be found at <https://paulturner.org/> Fr Paul is the keynote speaker at the National Liturgy Conference in Parramatta in March. He will then arrive in our Diocese for two days of presentations. Monday 16th March: 7.30 pm at St Patrick’s Parish Centre, Pakenham. Public Workshop *How is God calling us to be a Christ-Centred Church that is Prayerful and Eucharistic?* All welcome. Booking www.trybooking.com/BIMRS. Tuesday 17th March: Day with the Diocese of Sale Clergy at Sion House, Warragul. Please see flyer.

FAMILY PRAYER GROUP – All parishioners are welcome to join the Family Prayer Group held every last Friday of each month. Month of February it is on the 28th from 7.30 – 8.30pm at St Peter’s College Clyde North. Contact Jean-Paul Antoine 5990 7777.

ST AGATHA’S FEAST DAY - We wish the Priests, Sisters, Sue, Tina & parishioners at St Agatha’s Cranbourne a Happy Feast Day. We would also like to wish Sr Mary on her 30th Anniversary of Religious Profession. We pray for God’s abundant blessings upon her and her mission. We invite all parishioners to sign Sr Mary’s card found at the back of our prayer area.

PIETY STALL – operates every 2nd weekend of the month. Month of March: 7-8 March. For enquiries, call Rick & Anita on 0450 782 558.

Meeting this week:

Parish Finance Committee – Thursday 27th Feb 7.30pm at Parish Office.

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 Enviornment”. 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
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.