WELCOME TO OUR MASS
THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT – 24TH March 2019

Parish Schools
St Thomas the Apostle Primary School
5 Fiorelli Boulevard Cranbourne East
Phone: 5998 9293
Principal: Mr Brendan Marinon

St Peter’s Secondary College
(Cranbourne East Campus)
55 MacKillop Way, Clyde North
Phone: 5990 7777
Principal: Mr Chris Black

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 Grammar
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

Parish Council Members:
Fr Denis, Vivian Crasto, Deazlene Orchard, Fale Sako, Naomi Ioane, Mala Ioane

Mass Intentions
Saturday (23/3) 6.00pm: Antonio & Fortunata Angelone & deceased family members
Sunday (24/3): Available (pls see Fr Denis)
Tuesday (26/3) 9.10am: Available (pls see Fr Denis or contact the parish office)
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Death Anniversary: Fr John Black & Fr Michael Callery

Greetings
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 Andriame 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 Peter’s Parish Hall, Cranbourne, 4.00pm – 5.00pm. Enq: Fiona 5998 0947

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:

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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

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

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

A Samaritan 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 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 we Samaritans are not.' Jesus said to her, '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 this well and drank from it himself with his sons and his cattle?' Jesus said: 'Whoever drinks this water will get thirsty again; but anyone who drinks the water that I shall give will never get thirsty again: the water that I shall give will turn into a spring inside him, welling up to eternal life.' 'Sir, you speak of a spring of water that I may never get thirsty again 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 people must worship. Jesus said: 'Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship 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 am he who is 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.' 'Can there be a greater glory?' 'Yes, for he has told me everything I ever did.' 'Can there be a greater glory?' 'Yes, for he has told me everything I ever did.'

Gospel Acclamation

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Parish Notice

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

Message from our Parish Priest

Plenary Council 2019 “The Year of Listening & Discernment”

Plenary Days for the Clergy/Parishes and Networks team, 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 Discernment for Pastoral Research is arranging those responses into themes for national discernment which will be launched on Pentecost Day, 9th of June.

Discoard Sale Regional Listening and Dialogue Raw Responses,- our discoard 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 easy reading: Liturgy, Theology, Church, Teaching, Pastoral Care, Vocation, Communication, Leadership, Catholic Education Faith Formation. Website https://www.sale.catholic.org.au:2224/bishop/348-to-100.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. We have included it for your edification or buy the book at Catholic book shops for about $30. Google search Gaudete et Exsultate Pope Francis, click on first link —Gaudete et Exsultate—Rejoice and Exult!…

Dates to remember for community prayer:

Diocesan Assembly: 13-14 September
This week’s Diocesan Pilgrimage host is St Joseph’s Parish, Korumburra

RCIA – FIRST SCRUTINY (Saturday 5pm Mass)

Parish invites all you to be part of the Good Friday Service. Practices will be held in our worship area after the 9.30am Sunday Mass on the 7th & 14th of April on Good Friday. If you would like to be part of this service, please put your name on the sign-up sheet.

CALLING OUT TO THE PARISH FAMILY!

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MEETING THIS WEEK

First Recognition Ceremonies will be on Tuesday 26th & Wednesday 27th March 5pm & 7pm at St Thomas the Apostle Primary School. Please arrive 5 minutes early.

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.

ALTERN 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 CAR Care would like to thank the parishioners of St Thomas the Apostle parish for their generous contribution of $8264 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

At the parishes of St Peter’s Parish, Korumburra and St Joseph’s Parish, Korumburra, 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 St Joseph’s Parish, Korumburra.

For more information, please call +61 3 5174 2060 or email: sec@smpt.org.au

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 determined. At the same time Bishop (Ret) Garnier has called all the parishes of the Sale Diocese to prayer during the period of the Church Year, and Saturday 13th & 14th September. The Assembly will be held at Marist Sion College, Warnawul 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 September. On Tuesday evening, 7th May, Sophie Motley 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 for that parish gathering.

May God bless you all. Fr. Darrin

Parishioners are invited to submit 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.

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

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

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