



# St Andrew's Parish News

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## THE FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY - YEAR B - 26 & 27 DECEMBER 2020

### **Parish Priest**

Fr. Shibu Joseph sac  
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### **Mass Times**

Saturday: Vigil 6.00pm  
Sunday: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am  
Mon—Sat (except Tues): 9.15am  
Tues: 7.00pm & Novena to St. Jude

### **Parish Office Hours**

Tuesday—Friday 10am—3pm  
76 Springs Road,  
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**Phone:** 9551 5666  
**Email:** claytonsouth@cam.org.au

### **Parish Secretary**

Linda De Souza (Tues/ Thurs/Fri)  
Marushka Dias (Wed / Thurs)  
Luisa May—Bookkeeper (Fri)

### **Youth Co-ordinator**

Chantelle D'Cruze  
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### **Reconciliation**

Saturday: 9.45 to 10.15am or  
By appointment

### **Baptisms**

Please contact the Parish Office

### **Weddings**

Please contact the Parish Office

### **Funerals**

Please contact the Parish Office

### **St. Andrew's Primary School**

Principal: Mr. Paul Wakeling  
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### **R.E. Co-ordinator**

Daniela Dal Santo



**ST. ANDREW'S WISHES YOU  
A HAPPY & HOLY CHRISTMAS AND  
A BLESSED NEW YEAR 2021**

**St. Andrew's Parish, Clayton South is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of  
all children, young people and vulnerable adults.**

# PARISH NEWS

## PARISH VISION STATEMENT

*"A COMMUNITY THAT EMBRACES,  
CELEBRATES AND EMPOWERS ALL TO LIVE  
AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS"*

## ONLINE SERVICES FROM ST. ANDREWS

### Website:

<http://www.standrewsclaytonsouth.org.au/>

### Daily Prayers and Mass Readings:

<http://www.universalis.com/today.htm>

### Parish Newsletter:

<http://www.standrewsclaytonsouth.org.au/weekly-newsletters/>

### Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/standrewsparishclaytonsouth/>

For Weekend Mass on YouTube please visit:

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UChe89KG6VBj0Lt9fLwOE8nA>

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ANDREW CARE MINISTRY

Volunteers needed to supply meals for a sick person in Clayton South. You will be rostered to supply meals once a month commencing first week of February to end December 2021. If interested please contact: Wilma Geer Co-ordinator Andrew Care 9558 1898 or 0429 800 707. Thank you.

## BOOKING TO ATTEND MASSES

Registration for Masses is mandatory. Please follow the link below for online registration of Masses.

### 1. Weekday / Weekend Masses:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/holy-mass-tickets-127426539209>

### 2. Christmas and New Year Masses:

<https://www.eventbrite.com.au/e/christmas-and-new-year-masses-at-st-andrews-clayton-south-tickets-131986060861?aff=affiliate1>

OR you can call /email to the parish office to register your name for Masses.

## MANY THANKS FOR YOUR ONGOING FINANCIAL SUPPORT

The running costs of the parish, repayments of loans, administration expenses and maintenance of priests are still ongoing. Your cooperation is most appreciated at this difficult time. If you would like to continue with your offering, please follow either of the methods below:

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◆ For Direct Debit forms please email Parish Office on: [claytonsouth@cam.org.au](mailto:claytonsouth@cam.org.au)

## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY WISHES



*Happy Wedding Anniversary  
Ean and Maria Brewty  
God Bless You'll!*

## PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE

The Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas holiday break from Thursday 24 December to Monday 4 January 2021 both days inclusive. Thank you.

## THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH



The Holy Father Pope Francis has proclaimed the "Year of St. Joseph" from 8 December 2020 to 8 December 2021 to commemorate the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the declaration of St. Joseph as Patron of the Universal Church. Throughout the year we strive to honour St. Joseph as the guardian and protector of the Church and her faithful with heartfelt prayer and devotion, encouraging all to take his virtuous life as our model for fulfilling our personal vocation to holiness. Let us ask St. Joseph to intercede for us, to obtain God's blessing on us as we make our way in life this year.

## CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT 2020—VIRTUAL

It is our great pleasure to present for you our first ever virtual Carols by Candlelight. We do wish we were able to sing and enjoy each other's company in person but due to our current situation, carols are brought to you via YouTube.

Of course, our Carols would not be complete without a visit from Santa and this year is no exception. Santa will be making an appearance throughout the Carols. Many thanks and appreciation to St. Andrews Media Team, Choirs, many volunteers who made this possible this year.

We hope that, this evening at 7pm, from home, everyone will feel the magic of this special event and enjoy. Please follow the link below:

<https://youtu.be/YsuDY-rWqz4>



## WEEKLY CALENDER 2020

**Monday 28 December :** The Holy Innocents

09.15am Mass

**Tuesday 29 December**

10.30am Requeim Mass - Stavro Cambel

07.00pm Mass / Novena to St. Jude

**Wednesday 30 December**

09.15am Mass

07.40pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)

**Thursday 31 December**

05.00pm Adoration in the Church

06.00pm Year End Thanksgiving Mass—  
School Hall

06.00pm Choir Practice

**Friday 01 January :** Feast of Mary, the  
Mother of God

12:00pm Baptism

**Saturday 2 January:** Sts Basil and Gregory

09.15am Mass

10.00am Individual Confession

03.00pm Mass - Recording

06.00pm Mass - School Hall

**Sunday 3 January:** The Epiphany of the Lord

08.00am Mass - School Hall

09.30am Mass - School Hall

11.00am Mass - School Hall

~ Attendance is only by pre-registration only.

~Please do not attend any service unless registration has been confirmed by the parish office.

~Currently only 75 attendees can be accommodated at any one time for Indoor Masses and 260 attendees in the school hall.

~ Any changes to the no. of Mass Attendees will be communicated accordingly by the Parish Office.

## ROSTERS

**The Feast of The Holy Family - Year B 27 December**

	Mass Times			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>				
<b>Comm</b>	Jenny C.	Cheryl R.	Edwin B.	Chantelle D.
<b>Readers</b>	Betty C. / Oreen T		Rodolfo G Felicia F.	Lew G. Rada P
<b>Special Ministers</b>				
<b>Choir Group</b>	Bernadette	Donna	Elly	Maria
<b>Altar Linen</b>	Claudette Chung			
<b>Counters Team</b>	Serge Fricot, Connie Abraham, Irene Taylor, Maureen Hendricks, Jude Abraham, Eugene Girton, Duong Van Nguyen, Marie Keane, Giovanni Foschini, George Verbeek, Jose Etulain, Peter F, Basil Hyde.			

### OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS TO THE FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF *STAVRO CAMBEL*

Stavro Cambel passed away on  
Saturday 19th December 2020

### WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Are you new to St. Andrew's?  
We welcome you! Please take a moment to look at our welcome kit which is available in the church foyer. You are invited to complete the registration form and return it to the Parish office. If you wish us visit your family for blessing, please contact the Parish Office that Fr. Joe can arrange a visit. THANK YOU



### BIRTHDAY WISHES



*Happy Birthday Charles Cooke  
Best wishes from the community  
at St. Andrew's. God Bless You !*

### VOLUNTEERS FOR THE SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2021

We need volunteers to run the Sacramental Program 2021 for the State school children. If you can assist please contact the parish office via email or phone for more information.

### Remembering Our Community

#### Pray For Healing:

Candice Walker, Chriss Moore, Gerard Sharken, Nilo Nallas, Ayesha, Shirley Hyacinthe, Anne Ward, Bill Rovers, Salil Goel, Leo Manongdo, Neil Peiris, Maria, Trevor Adie, Bernard Lazarus.

#### Recently Deceased:

Joe Fernandez, Stavaro Cambell, Lesley Wilson.

#### Birthday Remembrance:

Gladys Brady, Leoncio Santos, Rita Geer,

#### Monthly Remembrance:

Bradley D'Souza, Barbara Clarke,

#### Death Anniversaries:

Antonio Giacobe, Lexie Baldrey, Vernon Hendricks, Maud Highland, Stella & Ken Mc Intryre, Regina Gonsalves and All Souls in Purgatory.

### GOD'S WORD & MASS BOOKS 2021

For those who have placed an additional order for "God's Word 2021" - price \$13/-, please collect the books from the parish office during office hours. Thank you.

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## THE FEAST OF HOLY FAMILY

27 DECEMBER  
2020



### Entrance Antiphon Lk 2:16

The shepherds went in haste,  
and found Mary and Joseph and the Infant lying in a manger.

### First Reading Gen 15:1-6. 21:1-3

#### A reading from the book of Genesis

*Your own son shall be your heir.*

The word of the Lord was spoken to Abram in a vision, 'Have no fear, Abram, I am your shield; your reward will be very great'. 'My Lord', Abram replied, 'what do you intend to give me? I go childless...'. Then Abram said, 'See, you have given me no descendants; some man of my household will be my heir.' And then this word of the Lord was spoken to him, 'He shall not be your heir; your heir shall be one of your own flesh and blood.' Then taking him outside he said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants,' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified. The Lord dealt kindly with Sarah as he had said, and did what he had promised her. So Sarah conceived and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the time God had promised. Abraham named the son born to him Isaac, the son to whom Sarah had given birth.

### Responsorial Psalm Ps 104:1-6. 8-9. R.vv.7.8

#### (R.) The Lord remembers his covenant for ever.

1. Give thanks to the Lord, tell his name,  
make known his deeds among the peoples.  
O sing to him, sing his praise;  
tell all his wonderful works! (R.)
2. Be proud of his holy name,  
let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice.  
Consider the Lord and his strength;  
constantly seek his face. (R.)
3. Remember the wonders he has done,  
his miracles, the judgements he spoke.  
O children of Abraham, his servant,  
O sons of the Jacob he chose. (R.)
4. He remembers his covenant for ever,  
his promise for a thousand generations,  
the covenant he made with Abraham,  
the oath he swore to Isaac. (R.)

### Second Reading Heb 11:8. 11-12. 17-19

#### A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

*The faith of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac.*

It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. It was by faith that Abraham, when put to the test, offered up Isaac. He offered to sacrifice his only son even though the promises had been made to him and he had been told: It is through Isaac that your name will be carried on. He

was confident that God had the power even to raise the dead; and so, figuratively speaking, he was given back Isaac from the dead.

### Gospel Acclamation Heb 1:1-2

Alleluia, alleluia!

In the past God spoke to our fathers through the prophets;  
now he speaks to us through his Son.

Alleluia!

### Gospel Lk 2:22-40

#### A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

*The child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom.*

When the day came for them to be purified as laid down by the Law of Moses, the parents of Jesus took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord – observing what stands written in the Law of the Lord: Every first-born male must be consecrated to the Lord – and also to offer in sacrifice, in accordance with what is said in the Law of the Lord, a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons. Now in Jerusalem there was a man named Simeon. He was an upright and devout man; he looked forward to Israel's comforting and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death until he had set eyes on the Christ of the Lord. Prompted by the Spirit he came to the Temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to do for him what the Law required, he took him into his arms and blessed God; and he said: 'Now, Master, you can let your servant go in peace, just as you promised; because my eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared for all the nations to see, a light to enlighten the pagans and the glory of your people Israel.' As the child's father and mother stood there wondering at the things that were being said about him, Simeon blessed them and said to Mary his mother, 'You see this child: he is destined for the fall and for the rising of many in Israel, destined to be a sign that is rejected – and a sword will pierce your own soul too – so that the secret thoughts of many may be laid bare.' There was a prophetess also, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was well on in years. Her days of girlhood over, she had been married for seven years before becoming a widow. She was now eighty-four years old and never left the Temple, serving God night and day with fasting and prayer. She came by just at that moment and began to praise God; and she spoke of the child to all who looked forward to the deliverance of Jerusalem.

When they had done everything the Law of the Lord required, they went back to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. Meanwhile the child grew to maturity, and he was filled with wisdom; and God's favour was with him.

### Communion Antiphon Bar 3:38

Our God has appeared on the earth, and lived among us.



## ROSTERS FOR THE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR MASSES 2020-2021

	Christmas Eve			Christmas Day		New Year's Masses		
	Thurs 24.12.20 7.30pm	Thurs 24.12.20 9.30pm	Thurs 24.12.20 11.30pm	Fri 25.12.20 8.30am	Fri 25.12.20 10.30am	Thurs 31/12/20 6.00pm	Fri 1/1/21 8.30am	Fri 1/1/21 10.30am
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Colette Andrew Rhyle Janelle Nathaneal Dominic	Jann Rowan Rio Sanuli Marieta	Justin Koby	Esther M	Joanna Justin Andrew	Joanna Justin Colette Jann Janelle Nathaneal		Janelle Nathaneal Justin
<b>Commentators</b>	Colleen M		David G			Cheryl R	Lourdes R	Ronald B
<b>Readers</b>	Denise H Cora D	Oreen T Phil D	Joanna D Colette D	Rada P Esther M	Lourdes R Betty C	Sabrina D Oreen T	Betty C Cora D	Denise H Joanna D
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Linda M Michael M Cheryl L Cheryl R	George V Riekie V Anne L F	Carlton L Jenny C Cheryl R Atanasio J	George V Riekie V Rada P	Charity T Hanna T George V Riekie V	Lourdes R Carlton I Cheryl R Mar-guerita S	George V Riekie V	Charity T Hanna T Marcelle J Cheryl Lt
<b>Sacristans</b>	Peter F Pam & Nigel	George V Deepa J	Joe L Gloria F	George V Riekie V	George V Riekie V	Joe L Peter F Gloria F	George V Peter F	Joe L Lawrence B Deepa J
<b>Ushers</b>	Sheryl M Michael M	Kim & Burle D	Edwin B	George V	Sheryl M	Kim & Burle D	George V	Kim & Burle Sonali G
<b>Choir</b>	Berna-dette P	Eugene S	Maria B	Donna V	Elly M	Elly M	Donna V	Maria B
<b>Collection Co-ordinator</b>	Peter F Rodney P	George V	Conrad J	George V	Victor D	Rodney P	Peter F	

### REFLECTION—By Michael Tate

#### **The Liberation of Women**

In today's Gospel, Mary, having given birth, is regarded as ritually unclean. She could not take part in public worship until she was 'purified'. This involved offering up a couple of pigeons which she and Joseph had to buy. No wonder that, at the Cleansing of the Temple, Jesus shatters the cages in which the pigeons were kept! He was angry with a Temple system which saw Mary that way, which thought of all women giving birth that way. Indeed, his whole ministry is full of instances when women breach religious and cultural taboos in his presence, because of his presence.

This Feast of the Holy Family gives us the opportunity to thank God for our mothers who, like Mary, helped fulfil God's plan for humankind by birthing us into the world.

We could pause for a moment to pray that the Church changes rules and structures which confine women in cages built from ideologies foreign to the Gospel, lest those rules become swords which pierce Mary's soul.

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS**

**MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE** – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week during school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding at the end of January.

### **REFLECTIONS OF ST. VINCENT PALLOTTI**

Whoever trusts in God will not be confused. If it happens that you are confused, it is a sign that you did not trust enough. (OCC, XIII, pp. 118)

