



# St Andrew's Parish News

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## CHRISTMAS DAY - YEAR A - 25 DECEMBER 2022

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**Tuesday - Friday 10am - 3pm**

#### 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**

#### Reconciliation

**Saturday: 9.45 to 10.15am**

#### Baptism & Wedding

Please contact the Parish Office

#### Funeral

Please contact the Parish Office

### PARISH TEAM

#### Parish Priest

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Chantelle Fernandes

We wish you  
a very Happy and  
Blessed Christmas &  
Joyous New Year



***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

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**Daily Prayers and Mass Readings:**  
<http://www.universalis.com/today.htm>  
**Parish Newsletter:**  
<http://www.standrewsclaytonsouth.org.au/weekly-newsletters/>  
**Facebook:**  
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### THE END OF YEAR EUCHARISTIC ADORATION



You are invited to join an hour Eucharistic Adoration on Saturday 31st December from 4.45-5.45pm. This will be an opportunity to reflect on what has been done and what to do, for our failures and our successes, to be grateful to be able to finish another year and begin another with our hearts raised. Sunday is the New Year and the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God. Masses will be celebrated at usual Sunday times 8, 9.30, and 11am.

### FIRST HOLY COMMUNION WED 28 DEC



Congratulations to Amelia Paynter who will be receiving the Sacrament of Holy Eucharist for the first time coming Wednesday at 9.15am Mass! May you experience the presence of Jesus in your in life and be filled with His love, peace and joy!

### CONGRATULATIONS VCE STUDENTS!

**Congratulations** to all parish students who sat at VCE exam this year and completed successfully the course. You have crossed a significant milestone in your life. **Prayers and Best Wishes to all!!!**

### LIKE TO HELP CHILDREN LEARN? AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU!

St. Vincent de Paul Society, Victoria run an Education Program on Saturday mornings at St. Mary's Primary School Auditorium Dandenong. This is a free service offered primarily to children from refugee/immigrant backgrounds whose parents may have difficulty with speaking and writing English. This program cannot run without the dedication of our volunteers, and we are seeking to recruit more volunteers to assist with our children.

Please contact **Jojo John** ([jojokjohn@hotmail.com](mailto:jojokjohn@hotmail.com)) to express your interest or for further information.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY to

Paul Nettar, Diana Furtado, Jenny Guzman,  
Oreen Tannen, Candice Walker, Aly Conyers,  
Danny Calingasam,



*Stay Young, ! Stay Blessed!!*

### CONGRATULATIONS to

Adolph & Mary, Ean & Maria, Pam & Nigel,



*On your Wedding Anniversary !*

### PARISH HOLY LAND TRIP 2023 INFORMATION SESSION



For all those who have shown expression of interest to join **St. Andrew's Holy Land Trip 2023**, an information Session will be held on Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 7pm at the parish house. This will be an opportunity to secure your seats and clarify questions about the trip with the Jet Air Travel Agency. You are requested to participate in the meeting. Booking Forms will be available on the day. **For more details contact Delphine/David on 9502 3385 Mobile: 0407 556 658 or [sales@jetairtravel.com.au](mailto:sales@jetairtravel.com.au).**

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH PRESENTS

# 2023

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## WEEKLY CALENDAR 2022

**Monday 26 December** - St Stephen

09.15am Mass

**Tuesday 27 December** - St John

07:00pm Mass / St Jude's Novena

**Wednesday 28 December** - The Holy Innocents

09.15am Mass / 1st Holy Eucharist

07.00pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)

**Thursday 29 December**

09.15am Mass

07.00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)

**Friday 30 December** - The Holy Family of Jesus,  
Mary & Joseph

09:15am Mass / Divine Mercy Prayers

**Saturday 31 December**

09:15am Mass / Adoration & Confession

10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Mass)

04.45pm Eucharistic Adoration

06.00pm Vigil Mass—Thanksgiving

**Sunday 1 JANUARY 2023** - Mary, Mother of God

08:00am Mass

09.30am Mass

11.00am Mass

01.00pm Filipino Mass

**FRIDAY 30TH  
DECEMBER**

**FEAST OF THE  
HOLY FAMILY**



### REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

**Pray For Healing:** Candice Walker, Prudence Cooper, Simon Gelera, Sandra Fonceca, Pellegrina Nheu, Tommy Lee, Ray Martin, Victor Nikolic,

**Recently Deceased:** Cecil Valles, Connie Abraham,

**Birthday Remembrance:** Anne Ward, Gladys Brady, Rita Geer

**Death Anniversaries:** Rowena Silva, Rosy Furtado, Rino and Lou Battistella, Vivian Fernandes, Marilena Zanini, Vernon Hendricks, Frederic and Fiona, Gaston and Olga Valayoodum, Justina, Marino and Pio Kmet, Daniela Sabadin, Maud Highland, Jean Correya, Lexie Baldrey, Glays Fernandez, Rene` Bapomme, Forgotten & Holy Souls & All Souls in Purgatory.

## ROSTERS

### CHRISTMAS 2022

	Christmas Eve		Christmas Day	
	Sat 24.12.22 7.30pm	Sat 24.12.22 11.30pm	Sun 25.12.22 8.30am	Sun 25.12.22 10.30am
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Nathaneal F Janelle Esther, Rachel Ahaana, Jenin Lourdes, Ryan Evan, Kenzo	Andrew Rhyle Chanelle Collette		Sanuli Adam
<b>Choir</b>	Maria B	Eugene S	Donna V	Meilanny
<b>Comm</b>	Maria B	Edwin B	Neddie Agdon	Ashlyn
<b>Readers</b>	Colette D Ado F	Cheryl R Raelene V	Tanasha & Tricia S	Betty C Oreen
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Janet D Rodolfo G	Rima J Atanasio J Cheryl L	George V Riekie V Marlene E	Oreen Felicia Ashlyn
<b>Welcomers</b>	Carol N	Pearl B.	George V	Oreen
<b>Collection</b>	Rodney P Andrea D Edwin D	Edwin B	Peter F	George V

### MARY, THE HOLY MOTHER OF GOD - YEAR A 1ST JAN 2023

	Mass Times			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Janelle Nathaneal			
<b>Comm</b>	Cheryl R	Lynette F	David G	Ronald B
<b>Readers</b>	Marilyn Raelene V	Tanasha S Tricia S	Adam D Ida K	Rohini T Arputha V
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Oreen T Cheryl L	George V Riekie V	Charles C Joyce S	Ean B Beatriz C
<b>Welcomers</b>				
<b>Altar L.</b>				
<b>Counters Team</b>	Marian Johnstone, Maureen Hendricks, Eugene Girton, Duong Van Nguyen, George Verbeek, Jose Etulain, Peter F, Basil Hyde			



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From the depths of my nothing-  
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## First Reading Is 9: 1-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

The people that walked in darkness has seen a great light; on those who live in a land of deep shadow a light has shone.

You have made their gladness greater, you have made their joy increase; they rejoice in your presence as men rejoice at harvest time, as men are happy when they are dividing the spoils. For the yoke that was weighing on him, the bar across his shoulders, the rod of his oppressor, these you break as on the day of Midian. For all the footgear of battle, every cloak rolled in blood, is burnt, and consumed by fire.

For there is a child born for us, a son given to us and dominion is laid on his shoulders; and this is the name they give him: Wonder-Counsellor, Mighty-God, Eternal-Father, Prince-of-Peace. Wide is his dominion in a peace that has no end, for the throne of David and for his royal power, which he establishes and makes secure in justice and integrity. From this time onwards and for ever, the jealous love of the Lord of Hosts will do this.

## Responsorial Psalm Ps 95

**R. Today is born our Saviour, Christ the Lord.**

O sing a new song to the Lord,  
sing to the Lord all the earth.

O sing to the Lord, bless his name **R.**

Proclaim his help day by day,  
tell among the nations his glory and his wonders  
among all the peoples. **R**

Let the heavens rejoice and earth be glad,  
Let the sea and all within it thunder praise,  
Let the land and all it bears rejoice,  
all the trees of the wood shout for joy  
at the Presence of the Lord for he comes,  
he comes to rule the earth. **R**

With justice he will rule the world,  
he will judge the peoples with his Truth. **R**

## Second Reading Titus 2: 11-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to Titus.

God's grace has been revealed, and it has made salvation possible for the whole human race and

taught us that what we have to do is to give up everything that does not lead to God, and all our worldly ambitions; we must be self-restrained and live good and religious lives here in this present world, while we are waiting in hope for the blessing which will come with the Appearing of the glory of our great God and saviour Christ Jesus. He sacrificed himself for us in order to set us free from all wickedness and to purify a people so that it could be his very own and would have no ambition except to do good.

## Gospel Acclamation Lk 2:10-11

Alleluia! Alleluia!

I bring you news of great joy:  
today a saviour has been born to us,  
Christ the Lord.

Alleluia!

## Gospel Lk 2:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

Caesar Augustus issued a decree for a census of the whole world to be taken. This census – the first – took place while Quirinius was governor of Syria, and everyone went to his own town to be registered. So Joseph set out from the town of Nazareth in Galilee and travelled up to Judaea, to the town of David called Bethlehem, since he was of David's House and line, in order to be registered together with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child. While they were there the time came for her to have her child, and she gave birth to a son, her first born. She wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them at the inn.

In the countryside close by there were shepherds who lived in the fields and took it in turns to watch their flocks during the night. The angel of the Lord appeared to them and the glory of the Lord shone round them. They were terrified, but the angel said, 'Do not be afraid. Listen, I bring you news of great joy, a joy to be shared by the whole people. Today in the town of David a saviour has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord. And here is a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger.' And suddenly with the angel there was a great throng of the heavenly host, praising God and singing:

'Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and peace to men who enjoy his favour.'



## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today the Christmas celebration gains a new depth of theological meaning. At midnight, the birth in history was proclaimed. At dawn, the initiative of God's gift was declared and the community's joyful gratitude was announced. In this third celebration, the identity of Christ and the new way of life that he brings is announced.

If our eyes are open and alert, we can see that God has won a victory for us, one that is tangible and realised in our midst. It is an overwhelming victory, one that permanently conquers the enemy. This victory has a profound impact on every place, every time and every people. The birth of the infant, the king in David's line, promises salvation to all who long for it. This salvation is a new vision of wisdom, one that has been realised in Christ, God's agent of grace in the world. It is a new world, one of inclusivity and of righteous honour. It is a new age, one that is ushered in by the child who is leading a victory procession.

Ultimately, only eyes of faith allow us to see the fullness of God's revelation. The glory of the infant king is the very presence of God made flesh. Jesus is the eternal incarnate Word who has pitched his tent among us. Ours is not a distant God; the incarnate wisdom of God is among us, and we are called to a change of heart that will allow us to see this wonder.



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**CHRISTMAS MESSAGE**  
**2022**

Friends, I recently heard an Advent prayer that has a striking line in it, describing Jesus' birth. It said: ***[Jesus], when the soles of your feet touch the ground,... you become one of us, to be at one with us.***

The image of God's bare feet touching the earth is such an evocative one. Especially at this time of year, we know only too well what it feels like to do the 'great Aussie dance' across a hot beach or prickly lawn! But of course, this image is far more than a physical reminder. For Christmas is the divinity of God born into our humanity. Through the Incarnation, God comes to us, withholding nothing of himself from us.

Barefooted—taking on our flesh, our human condition—in order to touch, and to be touched, in the particularities of our lives: this is Emmanuel—God with us. Christmas is God placing an exclamation mark on his words, 'I am with you!'

Our God, whose name is Jesus, has walked with us through the tough years of the pandemic and is touching the ground now where healing and renewal is needed. The Son of God is walking through the streets of Ukraine and Myanmar, Ethiopia and Lebanon, with feet bloodied from war, conflict and repression, yet still taking the steps needed towards peace and liberation.

He has seen and felt both the joy of our existence and the suffering of those who are lost or vulnerable. He has awakened us to an attentiveness for our global humanity, and a care for our common home.

So I wonder if, this Christmas and for the year ahead, it is time to remove the 'shoes' that keep us from standing barefoot with Jesus—to feel the sacred ground of our lives with God?

Might we come before him 'barefoot' in our frailties, yet alive in the wonder of our humanity—made in his image—ready and willing to live as the people of God he has created us to be—fraternally, lovingly, caringly; generous, forgiving and hopeful.

**May Jesus, the barefooted child of the living God, fill you and your loved ones  
with abundant joy and peace. Happy Christmas!**



**WE WISH YOU A VERY HAPPY CHRISTMAS AND  
JOYOUS NEW YEAR**

