



St Andrew's Parish News

We are a Dynamic Faith Community in the Spirit of the Gospel

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A - 02 & 03 DECEMBER 2023

OUR PARISH

Parish Office

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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

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SEASON OF ADVENT

We begin the **Season of Advent** on Sunday 03 December 2023. Advent Season focuses on preparing for the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ, in all ways, from His birth in the past to His Second Coming in the future as the Messiah. It is a meaningful season that reminds us of the person of Jesus Christ and that He has come and He is present in our world and lives.

The birth of Jesus needs celebration because it reveals His human side and is, therefore, an example of how we should live our own lives as his followers here on earth. I wish you all a fruitful season of Advent in preparation for the celebration of the feast of the Nativity of our Lord.



THANK YOU - PARISH DAY

The celebration of St. Andrew's Day was another successful day for our faith community. It was a great opportunity for us to thank God for the Blessings and Graces. **A BIG THANK YOU** for all those who helped out in varied ways.



**ST. ANDREWS
PARISH**

Carols by Candlelight

DEC | 09 | 2023

6:30 PM ONWARDS
ST. ANDREWS SCHOOL HALL

Get into the Christmas Spirit and come join us for Christmas Carols and Santa

Food and Soft Drinks will be available on sale

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

PARISH NEWS

SAVE THE DATE FOR CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT!

Join us for a magical evening on Saturday, December 9th, starting at 6:30 pm. Be enchanted by the mesmerizing performances of our talented choirs, and don't miss Santa's special appearance. Indulge in delicious food and beverages available for purchase as we come together to celebrate the festive season.

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

In the true spirit of community, we invite volunteers to contribute desserts for the event. If you have spare Christmas trees or decorations to donate, please contact Kim Davey on 0438 954 375, Cheryl Lansakara on 0407 435 267 or Lyn Fernandes on 0431 434 398. We're seeking volunteers to help set up the school hall for the event. If you can lend a hand, please join us at the school hall by 5 pm on Friday, December 8th. Your continued support is crucial in ensuring the success of this festive celebration.

NATIVITY PLAY AT CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

St. Andrews will be staging a Nativity play for kids (2-12 years) at the 7:30 pm Christmas Eve Family mass. If you would like your child to take part in the play please sign your kid(s) up in the "Nativity Play" sign up sheet in the church foyer:

Stay tuned for more information to follow.

MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL - 9/10 DEC



Melbourne Overseas Missions (MOM) is a humanitarian organisation founded in 1968 by Cardinal James Knox to provide assistance to developing countries as an outreach of the Catholic Church community in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

MOM provides funding, material goods and volunteer personnel to partner Catholic dioceses and parishes in Papua New Guinea and to some other countries for programs in education, training, literacy, health, village development, water supply, emergency relief & other activities.

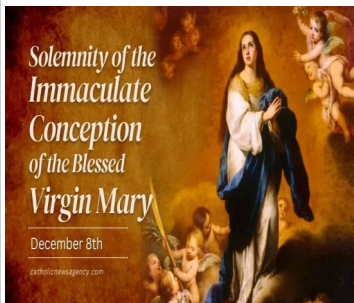
A special collection will be taken next weekend 9/ 10 Dec at all the Masses. Thank you.

NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

If you can assist with delivering Envelopes, kindly do so. Please take a picture of the envelopes and send to the office for records. Thank you.



Happy Birthday
Deonie Paul, Ruby Khan,
Sabrina D'Cruz, Rachel Tannen
Have a Wonderful Day!



PRAYER TO OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

O Most Holy Virgin, immaculate in body and spirit, look kindly on me as I implore your powerful intercession.

O most Holy Mother, receive my prayers as I present them to God. O Mary, Mother of Jesus and our Mother, you intercede for us with your Son.

O Mary conceived without sin, pray for us who have recourse to thee.

Our Lady of the Immaculate Conception, pray for us.

Our Lady of Guadalupe, pray for us.

Our Lady Queen of Christendom, pray for us. Amen.

COLLECTION COORDINATOR A volunteer for the collection coordinator's role is required to coordinate with all the collectors that take up collections during the weekend Masses. If you would like to assist, please contact the parish office via phone or email.

ST. ANDREWS PARISH CLAYTON SOUTH
NEW YEAR'S EVE 2024
Dinner Dance
31 DECEMBER 2023
TIME: 7:30 PM TO 12:30 AM
VENUE: ST ANDREWS SCHOOL HALL
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Raffle and Spot Prizes



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WEEKLY CALENDAR 2023

Monday 4 December

09.15am Mass
07.00pm Choir Practice (11am Choir)

Tuesday 5 December

10.30am Friendship Group
07.00pm Mass/St Jude's Novena

Wednesday 6 December

09.15am Mass
07.00pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)
07.30pm Baptism Preparation Night

Thursday 7 December - St Ambrose

09.15am Mass
07.00pm New Year's Dance Comm Meeting
07.00pm RCIA Meeting
07.00pm Advent Reflection Program

Friday 8 December - The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

09.15am Mass

Saturday 9 December - Blessed Virgin Mary

09.15am Mass
10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)
04.45pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)
06.00pm Vigil Mass
06.30pm Carols By Candlelight
Sunday 10 December - 2nd Sun of Advent Yr B
08.00am Mass
09.30am Mass
11.00am Mass

REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

Pray For Healing: Candice Walker, Simon Gelera, Pellegrina Nheu, Tommy Lee, Jim Alexiou, Geetha, Arun, Bhaskharan P V Nair, Sarath Kumar, Peter, Alex D'Cruz, Naville Goddar.

Recently Deceased: Eugenio Cerminara, Lucy Ramanauskas, Ashley La Porte, Stanley D'Souza, Dilini, Melita Williams, Sr. Rosina Mary.

Birthday Remembrance: Bernie & Joe D'Cruz, Hugh Joseph, Chippy Williams, Louise Rozario,

Monthly Remembrance: Santous Pereira.

Death Anniversaries: Ferdinando Cerminara, Winnie Pinto, Marian Pinto, Lynette Pinto, Christopher Walter Webster, Eusty Lewis, Richard Pereira, Rose D'Souza, Souls of Fernandez & Geer Family, Susie Fernandes, Genevieve Tandon, Arlene Pereira & Richard Pereira, Anthony Martins, Genevieve Tandon, All Souls of Foschini, Cyril Mahony, Souls of Anthony Mc Intyre & Mahony Family, Souls of Dias Family, Souls of Pieris, Gunasekara and Goonetilleke Family, Deceased Members of Rana & Noronha Family, Alexander & Doreen Stevens, Hilda & Collin Jansz, Barbara Clarke, Souls of Alwis Family, Forgotten Souls & All Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

1ST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 2ND & 3RD DECEMBER 2023

	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Alexia Lachlan Esther T Rachel Nathaneal Janelle Justin	Alivia	Evan	Andrew G Ryan J
Comm	Edwin B	Jennie D	Rosemary	Beatriz C
Readers	Ado F Cheryl L	Marguerita Rima J	Nicholas G Volunteer N	Linda K Emma B
Special Ministers	Oreen T Cheryl L Cheryl R Pearl B	George V Riekie V Rebecca G Atanasio J	Charles C Felecia F' Linda M Rodolfo G	Ean B Rada P Gloria A Volunteer N
Welcomers	Kim & Burle D	Peter F	Laurence B	Gloria A
Altar L.	Laurence Bernard			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, Duong V N, George V, Jose E, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			

2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 9TH & 10TH DECEMBER 2023

	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Andrew G		Alivia Evan	
Comm	Janet D	Marguerita	Gazielle P	Chantelle
Readers	Jenny C Kim D	Victor T Atanasio J	Ashlyn F Felecia F	Colette D Maria B
Special Ministers	Pearl B Edwin B Nial F Vanessa F	Marguerita Victor T James M Maureen H	Phillipe N Hanna T Volunteer N Volunteer N	Ean B Rada P Gloria A Volunteer N
Welcomers	Pearl & Edwin B	Peter F	Anna W	Gloria A
Altar L.	Tina Rana			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, Duong V N, George V, Jose E, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			



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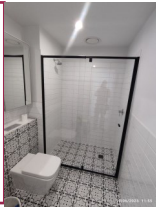


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A WELL WISHER FOR THE PARISH OF ST. ANDREW'S

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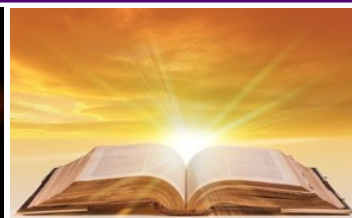
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**FIRST SUNDAY OF
ADVENT - YEAR B
03 DECEMBER 2023**



FIRST READING Is 63:16-17; 64:1.3-8

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

You, Lord, yourself are our Father,
Our Redeemer is your ancient name.
Why, Lord, leave us to stray from your ways
and harden our hearts against fearing you?
Return, for the sake of your servants,
the tribes of your inheritance.
Oh, that you would tear the heavens open and
come down
– at your Presence the mountains would melt.
No ear has heard,
no eye has seen
any god but you act like this
for those who trust him.
You guide those who act with integrity
and keep your ways in mind.
You were angry when we were sinners;
we had long been rebels against you.
We were all like men unclean,
all that integrity of ours like filthy clothing.
We have all withered like leaves
and our sins blew us away like the wind.
No one invoked your name
or roused himself to catch hold of you.
For you hid your face from us
and gave us up to the power of our sins.

RESP PSALM Ps 79:2-3.15-16.18-19

**(R.) Lord, make us turn to you,
let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

1. O shepherd of Israel, hear us,
shine forth from your cherubim throne.
O Lord, rouse up your might,
O Lord, come to our help. (R.)
2. God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

3. May your hand be on the man you have
chosen, the man you have given your strength.
And we shall never forsake you again:
give us life that we may call upon your name. (R.)

SECOND READING 1Cor 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians

May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send
you grace and peace.

I never stop thanking God for all the graces you
have received through Jesus Christ. I thank him
that you have been enriched in so many ways,
especially in your teachers and preachers; the
witness to Christ has indeed been strong among
you so that you will not be without any of the gifts
of the Spirit while you are waiting for our Lord
Jesus Christ to be revealed; and he will keep you
steady and without blame until the last day, the
day of our Lord Jesus Christ, because God by calling
you has joined you to his Son, Jesus Christ; and
God is faithful.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION PSALM 84:8

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 13:33-37

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Jesus said to his disciples: 'Be on your guard, stay
awake, because you never know when the time
will come. It is like a man travelling abroad: he has
gone from home, and left his servants in charge,
each with his own task; and he has told the
doorkeeper to stay awake. So stay awake, because
you do not know when the master of the house is
coming, evening, midnight, cockcrow, dawn; if he
comes unexpectedly, he must not find you asleep.
And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake!'

REFLECTION – by Fr Michael Tate



Timely Living and the end of History: Our Lord portrays himself as the Master who goes away on a journey. It is certain that he will return, even if no-one in his household knows exactly when. That is *our* situation. What do we do in anticipation?

Our Lord, the Master, indicates we have a choice. We can close our eyes and enter into the world of dreams where we create our own fantasy futures, or we can stay awake and alert to do what Our Lord wants us to do: 'He left his *servants* in charge, giving to each his work.'

You and me – his servants – have a particular role or work in and for this phase of human history. A deep down intuition, prompted by the Holy Spirit, indicates what this is. We must be true to this assignment.

We could take a moment to pray that, when the Lord returns, we may hear: 'Come, good and *faithful* servant, inherit the Kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world.'

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CALLING HEALTH PROFESSIONALS

We are in the process of updating our internal registry and would like to ensure that we have accurate information for our community's health professionals. If you are a registered doctor, nurse, paramedic, or any other medical professional within our parish, kindly get in touch with the Parish office to provide your updated details. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated as we work to enhance the health resources within our community.



New Items at St. Andrew's Piety Stall

New items, such as Christmas Cards, Christmas Gifts, Advent Reflection Books have arrived at the Piety Stall. There are several items available so please do take a look on your way out of Church.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THEY ARE ENJOYING THEIR TIME !!!



LAST SAYG YOUTH MASS HELD ON 25/11



Trendsetters 2024
Date: Jan 22nd - Jan 28th
Time: Around 9am (will be confirmed closer to the date)
Address: 465 Lysterfield Road, Lysterfield (Don Bosco Retreat Centre).

Hi everyone! Registrations for Trendsetters 2024 are officially open! Trendsetters is a

Catholic youth program for high school graduates initiated by Jesus Youth, an international missionary youth movement. We highly encourage you to register as soon as possible due to high demand and a limited number of spots, and the first preference of participants is the yr 12 graduates 2023. We have only 30 seats available. The registration link is :

[Trendsetters](#) If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us:

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