



St Andrew's Parish News

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR B - 09 & 10 DECEMBER 2023

OUR PARISH

Parish Office

76 Springs Road
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Phone: 9551 5666
Email: claytonsouth@cam.org.au
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

BE A FRIEND AT THIS CHRISTMAS

During this Advent and Christmas time, you are invited to pray for a parish family.

1. PICK UP A CHRISTMAS CARD FROM THE CHURCH FOYER
2. WRITE A SHORT CHRISTMAS MESSAGE OR PRAYER
3. CLOSE THE ENVELOPE WITH A CARD AND PRAYER
4. DELIVER THE CARD TO THE ADDRESS
5. KEEP THE FAMILY IN YOUR PRAYERS DURING THIS ADVENT & CHRISTMAS SEASON

IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED A CARD KINDLY LET US KNOW

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

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Parish Team Leader

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Smita Pinto (Tue/Wed)
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Youth Co-ordinator

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St. Andrew's Primary School

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**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



MELBOURNE OVERSEAS MISSION APPEAL - 9/10 DECEMBER

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 this weekend 9/ 10 Dec at all the Masses. Thank you.**

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

PARISH NEWS

DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

We kindly welcome any donations to meet the expenses to have a wonderful Christmas and New Year Liturgical celebrations for our community. You can contribute either via cash to the parish office or bank transfer to the church account. Please send us an email to notify us of the donation to help us provide you with a receipt accordingly. Thank you!

ACCOUNT NAME: ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

BSB: 083 347

A/C NO: 662557799

Reference: CHRISTMAS & Your Name

NATIVITY PLAY AT CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

Thank you! to all parents and guardians who have expressed interest in their child taking part in this year's Nativity Play. If you have not done so yet, please enter your child's name and age in the sign up sheet in the church foyer.

A meeting is to be held at 4 PM on Sunday 10th Dec in the church to select the cast for the Nativity play. Please ensure your child wears comfortable and appropriate clothing and shoes, is rested and well hydrated before attending the meeting.

Thank you for your cooperation and support.

THANK YOU—WORKING BEE



Thank you to those who helped out with Working Bee specially George & Reiki Verbeek.

Good Shepherd Community Mass



Friendship group Christmas Luncheon held last Tuesday



Kappy Birthday Jessie Salvadore, Tina Rana, Jann Kakkanandan, Evan Fernandes & Sanuli Gunasekara
Have a Wonderful Day!

CHRISTMAS GIVING TREE!



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

St. Vincent de Paul Society

members are delivering special vouchers to the deserved families for a decent meal at this Christmas. Coming school year, some disadvantaged students will get extra help with their uniforms and books; without this support some of them might not continue the schooling. Increased cost of utilities add pressure on low-income families and our support is crucial for their well-being. The Christmas giving tree is up at the church foyer this year again. Please contribute in the blue box kept next to the tree. All donations at the giving tree will go directly to support the deserved people in our community. Vincentians of St. Andrews Conference and our companions from the society, wishing all of you a Merry Christmas!

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2023 The Christmas Program with the Christmas and New Year's Mass Times are available on St Andrew's Parish website [CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2023](#) and also included on the 7th page of the digital copy of the Parish Newsletter. Printed copies are available in the church foyer.

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
96 BUNNEY RD, CLAYTON SOUTH
LIVE MUSIC BY:
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&
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FUNDRAISER : ALL PROFITS DONATED TO ST ANDREWS PARISH CLAYTON SOUTH

Raffle and Spot Prizes



CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



WEEKLY CALENDAR 2023

Monday 11 December

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

Tuesday 12 December

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

Wednesday 13 December - St Lucy

09.15am Mass
12.00pm End of Year School Mass
06.00pm Nativity Play Practice
07.00pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)
07.00pm RCIA Meeting

Thursday 14 December - St John of the Cross

09.15am Mass
07.00pm Advent Reflection Program
07.30pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)

Friday 15 December

09.15am Mass

Saturday 16 December

09.15am Mass
10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)
03.00pm 60th Wedding Anniversary Mass
04.45pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)
06.00pm Vigil Mass

Sunday 17 December – 3rd 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: Bernadine Meyers, Noreen Julian, Kim Netto, Albert Atkinson, Kim Netto, Rex Smith.

Birthday Remembrance: Pauline D'Cruz, Ovine Ann Ross, Lilian Rodrigues, Connie Abraham, Gayle Akers, Hermione Pearce, N. M. George.

Monthly Remembrance: Sonia Singh, Rex Smith.

Death Anniversaries: Stephen Butler, Lily Butler, Teresa Bonaddio, Concepcion Andales Dingjan, Christiane Masset, Mr. Loh Yang Cho, David Fernandez, Mothukuri Valentina, Peter Steiner, Ivor Steiner, Christiane Masset, Louisa Crasto, Janet Marks, Louisa Crasto & Janet Madeira, Marlene Fernandez, Connie Abraham, Mahes Peiris & For the Deceased Members of Geetha Weerasekera's Family, John Ferdinand, Mary Hickman, Carla Steiner, Claude Kolb, Micheline & Rene Bapaume, Marilena Zanini, Forgotten Souls & All Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

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	Lourdes R
Readers	Edwin B 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			

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR B 16TH & 17TH DECEMBER 2023

	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Alexia Nathaneal Janelle Andrew G Justin		Evan	Ryan J
Comm	Jenny C	Victor T	Terry M	Lourdes R
Readers	Ethan S Cheryl R	Gazielle P Neddie A	Daniel G Rodolfo G	Beatriz C Volunteer N
Special Ministers	Michael M Erlinda D Cora D Julianne	Rima J Atanasio J Gazielle P Volunteer N	Ashlyn F Felicia F Jan Van Charles C	Gloria A Rodney N Rada P Lourdes R
Welcomers	Eugene & Ann S	Leroy & Sharon K	Sylvia L	Beatriz C
Altar L.	Sylvia Lawrence			
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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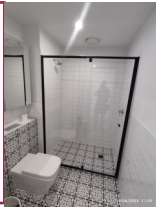


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A WELL WISHER FOR THE PARISH OF ST. ANDREW'S

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF
ADVENT - YEAR B
10 DECEMBER 2023**



FIRST READING Is 40:1-5. 9-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

'Console my people, console them' says your God. 'Speak to the heart of Jerusalem and call to her that her time of service is ended, that her sin is atoned for, that she has received from the hand of the Lord double punishment for all her crimes.' A voice cries, 'Prepare in the wilderness a way for the Lord. Make a straight highway for our God across the desert. Let every valley be filled in, every mountain and hill be laid low, let every cliff become a plain, and the ridges a valley; then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed and all mankind shall see it; for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.' Go up on a high mountain, joyful messenger to Zion. Shout with a loud voice, joyful messenger to Jerusalem. Shout without fear, say to the towns of Judah, 'Here is your God.' Here is the Lord coming with power, his arm subduing all things to him. The prize of his victory is with him, his trophies all go before him. He is like a shepherd feeding his flock, gathering lambs in his arms, holding them against his breast and leading to their rest the mother ewes.

RESP PSALM Ps 84:9.14.R.v.8

**(R.) Lord, let us see your kindness,
and grant us your salvation.**

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace, peace for his people.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)
3. The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

SECOND READING 2Peter 3:8-14

A reading from the second letter of St Peter

There is one thing, my friends, that you must never forget: that with the Lord, 'a day' can mean a thousand years, and a thousand years is like a day. The Lord is not being slow to carry out his promises, as anybody else might be called slow; but he is being patient with you all, wanting nobody to be lost and everybody to be brought to change his ways. The Day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then with a roar the sky will vanish, the elements will catch fire and fall apart, the earth and all that it contains will be burnt up. Since everything is coming to an end like this, you should be living holy and saintly lives while you wait and long for the Day of God to come, when the sky will dissolve in flames and the elements melt in the heat. What we are waiting for is what he promised: the new heavens and new earth, the place where righteousness will be at home. So then, my friends, while you are waiting, do your best to live lives without spot or stain so that he will find you at peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LUKE 3:4.6

Alleluia, alleluia!

Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths:
all people shall see the salvation of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mark 1:1-8

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The beginning of the Good News about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. It is written in the book of the prophet Isaiah: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way. A voice cries in the wilderness: Prepare a way for the Lord, make his paths straight, and so it was that John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. All Judaea and all the people of Jerusalem made their way to him, and as they were baptised by him in the river Jordan they confessed their sins. John wore a garment of camel-skin, and he lived on locusts and wild honey. In the course of his preaching he said, 'Someone is following me, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to kneel down and undo the strap of his sandals. I have baptised you with water, but he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit.'

REFLECTION – by Fr Michael Tate

Two Gospels: John immersed, baptised, his followers in water, symbolising the washing away of the sins of the *past*. But he could not empower people by drenching them in the dynamic life of God. John anticipates ‘Someone’ (not named!) who *does* have the power to inundate, baptise, people with the Holy Spirit.

From the heading of St Mark’s Gospel, we know that that ‘Someone’ is ‘Jesus Christ, Son of God’ who came to flood our lives with that Divine Power which can effect a completely new *future* for humanity.

That is why St Mark took the term ‘gospel’ (good news) which was used on inscriptions announcing an Emperor’s birth or victory, and used it to describe his inspired rendering of the mission of Jesus Christ, which was to inaugurate the ‘Kingdom of God’, overcoming the pretensions of all Emperors of any kind throughout history.

We could pause for a moment to thank God for the Good News of our being baptised with *water* in the ‘Name of the Father and of the Son and of the *Holy Spirit*.’



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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. **God's Word & Columban calendars 2024 are now available in the piety stall.**

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.



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 available in the church foyer. You are invited to fill in the forms and return it to the Parish office.

NEW THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

There are just a few Thanksgiving Envelopes left in the church foyer. If you can assist with delivering some Envelopes, kindly do so. Please take a picture of the envelopes & send to the office for records. Thank you

PARISH OFFICE CLOSURE—The Parish Office will remain closed for Christmas & New Year break from Tuesday 26th December 2023 to Monday 15th January 2024. The office will re open on Tuesday 16th January 2024. Thank You!

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:

Silgia – 0407555620, Irene – 0481829529,

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DAY	TIME	PROGRAM
SATURDAY 09 DECEMBER CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT	6.30-9.30PM	CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT
WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER	09.15AM	ANOINTING WITHIN MASS
WEDNESDAY 20 DECEMBER	07.00PM	RECONCILIATION SERVICE & CONFESSION
SATURDAY 23 DECEMBER	06.00PM	4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT
SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER	08.00AM 09.30AM 11.00AM	
SUNDAY 24 DECEMBER CHRISTMAS EVE	07.30PM	CHILDREN'S & FAMILY MASS WITH NATIVITY PLAY
MIDNIGHT MASS	11.30PM	CAROLS FOLLOWED BY MIDNIGHT MASS
MONDAY 25TH DECEMBER CHRISTMAS DAY	08.30AM 10.30AM	CHRISTMAS MASS CHRISTMAS MASS
SATURDAY 30TH DECEMBER	06.00PM	FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY
SUNDAY 31ST DECEMBER THE HOLY FAMILY	08.00AM 09.30AM 11.00AM	
SUNDAY 31 DECEMBER	4.30PM (1HR) 6.00 PM	EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION THANKSGIVING / MARY MOTHER OF GOD
MONDAY 1ST JANUARY 2023 MARY MOTHER OF GOD	10.00AM	MARY, MOTHER OF GOD