



# St Andrew's Parish News

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

**THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 3RD & 4TH FEBRUARY 2024**

## OUR PARISH

### Parish Office

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**Email:** [claytonsouth@cam.org.au](mailto: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

## PARISH TEAM

### Parish Priest

Fr. Shibu Joseph sac  
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### Parish Team Leader

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### Parish Secretary

Smita Pinto (Tue/Wed)  
Luisa May - Bookkeeper (Thu)

### Youth Co-ordinator

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### St. Andrew's Primary School

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

Nicole Black

## ONLINE SERVICES

### Website:

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## WORD OF GOD SUNDAY 2024—4 FEBRUARY

WORD of GOD *Sunday 2024*  
FEBRUARY 4, 2024



The Church in Australia celebrates the Sunday of the Word of God on the first Sunday in February – February 4 in 2024 (Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B). Pope Francis established the day, which is devoted to “the celebration, study and dissemination” of the Word of God. Visit [www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/wordofgodSunday) to access resources to help commemorate the day and for suggestions on how to better engage with Sacred Scripture in various ways and settings.

## ST ANDREWS PANCAKES WEEKEND

Saturday, 10th February after 6pm mass.  
Sunday, 11th February after all masses.

Join us for Pancakes with a Gold Coin Donation.



For more information, please contact  
Lyn Fernandes on 0431 434 398 or  
Cheryl Lansakara on 0407 435 267

Join us for a scrumptious Pancake Weekend on February 10th and 11th, following all weekend Masses. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather and indulge in delicious pancakes. For more details or to register your interest to volunteer, please contact Lyn Fernandes on 0431 434 398 or Cheryl Lansakara on 0407 435 267.

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

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

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

PARISH NEWS



WELCOME BACK ST ANDREW'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP

The Friendship Group had their first meeting for 2024 on Tuesday 30th Jan. They are all set to enjoy fun time again!



Happy Birthday

Rose M George, Leroy King, Cynthia Omalon, Philomena Paynter, Riekie Verbeek, Clara Dinh & Wilma Geer

Stay Blessed, Stay Young!

CHILDREN'S LITURGY MINISTRY RECOMMENCING



Welcome to Children's liturgy ministry 2024. We will start the Children's liturgy, from this week-end Masses, Saturday, 3rd February at the 6.00 pm Mass and Sunday,

4th February at the 9.30 am Mass.

Please bring your children along to these Masses as they can attend Children's liturgy, with our dedicated volunteers.

Looking forward to seeing you soon and sharing God's word, with our Children.

ALTAR SERVER'S MEETING ON MONDAY 5 FEB

The 1st Altar Server's Meeting for 2024 will be held on Monday 5th February at 6pm in the parish house.

BAPTISM PREPARATION SESSION

The next Baptism Preparation Night will be held on Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm in the parish house. To register, please contact the parish office via phone 9551 5666 or email - claytonsouth@cam.or.au

PALM LEAVES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY



If you have last year's or previous year's blessed palm leaves at home, kindly bring it to the church and place it in the containers kept in the church and school foyer. Thank you.



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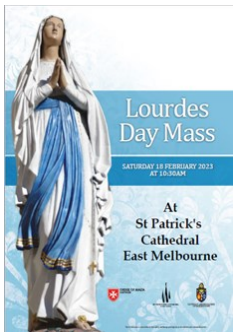
PROJECT COMPASSION 2024

Each year, Project Compassion brings together thousands of Australians in schools, parishes, and the community to stand in solidarity with the world's

most vulnerable communities, to help end poverty, promote justice and uphold dignity. The theme of Project Compassion 2024 is **For All Future Generations**. It reminds us that what we do today can have an impact for all future generations. This message invites us to step up for those who do not have the essential resources they need for their survival, and those whose needs at this time are far beyond our own. By putting compassion into action, we can make a difference.

The Project Compassion Boxes are now available in the Church Foyer if you wish to take one home.

This year, with the assistance of Caritas Australia, we have set up a QR Code (see below) which takes you directly to "ST ANDREWS CLAYTON SOUTH PARISH, 3169" donate page. Click on the green 'DONATE' button. Please follow the prompts as this will enable parishioners to donate directly using one's own credit card details. Parishioners are able to request a Tax Receipt for donations of \$2 and over directly. We actively encourage those parishioners who are 'tech savvy' to please give this method a go!



ORDER OF MALTA LOURDES DAY MASS - SATURDAY 10 FEBRUARY 2024

For some years now, the Order of Malta has organised an annual Lourdes Day Mass to provide an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm particularly for those who would not otherwise have the possibility of visiting Lourdes.

The Mass will take place again on **Saturday, 10th February at 10.30am at St Patrick's Cathedral**, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

For further information, please contact: Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.



CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



## WEEKLY CALENDAR 2024

### Monday 5 February - St Agatha

09.15am Mass  
06.00pm Altar Server's Meeting  
07.00pm Choir Practice (11am Choir)

### Tuesday 6 February - St Paul Miki & companions

09.00am School Mass  
10.30am Friendship Group—Birthday Party  
07.00pm Mass / St Jude's Novena

### Wednesday 7 February

09.15am Mass  
10.30am Rosary / Funeral Mass - **Jules Labonne**  
07.00pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)  
07.30pm Baptism Preparation Night

### Thursday 8 February

09.15am Mass  
04.00pm Sacramental Program  
07.00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)

### Friday 9 February

09.15am Mass

### Saturday 10 February - St Scholastica

09.15am Mass  
10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)  
11.30am SVDP Meeting  
04.45pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)  
06.00pm Vigil Mass

### Sunday 11 February – The 6th Sun in Ord Time

08.00am Mass  
09.30am Mass  
11.00am Mass  
07.00pm Wedding Rehearsal

### REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

**Pray For Healing:** Candice Walker, Simon Gelera, Pellegrina Nheu, Jim Alexiou, Geetha, Arun, Bhaskaran P V Nair, Sarath Kumar, Peter, Alex D'Cruz, Naville Goddar, Pam Ridgecook, Thi-Thuy-Nguyen, Colleen Foran

**Recently Deceased:** Jules Labonne

**Birthday Remembrance:**

**Monthly Remembrance:**

**Death Anniversaries:** Marian Pinto, Lynette Pinto, Janina Ligocki, Valentina Mathukuri, All forgotten souls, All Souls in Purgatory.



Jules



## ROSTERS

### THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 4TH FEBRUARY 2024

	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>				
<b>Comm</b>	Edwin B	Neddie A	Terry M	Beatriz C
<b>Readers</b>	Ado F Cheryl L	Rima J Tanasha	Gabrielle <b>Volunteer</b>	Colette D <b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Oreen T Cheryl L Marilyn Pierre W	George V Riekie V Atanasio Victor T	Charles C Felecia F Linda M Rodolfo G	Ean B Beatriz C Rada P Lourdes R
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Oreen T Meryl H	No C.L	Ashlyn F Helena N	No C.L
<b>Welcomers</b>	Kim & Burle D	George & Riekie V	Carol N	Marie R
<b>Altar L.</b>	Laurence Bernard			
<b>Counters Team</b>	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			

### THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>				
<b>Comm</b>	Janet D	George V	Gazielle P	Chantelle
<b>Readers</b>	Tiyah S Jenny C	Rima J Atanasio J	Ashlyn F Felecia F	Colette D Maria B
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Pearl B Edwin B Nial F Vanessa F	Victor T James M Maureen H Riekie V	Phillipe N Carol N Hanna T Joyce S	Beata G Pat I Linda k Erlinda D
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Joanna D Josephine	No C.L	Hanna T Rebecca G	No C.L
<b>Welcomers</b>	Pearl & Edwin B	Peter F	Anna W	Gloria A
<b>Altar L.</b>	Tina Rana			
<b>Counters Team</b>	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			



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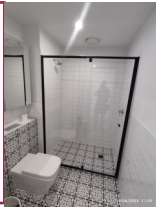


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### A WELL WISHER FOR THE PARISH OF ST. ANDREW'S

From the depths of my nothingness I prostrate myself before you O most Sacred Divine Adorable Heart of Jesus to pay to you all the homage of love praise and adoration in my power. Amen

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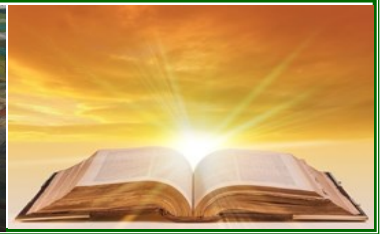
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**THE 5th SUNDAY  
IN OT YEAR B  
04TH February 2024**



**FIRST READING Job 7:1-4. 6-7**

A reading from the book of Job

Job began to speak:

Is not man's life on earth nothing more than  
pressed service,  
his time no better than hired drudgery?  
Like the slave, sighing for the shade,  
or the workman with no thought but his wages,  
months of delusion I have assigned to me,  
nothing for my own but nights of grief.  
Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?'  
Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!'  
Restlessly I fret till twilight falls.  
Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have  
passed,  
and vanished, leaving no hope behind.  
Remember that my life is but a breath,  
and that my eyes will never again see joy.

**RESP PSALM Ps 146:1-6. R. v.3**

(R.) Praise the Lord who heals the broken-hearted.

1. Praise the Lord for he is good;  
sing to our God for he is loving:  
to him our praise is due. (R.)
2. The Lord builds up Jerusalem  
and brings back Israel's exiles,  
he heals the broken-hearted,  
he binds up all their wounds.  
He fixes the number of the stars;  
he calls each one by its name. (R.)
3. Our Lord is great and almighty;  
his wisdom can never be measured.  
The Lord raises the lowly;  
he humbles the wicked to the dust. (R.)

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 9:16-19. 22-23**

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

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this

work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me.

So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. For the weak I made myself weak. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MT 8:17**

Alleluia, alleluia!

He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering.  
Alleluia!

**GOSPEL Mark 1:29-39**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them.

That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was.

In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

## REFLECTION - by Fr Michael Tate

### The Divine Touch

The mother-in-law of Simon (Peter) was sick in bed with a raging fever. When Jesus learned about her distressed state, he 'took her by the hand and helped her up'. He broke the taboo about physical contact with a woman not his relative because he wanted to holistically heal her dis-ease.

Simon's mother-in-law didn't need an aspirin and a cup of tea. She felt quarantined, isolated, and needed a hand reassuring her of sociable relationships. Jesus overcame her fever and her dis-ease with the world.

At every Mass we exchange a physical gesture at the greeting of Peace. This quite often overcomes being ill-at-ease with a family member or just with the neighbour in the pew. We need to take that symbolic action into the world. For somebody, it may be the most touching thing we ever do.

We could pause for a moment to identify that person who needs us to reach out, to take their hand and help them up.



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### WELCOME TO NEW FAMILIES

We warmly welcome

*Kylie Ann Miller &  
Amitash Shankar*

Wish you'll a nice experience at St Andrews's Parish!



**PIETY STALL AT ST ANDREW'S** We have lots of religious items, books, cards etc, Statues & gifts at our piety stall now open at all week-day & weekend Masses. Contact parish office during office hours if required. **Thank you!**

### 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. **THANK YOU!**



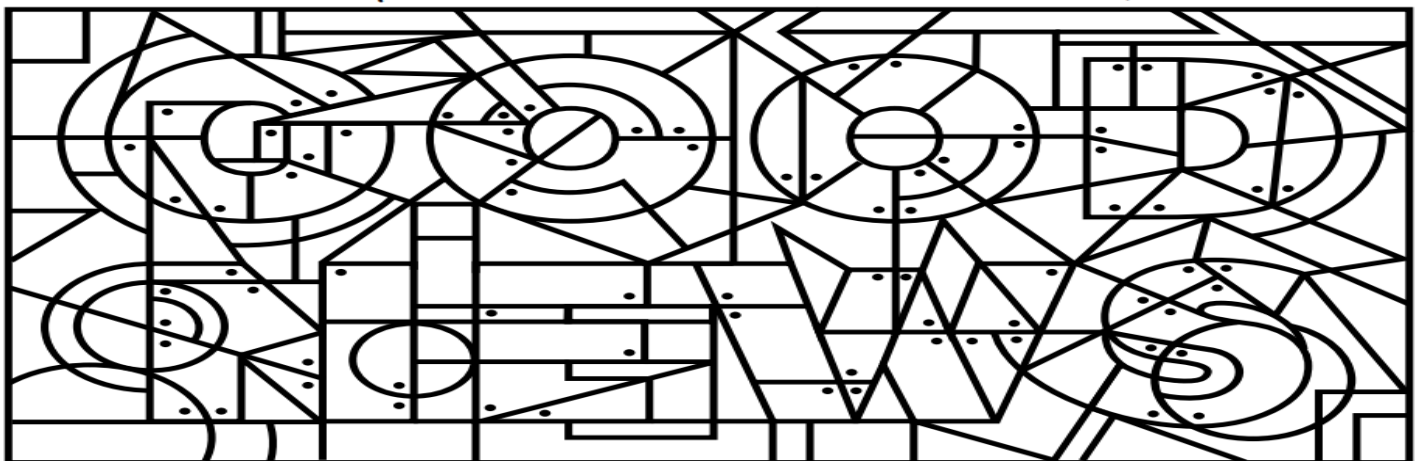
### LEGION OF MARY Statue Visitation

The Statue of Mother Mary is available to visit homes in the Parish. Please contact: Lawrence Bernard - 0413 695 662 or Joe Lansakara - 0419 748 349. Legion of Mary will resume the monthly recitation of the Rosary at the Adoration Chapel Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

**Next Rosary at 7:00 pm on Wed 21st February 2024**

## CHILDREN'S CORNER

Colour in all the shapes that contain dots to reveal what Jesus wants everyone to know.



Mk 1:29-39

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