



# St Andrew's Parish News

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## THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR B - 10TH & 11TH FEBRUARY 2024

### OUR PARISH

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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*



### LENTEN JOURNEY 2024

Lent opens with readings that call us to penance. However, this penance must be understood within its proper context.

Penance is really an attempt to correct what is upset, to repair what is broken, to atone for the wrong done. Penance must spring from a contrite heart. Nothing that we do can reconcile us with God. No penance, regardless of its severity, can repair a ruptured covenant bond. Only the mercy and graciousness of God can accomplish this.

Almsgiving and fasting and prayer are honoured ways of changing whatever prevents us from drinking from the streams of divine grace. Almsgiving reminds us of the covenant bond that joins us with each other and of the social responsibilities that accompany it.

Fasting sensitises us to the dependence we have on the natural world. It also curbs our insatiable desire for more and more.

Prayer unites us with God, the source of our being and our merciful covenant partner.



### ASH WEDNESDAY—14/2 (Fast & Abstinence)

**Masses : 9.15AM, 12 NOON (School Mass) & 7PM**



### 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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#### Daily Reflections:

<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/>

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/standrewsparishclaytonsouth](http://www.facebook.com/standrewsparishclaytonsouth)

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOLLOWED BY MASS

EVERY FRIDAY OF LENT AFTER 9.15AM MASS & AT 6.30PM

### ENJOY PANCAKES THIS WEEKEND 10 / 11 FEB

Pancakes will be served after each Mass. Join us for scrumptious Pancakes, following all weekend Masses. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather and enjoy delicious pancakes. For more details please contact Lyn Fernandes: 0431 434 398 or Cheryl Lansakara: 0407 435 267.



You may wish to make a gold coin donation on the day.



LENT 2024

### LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Lent is an important season in the Church's liturgical year. This beautiful time of penance and prayer invites us to look at the areas of our lives where we struggle & return our gaze to Jesus Christ and his sacrificial love.

The Bible Study group of St. Andrew's Parish will be conducting the Lenten Program (Year B), commencing from Thursday the 15<sup>th</sup> of February 2024.

We plan to meet every Thursday at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish House, to reflect on the Readings and prepare ourselves for Jesus' death and resurrection and experience true transformation in our lives during this powerful season.

You are welcome to join us by putting your name and contact number on the sheet provided in the Church Foyer.

**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



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 latest by this weekend. Thank you.



Kappy Birthday

Marcelle Makary, Lourdes Rego, Karena Cooke, Patricia Williams, Kim Davey, Atanasio Johnson

Stay Blessed, Stay Young!



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!



ST ANDREW'S FRIENDSHIP GROUP CELEBRATES RIEKIE'S BIRTHDAY

For sure, they are having a lot of fun time together enjoying the friendship of one another in the group!

THANKSGIVING PLEDGES

The Parish is in the process of updating the Thanksgiving pledges in our new database (PACEM). It has come to our attention that there are families/persons who are contributing directly by EFT into the Church account, who don't have a Thanksgiving Contribution Number or have not supplied sufficient details – this is important from a tracking method for a parishioner who may request a Transaction Report.

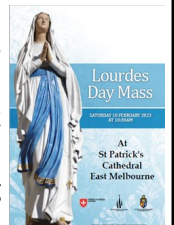
Could the following: Winter Family; Doss Family; S. Raspanti – please contact the Parish Office to receive/ fill in a "Thanksgiving Pledge Card". Thank you for your continued contribution to the Parish. - Luisa M

HANDCRAFTED OLIVEWOOD BIBLICAL ITEMS FOR SALE

On the 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup> of February there will be handcrafted olivewood biblical items for sale. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the catholic families there. Any purchase will help support the catholic community in the Holy Land and improve their livelihood and also support maintaining the Holy sites there.

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.

HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS TO THE CAINE FAMILIES AND FRIENDS



Marie Caine passed away on the 05<sup>th</sup> Feb. Funeral Mass will be held on the 12<sup>th</sup> Feb at 11.00am at St Patrick's Catholic Church, 487 Princes Hwy, Port Fairy VIC 3284.



CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



## WEEKLY CALENDAR 2024

### Monday 12 February

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

### Tuesday 13 February

10.30am Friendship Group—Pancakes Day  
05.00pm Choir Practice (Wedding Rehearsal)  
07.00pm Mass / St Jude's Novena  
07.00pm School Reconciliation Information Night

### Wednesday 14 February - Ash Wednesday

09.15am Mass  
12.00am School Mass  
07.00pm Mass

### Thursday 15 February

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

### Friday 16 February

09.15am Mass / Stations of the Cross  
01.30pm Wedding Mass  
06.30pm Stations of the Cross / Mass

### Saturday 17 February

09.15am Mass  
10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)  
04.45pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)  
06.00pm Vigil Mass - Reco Commitment Mass

### Sunday 18 February – 1st Sunday of Lent

08.00am Mass  
09.30am Mass  
11.00am Mass - Welcome Rite

### REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY



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

Thi-Thuy-Nguyen, Colleen Foran.

**Recently Deceased:** Regina Nigli.

**Death Anniversaries:** Alfred Anthony, Stephanie Lam Loong, Vincent D' Rozario, Rodney Murrian, Valentina Mothukuri, Sunil M. Pinto & The Pinto family, Walter Roussety, Matilda Joseph, Rex Smith and All Souls in Purgatory.



## ROSTERS

### 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>	Chanelle Alexia Sophia Hannah		Evan	Joshua Ryan G
<b>Comm</b>	<b>Volunteer</b>	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 Gloria A 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			

### THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B 18TH FEBRUARY 2024

	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Noah Mateo Lachlan Joshua Chanelle		Evan	Ryan G
<b>Comm</b>	Jenny C	Victor T	Terry M	Lourdes R
<b>Readers</b>	Ethan S Cheryl R	Gazielle P Neddie A	Jan Van R Gabrielle	Ronald B Emma B
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Michael Erlinda D Cora D Julianne	Rima J Atanasio J Marcelle J Gazielle P	Ashlyn F Felicia F Jan Van R Charles C	Gloria A Rodney N Rada P Lourdes R
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Oreen T Meryl H	No C.L	Laurence Lota F	No C.L
<b>Welcomers</b>	Eugene & Ann S	Leroy & Sharon K	Sylvia L	Beatriz C
<b>Altar L.</b>	Sylvia Lawrence			
<b>Counters Team</b>	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			



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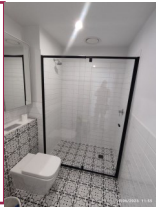


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### A WELL WISHER FOR THE PARISH OF ST. ANDREW'S

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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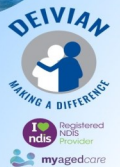


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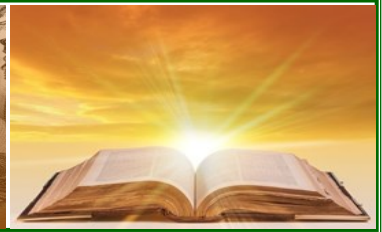
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11TH February 2024**



## FIRST READING Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

## RESP PSALM Ps 31:1-2, 5, 11. R. v.7

(R.) I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

1. Happy the man whose offence is forgiven,  
whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord  
imputes no guilt,  
in whose spirit is no guile. (R.)

2. But now I have acknowledged my sins;  
my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess  
my offence to the Lord.'  
And you, Lord, have forgiven  
the guilt of my sin. (R.)

3. Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord,  
exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy,  
all you upright of heart. (R.)

## SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1

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

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks

or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved.

Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LUKE 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

## GOSPEL Mark 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

**Then Jesus put out His hand and touched him, saying, "I am willing; be cleansed." Immediately his leprosy was cleansed**

**Matthew 8:3**





## REFLECTION - by Fr Michael Tate

### Jesus outcast for us

Lepers were social outcasts forced to live outside the villages and towns. Jesus heals the leper, allowing him to return to communal living, but, in touching him, Jesus put himself on the outer. The Gospel says that Jesus 'had to stay outside where nobody lived'. Jesus willingly changed places with the leper!

This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal of the Gospel. Because of our deliberate wrongdoing, we are 'on the outside' with God. Our Lord and Saviour willingly experienced that alienation on Calvary, *outside* the walls of Jerusalem, in a desolate place where no-body lived. He suffered the dis-locating consequences of sin in his body and mind: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

He took our place outside the human awareness of the loving presence of His Heavenly Father so that we might be located in the right place, *insiders* with God.

We might pause for a moment to lovingly thank our Saviour for leading us into 'the One in Whom we live and move and have our being'. © Fr Michael Tate; mtate@bigpond.com



### GOD'S MESSAGE 'IS ALWAYS ONE OF FREEDOM': POPE FRANCIS FOR LENT 2024

On Thursday 1 February, two weeks out from Ash Wednesday, Pope Francis released his annual message for the Lenten season, reflecting on the gift of Christian freedom and how the desert is a time for maturing in that gift. 'When our God reveals himself, his message is always one of freedom,' he said. Continue reading: [READ HERE](#)

**RITE OF ELECTION 2024 AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL -** Sunday 18 February 3.00pm-4.00pm. The Rite of Election is a significant occasion in the life of our local church in Melbourne. It marks the beginning of our catechumens and candidates' final preparations to receive the sacraments of initiation. Join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and the Proclaim team at the Rite of Election for 2024... [MORE INFO](#)



**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!**



### 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

### Jesus has the power to heal

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

How were people with leprosy treated in Jesus' time?

What are some things we can do for sick people today?



What did Jesus say to the man after he cured him of leprosy? Use the words below to find out!

Say \_\_\_\_\_ of this to anyone; but go and \_\_\_\_\_ yourself to the \_\_\_\_\_, then make an offering at the \_\_\_\_\_ as Moses \_\_\_\_\_, then all will know you are \_\_\_\_\_.



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healed nothing  
priest**