



St Andrew's Parish News

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

THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B - 24 & 25 FEBRUARY 2024

OUR PARISH

Parish Office

76 Springs Road
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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

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

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Parish Team Leader

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

Youth Co-ordinator

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R.E. Co-ordinator

Nicole Black

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PIETÀ - LENTEN PROGRAM 2024

"By the solemn forty days of Lent, the Church unites herself each year to the mystery of Jesus in the desert."



In order to assist us on our Lenten journey and to provide an opportunity for fellowship, the parish makes available a Lenten Program book that includes daily reflections from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday for personal reflection in addition to longer-form Sunday Scripture reflections, readings, responsorial psalms, prayers and reflection questions that are traditionally part of group Lenten programs. The book also includes beautiful artwork from the Masters with accompanying artwork reflections.

**PIETÀ - LENTEN PROGRAM 2024 - DIGITAL COPY ONLY
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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 leads the Lenten Program 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 & contact number on the sheet kept in the Church Foyer.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS IN LENT AFTER 9.15AM MASS & AT 7PM



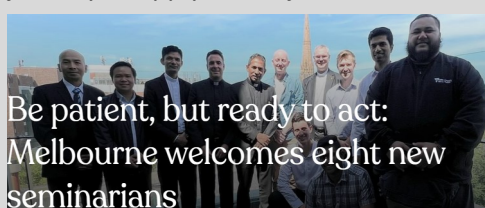
VOCATION NEWS FROM THE ARCHDIOCESE

CONGRATULATIONS to the eight men accepted to the Seminary for Melbourne this year:

Fr Dishan and the Vocations Team would like to thank you for your prayers for Vocations over the years. They were delighted to accept eight men to the Seminary for Melbourne this year:

Chinh Tran, Rohan Prince, Luke Kennedy, Luke Emslie, Tung Phan, Joseph Mae, Patrick Harris and Mathews Noble.

Many of you have personally helped and encouraged these men along their journey to apply to the join the Seminary; it truly is a team effort!



Be patient, but ready to act:
Melbourne welcomes eight new seminarians

Please continue to pray for them! Part of the work of the Vocations Office is to promote Vocations throughout our Archdiocese. Please feel free to contact us if you have any thoughts/plans of how we can do so better.

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



PROJECT COMPASSION 2024

After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family.



Please donate to Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

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 can request a Tax Receipt for donations of \$2 & over directly. We encourage those parishioners who are 'tech savvy' to please give this method a go!



WARM WELCOME A warm welcome to the school staff, Prep children and their families to the Prep Welcome Mass this Sunday 25th Feb at 11am.

BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

The next Baptism Preparation Night will be held on Wednesday 6th March at 7.30pm in the parish house. To register, please contact the parish office.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS

On 1st Friday - 6th March, we will have Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and the Divine Mercy Prayers after the 9.15am Mass.



GOOD SHEPHERD COMMUNITY INAUGURAL MASS HELD ON SATURDAY 17 FEB.



Happy Birthday

Carmen Williams, Marian Johnstone Stay Blessed, Stay Young!

BAPTISM ON SUNDAY 25TH FEBRUARY

We warmly welcome

Margaux Annabelle Howlett and Jaylah Pearl Obanes



as they will be baptised in our community on Sunday. We welcome them, their parents & Godparents.



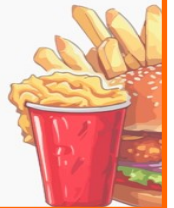
ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH GROUP (S.A.Y.G) INVITES ALL YOUTH (AGED 18-30) TO OUR



youth meet + greet

JOIN US FROM 12:30-3:00PM ON SUNDAY 25TH FEB. 2024 AT CARL'S JR. CLAYTON

KINDLY NOTE: ALL ATTENDEES WILL BE REQUIRED TO COVER THE COST OF THEIR OWN MEAL.



SAVE THE DATE St Andrew's Parish Family Picnic Day

SUN 21 APRIL

12PM ONWARDS

Bring your picnic basket and join us for some fun activities with the Parish community at Namatjira Park. Further details will be shared via in the coming weeks. For any inquiries, please reach out to Cheryl Lancelot on 0419 347 974.



CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



WEEKLY CALENDAR 2024

Monday 26 February

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

Tuesday 27 February

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

Wednesday 28 February

09.15am Mass
06.30pm St Vincent De Paul Meeting
07.00pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)

Thursday 29 February

09.15am Mass - Gr 3/4T
04.00pm Sacramental Program
07.00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)
07.00pm Lenten Reflection

Friday 1 March

09.15am Mass / Stations of the Cross
07.00pm Stations of the Cross / Mass

Saturday 2 March

09.15am Mass
10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)
03.00pm Youth Choir Practice
04.45pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)
06.00pm Vigil Mass - Youth Mass

Sunday 3 March – 3rd Sunday of Lent

08.00am Mass
09.30am Mass
11.00am Mass
01.00pm Filipino Mass



REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

Pray For Healing: Candice Walker, Simon Gelera, Pellegrina Nheu, Jim Alexiou, Pam Ridgecook, Colleen Foran, Thi-Thuy-Nguyen, Ting Chung Sing, Lucy Lena Sing, Monica Leman, Jack Sing, Eric Sing, Yenny Aprilia.

Recently Deceased: Colleen Foran, Rudolf Caesar, Louisa Bent, Hugh Hendricks.

Birthday Remembrance: Iris Murrian, Christiane Masset, Grenvill Collins, Sydney Lazaro, Terrance Fernandez.

Monthly Remembrance: Vincent Joseph.

Death Anniversaries: David Martis, Yves Fok, Irene & Antoine Lamaletie, Alain & Philippe, Thomas, Cyril La pierre, Gerry Davis, Tin Setiawan, Vernon Hendricks, Joseph, Gieseppe Lo Roso, Sybil Parisienne, Marilena Zanini, Juliana Cubeta, Beron Fraser, Forgotten Souls and All Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B 25TH FEBRUARY 2024

	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Alexia Sophia Chanelle Hannah		Evan	Ryan G Joshua
Comm	Cheryl R	Jennie D	Felicia F	Maria B
Readers	Cheryl L Jenny C	Patricia C Lota F	Jan Van R Gabrielle	Ronald B Emma B
Special Ministers	Cheryl R Anne L F Corazon Jenny C	Marguerita Marlene E Marcelle J Victor T	Hanna T Joyce S Linda M Rodolfo G	Beata G Pat I Linda K Erlinda D
Children's Liturgy	Joanna D Laurence	No C.L	Romain S Hanna T	No C.L
Welcomers	Kim & Burle D	Peter F	Carol N	Gloria A
Altar L.	Claudette Chung			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B 3RD MARCH 2024

	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Alexia Sophia Chanelle		Evan	Ryan G Joshua
Comm	Cheryl R	Lynette F	David G	Linda K
Readers	Marilyn Corazon J	Tanasha S Tricia S	Adam D Allen S	Rohini T Arputha V
Special Ministers	Oreen T Cheryl L Marilyn Pierre W	George V Riekie V Rebecca G Atanasio J	Charles C Felecia F Linda M Rodolfo G	Ean B Beatriz C Rada P Lourdes R
Children's Liturgy	Oreen T Meryl H	No C.L	Ashlyn F Helena N	No C.L
Welcomers	Pearl & Edwin B	Peter F	Anna W	Gloria A
Altar L.	Laurence Bernard			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			



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

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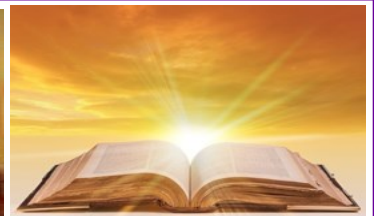
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**THE 2ND SUNDAY
IN LENT YEAR B
25TH FEB 2024**



FIRST READING Genesis 22:1-2.9-13.15-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham,' he called.' Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you. 'When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt offering in place of his son. The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of your enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

RESP PSALM Ps115:10. 15-19.

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

1. I trusted, even when I said: 'I am sorely afflicted.' O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)
2. Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; you have loosened my bonds. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)
3. My vows to the Lord I will fulfil before all his

people, in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 8:31-34

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATT17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Mark 9:2-10

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark
Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

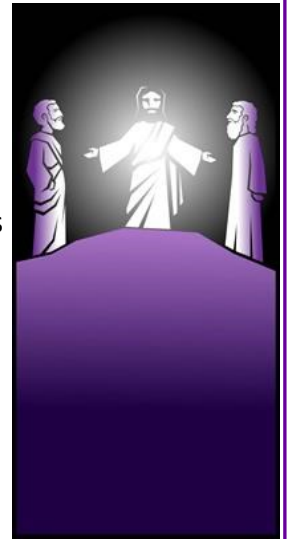
REFLECTION – by Fr Michael Tate

Transfigured Body souls: St Thomas Aquinas famously said: ‘If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.’ And yet many Christians do think that our ultimate goal is, by the grace of God, to end up as souls in Heaven.

No, I am a human being, body soul. If I am to be saved, then this stardust, this fraction of material creation, this earthling, needs to be immersed into Divine energy and light. The Transfiguration of Jesus Christ, especially as recounted in the other gospels, shows what happens when human nature is in total communion with God. Every molecule of his body was evidently pulsing with Divine energy and light. The amazing truth is that God ardently desires that each one of us should share in the transfigured life of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

For this to occur, we must play our part, accepting that Jesus of Nazareth is indeed the Beloved Son of God, listen to him, and put into practice what we hear.

We could take a moment to pray that after the “repose of the soul” after death, we may participate as body souls in the transfigured humanity of the Risen Lord.



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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 lead the monthly recitation of the Rosary at the Adoration Chapel Every 3rd Wednesday of the month at 7:00 pm.

Next Rosary at 7:00 pm on Wed 20th March 2024
Please join us to say the Rosary.



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 weekday & weekend Masses. Contact parish office during office hours if required. **Thank you!**

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Celebrating 50 years of Worldwide Marriage Encounter in Australia: 'Love and respect' formation day

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IN AUSTRALIA
Saturday 16 March 2024 (All day event)

A special formation day is being offered to mark the 50th anniversary of the Worldwide Marriage Encounter (WWME) in Australia. WWME is a weekend away offering married couples a special kind of ‘time out’—a different kind of ‘weekend getaway’. Based on Catholic values, the ministry started in Spain in the... [MORE INFO](#)

Holy Trinity Parish presents: A Lenten retreat with Fr Glenn Morris OP
Saturday 2 March 2024
10.00am–4.00pm
Hosted by Holy Trinity Parish (Bentleigh East, Bentleigh and Moorabbin), this Lenten retreat offers an opportunity for spiritual growth and personal reflection. Led by Fr Glenn Morris OP (prior of the Angelicum convent in Rome), the day will include talks, prayer, Stations of the Cross, personal reflection, exposition of the...
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GREAT WOMEN OF FAITH: PORTRAIT EXHIBITION BY BARBARA SKORUPA
Friday 1 March 2024, 9.00am
Sunday 10 March 2024, 4.00pm
This unique exhibition in St Patrick's Cathedral will feature 24 beautiful portraits of extraordinary women of faith by Cologne-based artist Barbara Skorupa. The portraits have been selected from the artist's collection of more than 100 paintings of extraordinary women from different cultures and eras, including Australians St Mary of the... [MORE INFO](#)