



# St Andrew's Parish News

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## THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B - 09 & 10 MARCH 2024

### OUR PARISH

#### Parish Office

76 Springs Road  
Clayton South VIC 3169

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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*

### LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO BACCHUS MARSH SATURDAY 16TH MARCH

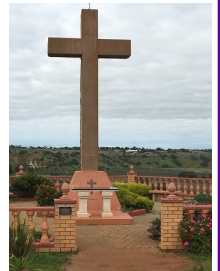
- ◆ All should arrive at Church premises 6.45am.
- ◆ Buses depart at 7am sharp.
- ◆ Please make payment this weekend to confirm seats.
- ◆ Light refreshments will be provided.
- ◆ Kindly bring along a copy of the Stations of the Cross.

**MASS, STATIONS OF THE CROSS, TIME FOR REFLECTION**

**CONTACT:**

**EDWIN B. - 0403 005 962 PEARL B. - 0425 816 942**

**BOOKINGS  
CLOSED**



### FIRST RECONCILIATION ON 14TH MARCH

A warm welcome to the school staff, all the First Reconciliation Candidates and their families as the children will make their First Reconciliation on Thursday 14th March at 6pm. May you experience the Love, Joy and Peace of Our Lord!

### PARISH TEAM

#### Parish Priest

Fr. Shibu Joseph sac  
[shibu.joseph@cam.org.au](mailto:shibu.joseph@cam.org.au)

#### Parish Team Leader

Linda De Souza (Tues/ Thurs/Fri)  
**Email:** [claytonsouth@cam.org.au](mailto:claytonsouth@cam.org.au)

#### Parish Secretary

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

#### Youth Co-ordinator

[SAYGCS21@gmail.com](mailto:SAYGCS21@gmail.com)

#### St. Andrew's Primary School

Principal: Mr. Paul Wakeling  
**Phone:** 9551 5094  
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#### R.E. Co-ordinator

Nicole Black

### ONLINE SERVICES

#### Website:

[www.standrewsclaytonsouth.org.au](http://www.standrewsclaytonsouth.org.au)

#### Daily Reflections:

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

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

"REND YOUR HEART  
AND NOT YOUR GARMENTS."  
*Joel 2:13*



## LENTEN SPIRITUAL GROWTH RETREAT

with Fr. Roni George VC,  
Director of Divine Retreat Centre, Sydney

**Date: March 19,20,21, 2024**

**Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm**

*Praise and Worship • Stations of the Cross • Confession,  
Preaching • Healing Holy Mass & Adoration*

**St. Andrew's Church,  
76 Springs Road, Clayton South, VIC 3169**

*For more information, contact Parish office: 03 9551 5666,  
email: [claytonsouth@cam.org.au](mailto:claytonsouth@cam.org.au)*

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

**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

PPT / MINISTRY COORDINATORS MEETING

The Parish Pastoral Team / Ministry Coordinators Meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th March at 6.30pm in the Parish House.



CHURCH WORKING BEE

To prepare for the Easter Triduum Services, a working bee will be held on Saturday 23rd March from 10am. If you can assist, please put your name on the sheet kept in the church foyer.

MASS ROSTERS FOR EASTER TRIDUUM SERVICES

The Mass Rosters for Easter Triduum Services are kept in the church foyer. All relevant ministry volunteers are kindly requested to put your name down on the roster sheet if you would like to assist with Reading / Commentating / Special Ministers etc.

NEW VOLUNTEERS FOR WELCOMING COMMITTEE

The Welcoming Committee invites new volunteers to join this Ministry which is usually done at the weekend Masses and Special events. If you would like to meet, greet and welcome parishioners ect, please contact the parish office via email: claytonsouth@cam.org.au or phone: 9551 5666

CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION FORMS ARE ALSO AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER

The Code of Conduct Declaration Form is a compulsory requirement for all Ministry Volunteers in the church / parish office. This form is due for renewal every 3 years. You will receive an email or notification from the parish office to renew your form. When you receive the renewal request, please fill, sign and send the form back to the office at your earliest.

The Form is also available in the church foyer. You can send the form either:

- By email OR
- Handover to the parish office OR
- Put the form in the parish mailbox.

Your timely response will be helpful.



CATHOLIC EDUCATION WEEK 2024

Sunday 10 March 2024 – Sunday 17 March 2024. Catholic Education Week is an opportunity for all Catholic schools in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate their Catholic identity, the pivotal role they play within their local community and the strength of the sector. The theme for Catholic Education Week 2024 is 'In the light of Christ'. Drawn from... [MORE INFO](#)



Happy Birthday

Phil Koo, Donna Vowles, Cynthia Menon  
Stay Blessed, Stay Young!

BAPTISM ON SUNDAY 10TH MARCH

We warmly welcome  
Margaux Alyra & McKenzie Cruz  
as they will be baptised on Sunday.  
We welcome them, their parents & Godparents.



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, **Memory** faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

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Night*

ALL parishioners are welcome to join in a night of meditative prayer, music, and candlelit silence...

ON SUNDAY 17TH MARCH AT 7PM  
AT ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH  
76 SPRINGS RD, CLAYTON SOUTH, VIC 3169  
WITH QUERIES, CONTACT: SAYGCS21@GMAIL.COM  
OR GABRIELLE NICHOLAS ON 0421 547 205



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## WEEKLY CALENDAR 2024

### Monday 11 March

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

### Tuesday 12 March

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

### Wednesday 13 March

09.15am Mass  
06.30pm PPT / Ministry Coordinators Meeting  
07.00pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)

### Thursday 14 March

09.15am Mass - Gr 5/6C / 5/6M & 5/6P  
06.00pm 1st Reconciliation  
07.00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)  
07.00pm Lenten Reflection

### Friday 15 March

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

### Saturday 16 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  
07.30pm Good Shepherd Servant Comm—P&W

### Sunday 17 March – 5th Sunday of Lent

08.00am Mass —Welcome Rite  
09.30am Mass  
11.00am 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:** Linton Dias, Jules Labonne.

**Birthday Remembrance:** Michael Hankins, Louie Grubert, Phyllis Doyle, R.E. Davey, Jerson Fernandes, Bernadine Haslam

**Monthly Remembrance:** Bosco Mario Pereira

**Death Anniversaries:** Rev. Fr. Cyril Blake, Mdm. Goh Ah Soi, Mr Loh Yang Cho, Agnes Ligory Saldhana, John Saldhana, Edward Saldhana, Flexi Saldhana, Kris Clarke, Harry Pearce, Maureen Pearce, Henry Abraham, Loreto Pineda Nallas, Anthony McIntyre, Rex Smith, Francis De Souza, Barbara Clarke, David Martis, Frank Bernard, Zanini Marilena, Justin & Eileen Van Cuylenberg, Camilo T. Hinog, Douglas Francis Fernando, Clifford Joseph Calmiano and All Souls in Purgatory.

## ROSTERS

### THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

9 / 10 MARCH 2024	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Alexia, Sophia Chanelle Hannah Joshua Edwina Andrew G	Alivia	Evan	Ryan G Justin Amelia Ahaana
<b>Comm</b>	Janet D	Marguerita	Volunteer	Linda K
<b>Readers</b>	Pearl B Cheryl L	Tanya V Rebecca G	Rosemary David G	Colette D Mara B
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Pearl B Edwin B Nial F Vanessa F	Rima J Victor T James M Maureen H	Phillipe N Carol N Hanna T Volunteer	Beata G Pat I Linda K Erlinda D
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Dona P Josephine	No C.L	Laurence Lota F	No C.L
<b>Welcomers</b>	Pearl & Edwin B	George & Riekie V	Sylvia L	Beatriz C
<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 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

16 / 17 MARCH 2024	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Alexia, Sophia Chanelle Esther T Rachel Joshua Edwina Andrew G Lachlan		Alivia Evan	Justin Ryan G
<b>Comm</b>	Jenny C	Victor T	Terry M	Lourdes R
<b>Readers</b>	Janet D Pearl B	Marcelle J Volunteer	Daniel G Rodolfo G	Joanna D Beatriz C
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Michael Erlinda D Cora D Julianne	Rima J Atanasio J Marcelle J Gazielle P	Ashlyn F Felicia F Jan Van Charles C	Gloria A Rodney N Rada P Lourdes R
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Joanna D Laurence	No C.L	Hanna T Rebecca G	No C.L
<b>Welcomers</b>	Kim & Burle D	Peter F	Anna W	Gloria A
<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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### 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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**THE 04TH SUNDAY  
IN LENT YEAR B  
10 MARCH 2024**



**FIRST READING 2Chro36:14-16.19-23**

A reading from the second book of Chronicles

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy. Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.' And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: 'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."'

**RESP PSALM Ps 136. R. v.6**

**(R.) Let my tongue be silenced, if ever I forget you!**

1. By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung our harps. (R.)
2. For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' (R.)
3. O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! (R.)
4. O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! (R.)

**SECOND READING Ephesians 2:4-10**

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

When we were dead through sins, he brought us to life. God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus. This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN3:16**

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son,  
that all who believe in him might have eternal life.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL John 3:14-21**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'



## REFLECTION – by Fr Michael Tate

**Gods Works of Art:** How does God picture us? St Paul reveals one of God’s favourite ways of regarding us. ‘We are God’s work of art, created in Christ Jesus, to live the good life as from the beginning He had intended us to live it.’ Just as an artist respects the medium he or she is working in, whether it be oils or crayon, so too God respects us as human beings with free will. Which is why His works of art don’t always look the way He intended!

Now, if one has a work of art in the house, a picture or print that means a lot to you, or perhaps the first sketch by a child, do you put it in the darkest corner of the room? Or do you allow just enough light to fall on it so as to reveal how terrific it is, why it gives you pleasure? Of course, the latter. Now, if you and I are God’s work of art, God wants exactly the same.

He wants us to be revealed in the light. What sort of light? Christ our Light. Of course, it might be necessary for the Light to dispel some darkness, some shadow dimension of our lives. In this regard Christ is a healing Light, but this is so that he might illuminate us in a way which more clearly reveals the love which the Divine Artist has for His creation.

We might take a moment to pray for the courage to expose ourselves to Christ’s healing light this Lent to be more beautifully illuminated at Easter.

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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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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!**



**St Andrew’s Church – Clayton South – VIC – 3169**  
Invites you to  
**Come and Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday**  
**Sunday – 7th April 2024**

❖ 1.00pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

❖ 1.00pm onwards Confession

❖ 1.00pm onwards Holy Rosary

❖ Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image

❖ 3.00pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet

❖ 3.15pm – Eucharistic Celebration



### Main Celebrant



**Rev. Fr Peter Duc Tran, SDB.**

## St Andrew’s Parish Family Picnic Day

SUN **21** APRIL

**12PM ONWARDS**

**VENUE: NAMATJIRA PARK**

Join us with you families:

- Bring your perfect picnic items (rug/ chairs/ food/ soft drinks/ water)
- Sausage Sizzle on sale
- Games for all ages
- Prizes to be won
- Music and Sing along

We are also looking for someone who could bake some cookies.

If you would like to sponsor or help in any way, please contact: **Parish Office: 9551 5666**

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