



St Andrew's Parish News

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

THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B - 16 & 17 MARCH 2024

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

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

Fr. Shibu Joseph sac
shibu.joseph@cam.org.au

Parish Team Leader

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

Parish Secretary

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

Youth Co-ordinator

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

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Christ with me, Christ before me,
Christ behind me, Christ in me,
Christ beneath me, Christ above me,
Christ on my right, Christ on my left,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ in the heart of every man who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me, Christ in every ear that hears me.

HAPPY
St. PATRICK'S
DAY

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH - TUE 19TH MARCH

Faithful Joseph: Teach us to listen and not be afraid to trust as you did in God's promise. **Loving Joseph:** Teach us to love courageously with a heart that is free and just. **Protector Joseph:** Teach us to protect one another and all that belongs to God. **Dreamer Joseph:** Teach us to dream a world where all are neighbours; a vision illuminated by God's light. **Teacher Joseph:** Teach us to keep the Word of God close to our hearts, and to proclaim it in word and action. **Gentle Joseph:** Teach us to be gentle with our power and strong in our tenderness. **Parent Joseph:** Teach us to be for all persons a living lesson of goodness and truth - a blessing for all generations to come. Amen.



ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH GROUP
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ignite your faith

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ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH GROUP
(SAYG) PRESENTS A

Taize Worship 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

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

“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

A warm welcome to Fr Roni George as he will lead the Lenten Retreat on March 19, 20 and 21st at St Andrew's.

Retreat Schedule

March 19

- 6:30 - Praise and Worship, Stations of the Cross
- 07:00 - Holy Mass (Surrender)
- 07:45 - Talk 08: 45- Adoration

March 20 (Confession starts from 6pm to 7:45)

- 6:30 - Praise and Worship, Stations of the Cross
- 07:00 - Holy Mass (Deliverance)
- 07:45 - Talk 08: 45- Adoration

March 21st:

- 6:30 - Praise and Worship, Stations of the Cross
- 07:00 - Holy Mass (Family)
- 07:45 - Talk 08: 30 - Adoration (Anointing Prayer)

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.

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 FOR VOLUNTEERS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER

If your renewal is due, the Form is also available in the church foyer. You can fill and send the form either:

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



Happy Birthday

Adam D'Souza, Ahaana Singh & Ryan James. **Have a nice & blessed day!**



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE 1ST RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES A sincere thanks to the school staff, parish staff and volunteers for preparing the children to receive the Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation. Thanks to the parents too for supporting the children on their Journey.

Financial Summary for 2023

Category	Account Description	2023	2023 Annual Budget
		\$	\$
Income	Thanksgiving - Loose	45,101	35,000
	Thanksgiving - Stewardship	169,192	180,000
	Donations	24,457	20,000
	Fundraising	8,000	12,000
	Other Income	35,030	25,800
Total Income		281,780	272,800
Expenses	Archdiocese Levy	-16,676	-16,675
	Insurance	-17,135	-23,500
	Maintenance and Gardening	-11,245	-22,000
	Printing and Office Expenses	-22,785	-40,482
	Salary Expenses	-89,144	-67,300
	General Expenses	-29,772	-17,718
	Utilities	-9,485	-16,000
Total Expenses		-196,242	-203,675
Operating Surplus		85,538	69,125

Dear Parishioners, I am pleased to report that our Parish experienced another financially successful year, achieving an operating surplus of \$85,538. Through your continued generosity and commitment we exceeded our budgeted income by approximately \$9,000. Prudent and careful management of expenditure achieved savings of over \$7,000 against budget.

Over the past few years, the Finance Committee has carefully utilised some of the surplus funds to reduce our Parish loan that was borrowed for the renovation of the Church. I am pleased to convey that the Parish made its final repayment in December 2023 and is now debt free. The loan was repaid significantly earlier than anticipated and this has subsequently saved the Parish thousands of dollars in interest charges.

We will continue to invest in our pastoral programs and ensure our buildings and facilities are well maintained. This cannot be achieved without your generous support.

Fr Shibu Joseph
Parish Priest

Charlie Mellican
Accountant



CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



WEEKLY CALENDAR 2024

Monday 18 March

09.15am Mass
 07.00pm Choir Practice (11am Choir)
 07.00pm Social Committee Meeting

Tuesday 19 March

10.30am Friendship Group - Bingo
 06.30pm Lenten Retreat - Day 1

Wednesday 20 March

09.15am Mass - Prep C & Prep R
 06.30pm Lenten Retreat / Confessions - Day 2

Thursday 21 March

09.15am Mass - Gr 3/4 C & 3/4 W
 06.30pm Lenten Retreat - Day 3

Friday 22 March

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

Saturday 23 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
 07.30pm Good Shepherd Servant Comm—P&W

Sunday 24 March – Palm Sunday

08.00am Mass
 09.30am Mass
 11.00am Mass
 12.30pm Baptisms

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: Celine Faria, Kris Clarke, Aloma Misquith.

Birthday Remembrance: Joseph Pinto, Maria Urban, Andrea Rigley, Flory & George Weston, Dominica & Victor D’Cruz, Irene Brewty. Frank D’Cruz, Francisco Castel, Marie Rodrigues.

Monthly Remembrance: Philomena Fernandez

Death Anniversaries: Gloria Velupillai, Teresita Biligan, Clifford Joseph Calmiano, Bernard Lazarus, Henry Albert, Aurea Frias, Edna Marshall, Rita Moss, Arthur & Ludvina Menezes, Daniel & Anne-Marie Lan Youn Foong, Nugent Geer, Zena, Vincent Cleur, Leo Alvares, Terrance & Lilly Rodrigues, Valerie Henriques, Souls of Fricot Family, Geer Family, Fernandez Family, Forgotten Souls & All Souls in purgatory.

ROSTERS

THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR B

16 / 17 MARCH 2024	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Alexia, Sophia Chanelle Esther T Rachel Joshua Edwina Andrew G Lachlan		Alivia Evan	Justin Ryan G
Comm	Cheryl R	Victor T	Terry M	Lourdes R
Readers	Janet D Pearl B	Marcelle J Volunteer	Daniel G Rodolfo G	Joanna D Beatriz C
Special Ministers	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
Children’s Liturgy	Joanna D Laurence	No C.L	Hanna T Rebecca G	No C.L
Welcomers	Kim & Burle D	Peter F	Anna W	Gloria A
Altar L.	Sylvia Lawrence			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			

PALM SUNDAY - YEAR B

23 / 24 MARCH 2024	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Justin, Noah Sophia Joshua Alexia Mateo		Alivia Evan	Amelia Ahaana
Comm	Youth Mass	Jennie D	Felicia F	Maria B
Readers Narrator	Youth Mass Chantelle	Patricia C Lota F Marcelle	Jan Van R Gabrielle Rodolfo	Ronald B Emma B Ronald 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	Oreen T Meryl H	No C.L	Romain S Helena N	No C.L
Welcomers	Pearl & Edwin B	George & Riekie V	Laurence B	Claire R
Altar L.	Claudette Chung			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			



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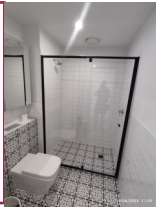


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A WELL WISHER FOR THE PARISH OF ST. ANDREW'S

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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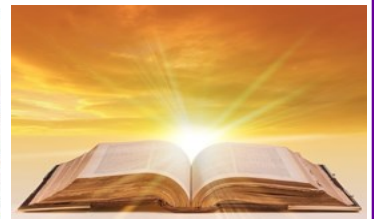
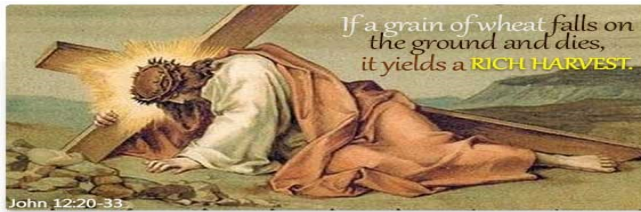
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**THE 05TH SUNDAY
IN LENT YEAR B
17 MARCH 2024**



FIRST READING Jeremiah 31:31-34

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

See, the days are coming – it is the Lord who speaks – when I will make a new covenant with the House of Israel and the House of Judah, but not a covenant like the one I made with their ancestors on the day I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. They broke that covenant of mine, so I had to show them who was master. It is the Lord who speaks. No, this is the covenant I will make with the House of Israel when those days arrive – it is the Lord who speaks. Deep within them I will plant my Law, writing it on their hearts. Then I will be their God and they shall be my people. There will be no further need for neighbour to try to teach neighbour, or brother to say to brother, ‘Learn to know the Lord!’ No, they will all know me, the least no less than the greatest – it is the Lord who speaks – since I will forgive their iniquity and never call their sin to mind.

RESP PSALM Ps 50:3-4. 12-15. R. v.12

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)
2. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)
3. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. (R.)

SECOND READING Hebrews 5:7-9

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

During his life on earth, Christ offered up prayer and entreaty, aloud and in silent tears, to the one who had the power to save him out of death, and he submitted so humbly that his prayer was heard.

Although he was Son, he learnt to obey through suffering; but having been made perfect, he became for all who obey him the source of eternal salvation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 12:26

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and
where I am, my servant will also be.

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL John 12:20-33

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. These approached Philip, who came from Bethsaida in Galilee, and put this request to him, ‘Sir, we should like to see Jesus.’ Philip went to tell Andrew, and Andrew and Philip together went to tell Jesus. Jesus replied to them: ‘Now the hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. I tell you most solemnly, unless a wheat grain falls on the ground and dies, it remains only a single grain; but if it dies, it yields a rich harvest. Anyone who loves his life loses it; anyone who hates his life in this world will keep it for the eternal life. If a man serves me, he must follow me, wherever I am, my servant will be there too. If anyone serves me, my Father will honour him. Now my soul is troubled. What shall I say: Father, save me from this hour? But it was for this very reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name!’ A voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’

People standing by, who heard this, said it was a clap of thunder; others said, ‘It was an angel speaking to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘It was not for my sake that this voice came, but for yours.

‘Now sentence is being passed on this world; now the prince of this world is to be overthrown. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I shall draw all men to myself.’

By these words he indicated the kind of death he would die.

REFLECTION – by Fr Michael Tate



We want to see Jesus: I can observe a baby, but the parents ‘see’ their baby very differently. They gaze with total fascination, trying to perceive what this little bundle of flesh is really all about, trying to get an insight into its personality, visualising a possible future, hoping for a response. This Gospel passage begins with a request from some Greeks ‘to see Jesus’, surely in all the ways parents see their baby.

They were trying to perceive what this Jesus was really all about, trying to get an insight into his personality, imagining a possible future, hoping for a response. And there was a response full of allusions to the future. Jesus was as a grain of wheat. He died and was buried in the earth and that death was fruitful for the whole of humankind. He foresaw being nailed to the cross which would be dropped upright into a hole in the ground. Our Lord says of that scene: ‘When I am lifted up I will draw all people to myself.’ How were people drawn to this scene? People saw the length to which Jesus was

prepared to go in order to persevere in his mission to live out the message that his Heavenly Father was full of mercy and wanted all people to share in Divine Life. This led to his being lifted up on the cross, being buried in the ground like a grain of wheat, only to rise to new life.

We could take a moment to pray that we will shortly see all this with the eyes of faith as we participate in the rituals of Good Friday and 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 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!**



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**

Cheryl Rodrigues: 0490 659 344
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St. Andrew's Catholic Parish

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

HOLY WEEK & EASTER PROGRAM 2024

Tue/Wed/Thu 19,20 & 21 March	06.30 - 09.00pm	Lenten Retreat led by Father Roni George VC (Director, Divine Retreat Centre, Sydney) (Rosary, Mass, Adoration, Anointing & Confession)
Friday 22 nd March	09.15am Mass for the sick	Anointing within Mass & Holy Communion to the housebound (Kindly contact Parish Office to register)
PALM SUNDAY		
Sat & Sunday 23 rd & 24 th March	06.00pm 08.00am 09.30am 11.00am	Blessing of the Palms, Procession & Mass in the Church
EASTER TRIDUUM – in School Hall		
Holy Thursday 28 th March	07.30pm	<u>NO MORNING MASS</u> Mass of the Lord's Supper in the school hall followed by Repose of the Altar in the church. Silent Adoration until midnight in the Church
Good Friday 29 th March	10.00am 03.00pm	Stations of the Cross – Bald Hill Park (PTO for details) Commemoration of the Passion & Death of our Lord Jesus Christ in the School Hall
Holy Saturday 30 th March	07.30pm	Easter Vigil Mass in the School Hall
Easter Sunday 31 st March	08.30am 10.30am	Mass in the Church Mass in the Church
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY		
Divine Mercy Feast 07 th April	1pm – 3pm 3.15pm	Confessions / Holy Rosary / Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Led by Fr. Peter Duc Tran SDB (Lysterfield) Divine Mercy Mass followed by afternoon tea.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CLAYTON SOUTH

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The custom of walking the Stations of the Cross is a revered devotion which has its origins in the early Christian pilgrimages to the holy places of Jerusalem.

"...as we walk with Jesus, and believe in Jesus, and become friends and companions with him as Saviour and friend, may we grow in a greater faith in him, and also to love and care for one another."

- **START & CONCLUSION: ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH**
- **WALKING TO BALD HILL PARK FROM 10AM**
- **STATIONS AND REFLECTIONS ARE LED BY FAMILIES**
- **KINDLY BRING THE JUBILEE CROSS ALONG**

GOOD FRIDAY
10AM

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US IN THIS JOURNEY



TO MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE AND SOLEMNITY, PLEASE TURN OFF AND REFRAIN FROM USING PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS