



St Andrew's Parish News

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

THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 25 & 26 JANUARY 2025

OUR PARISH

Parish Office

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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

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

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Smita Pinto (Tue/Wed)
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School R.E. Co-ordinator

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AUSTRALIA DAY



Australia Day is an opportunity to celebrate our cultural diversity and rich migrant heritage, which is very much part of our unique Australian identity and has helped shape a nation proud of its strong and successful multiculturalism. Regardless of our origins or our past, it's a day for Australians from all backgrounds and communities to come together to share stories, embrace our diversity, and celebrate our unity. We all belong, and we all contribute to this nation's story and achievements. May the celebrations of Australia Day this year fill your hearts, souls and homes with happiness.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025

Welcome to St. Andrew's Parish Religious Education Program 2025, for children receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation, First Eucharist & Confirmation in 2025. Classes are held on Tuesdays of school terms from 4pm to 5pm. The classes are designed to provide for the religious education of children outside the catholic school system and include the preparation of children to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation in Year 3, First Eucharist in Year 4 and Confirmation in Year 6. These are the minimum age requirements for each Sacrament. However older children who need to prepare are welcome to join.

For more details and enrolment, kindly contact the parish office or Mable Tsang, pastoral worker. **Email:** Mable.Tsang@cam.org.au **Phone:** 03 9551 5666.



PHOTOS FROM FEAST OF SANTO NIÑO



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



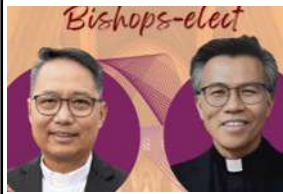
Happy Birthday

Joe De Souza, Kristine Ocampo, Daniel Garduce, Susan Mynott, Mark Ocampo, Sophia Ocampo, Janice Fredricks, Fr. Paul, Solange Lahausse, Serge Fricot, Niel Boccongo, Peter Francis (70), Shiral F.

KEEP US UP TO DATE! Have you changed address recently? Has your mobile number changed? Do we have your email? It's important that we have your up-to-date contact information details. Please email any changes to claytonsouth@cam.org.au

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS – 7TH FEBRUARY

You are most welcome to join Rosary, 9.15am Mass, followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Divine Mercy Prayers and Benediction.



Most Rev Thinh Xuan Nguyen and Most Rev Rene Ramirez RCJ Bishop Elects

The Episcopal Ordination for the Bishops-elect is to take place on Saturday 1 February 2025 10am at St Patrick’s Cathedral, Melbourne. St. Andrew’s Parish them God’s Blessing and kindly keep them in your prayers.

BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

The next Baptism Preparation Night will be held on Wednesday 5th March 2025 at 7.30pm in the parish house. To register, please contact the parish office via email: claytonsouth@cam.org.au or Tel: 9551 5666

Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage 2025

Bookings are now open for the Archdiocese of Melbourne’s Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage 2025. This pilgrimage is open to Catholics aged between 18 and 30 years. Harvest Journeys is the pilgrimage provider, and Fr Jude Johnson will accompany the pilgrims as their chaplain.

This graced and hope-filled journey will take in the towns and cities of Italy, the homes of great saints like St Francis and St Clare—and soon-to-be canonised saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati—before culminating in a visit to the Eternal City of Rome, where we will walk through the Holy Doors of St Peter’s Basilica and participate in the Jubilee celebrations. Embark on an incredible pilgrimage to encounter God and deepen your faith with fellow pilgrims. Registrations for this pilgrimage will close on Friday 11 April 2025. Book now and be a pilgrim of hope! See Details here

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We are happy to announce that St. Andrew’s Parish is recruiting parishioners from the age of 6 to 11 and 12 to 17 to form new groups of Junior and Intermediate Legion of Mary Praesidia. Legion of Mary is a Catholic Laity organization founded in 1921 in Dublin, Ireland with the object of glorifying God through the holiness of its members developed by prayer and active co-operation, under ecclesiastical guidance. The spirit of the Legion of Mary is that of Mary herself.



For more details and information, you are welcome to contact Mable Tsang, pastoral worker at Email: Mable.Tsang@cam.org.au or Phone: 03 9551 5666

GIVING via QR CODE To support financially our parish, you can make a donation by scanning this QR code which is unique to St. Andrew’s Church, Clayton South. It will give you direct access to the CDF pay webpage by following a few easy steps. The QR code is also displayed in the Church foyer. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support to the parish.



FINANCE



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!



CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



WEEKLY CALENDAR 27 JAN 2025

Monday 27 January

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

Tuesday 28 January - St Thomas Aquinas

07.00pm Mass / Novena to St Jude
07.00pm St Vincent De Paul Meeting

Wednesday 29 January

09.15am Mass
07.00pm RCIA Meeting

Thursday 30 January

09.15am Mass
07.00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)

Friday 31 January - St John Bosco

09.15am Mass

Saturday 01 February

09.15am Mass
10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)
06.00pm Mass

Sunday 02 February - The PRESENTATION of the LORD

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



REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

Pray For Healing: Candice Walker, Alexander, Felipe and Anne, Dom Carlos Ximenes Belo, Oemoe Jong, Eugene Roberts, Alyson.

Recently Deceased: Shirley Peters, Corrys Nellis, Adly Guirguis, Francesca Fuccio,

Birthday Remembrance:

Monthly Remembrance:

Death Anniversaries: Vincent D'Rozario, Prema Fonseka, Douglas Fernando, Antoinette Guirguis, Barabara Clarke, Kay McNeil, Alex and Eileen Ebellin, Frank & Denzil Abraham, Mini Jackson, Tony & Avril Mazzarello, Cyril Grant, Merlyn Grant, Rosy Ouseph, Souls of Lumapas Fly, Cortes Family, Caballero Family Aricayos Family, Forgotten Souls / Holy Souls / All Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

25 & 26 JAN 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers				
Comm	Edwin B	Jennie D	Oka G	Beatriz C
Readers	Muskaan Lota F	Patricia C Victor T	Jan Van R Gabrielle	Maria B Linda K
Special Ministers	Cheryl R Anne L F Jenny C Volunteer	Marguerita Marlene E Marcelle J Victor T	Hanna T Carol N Linda M Rodolfo G	Beata G Pat I Linda K Erlinda D
Welcomers	Pearl B	Peter F	Carol N	Claire R
Altar L.	Claudette Chung			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			

THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD - YEAR C

01 & 02 FEB 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers				
Comm	Edwin B	Neddie A	Rosemary	Linda K
Readers	Ado F Cheryl L	Marguerita Victor T	Ighadalo E Gabrielle	Linda K Anna L
Special Ministers	Oreen T Cheryl L Marilyn W Pierre W	George V Riekie V Rebecca G Atanasio J	Angela H Jan Van R Linda M Rodolfo G	Ean B Beatriz C Rada P Rodney N
Welcomers	Xavier F	Santosh S	Anna W	Joanna D
Altar L.	Laurence B			
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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**THE 03RD SUNDAY
IN ORD TIME - C
26TH JAN 2025**



FIRST READING Neh 8:2-6. 8-10

A reading from the book of Nehemiah

Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, consisting of men, women, and children old enough to understand. This was the first day of the seventh month. On the square before the Water Gate, in the presence of the men and women, and children old enough to understand, he read from the book from early morning till noon; all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden dais erected for the purpose. In full view of all the people – since he stood higher than all the people – Ezra opened the book; and when he opened it all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people raised their hands and answered Amen! Amen!; then they bowed down and, face to the ground, prostrated themselves before the Lord. And Ezra read from the Law of God, translating and giving the sense, so that the people understood what was read.

Then Nehemiah – His Excellency – and Ezra, priest and scribe (and the Levites who were instructing the people) said to all the people, ‘This day is sacred to the Lord your God. Do not be mournful, do not weep’. For the people were all in tears as they listened to the words of the Law.

He then said, ‘Go, eat the fat, drink the sweet wine, and send a portion to the man who has nothing prepared ready. For this day is sacred to our Lord. Do not be sad: the joy of the Lord is your stronghold.’

RESP PSALM Ps 8:8-15

(R.) Your words, Lord, are spirit and life.

1. The law of the Lord is perfect,
it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted,
it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)
2. The precepts of the Lord are right,
they gladden the heart.
The command of the Lord is clear,
it gives light to the eyes. (R.)
3. The fear of the Lord is holy,
abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth
and all of them just. (R.)

4. May the spoken words of my mouth,
the thoughts of my heart,
win favour in your sight, O Lord,
my rescuer, my rock! (R.)

SECOND READING 1 COR 12:12-14, 27

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians
Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Nor is the body to be identified with any one of its many parts. Now you together are Christ’s body; but each of you is a different part of it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LUKE 4:18

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor
and freedom to prisoners.

Alleluia.

GOSPEL Luke 1:1-4. 4:14-21

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Seeing that many others have undertaken to draw up accounts of the events that have taken place among us, exactly as these were handed down to us by those who from the outset were eyewitnesses and ministers of the word, I in my turn, after carefully going over the whole story from the beginning, have decided to write an ordered account for you, Theophilus, so that your Excellency may learn how well founded the teaching is that you have received.

Jesus, with the power of the Spirit in him, returned to Galilee; and his reputation spread throughout the countryside. He taught in their synagogues and everyone praised him.

He came to Nazara, where he had been brought up, and went into the synagogue on the sabbath day as he usually did. He stood up to read, and they handed him the scroll of the prophet Isaiah. Unrolling the scroll he found the place where it is written:

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me, for he has anointed me. He has sent me to bring the good news to the poor, to proclaim liberty to captives and to the blind new sight, to set the downtrodden free, to proclaim the Lord’s year of favour. He then rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the assistant and sat down. And all eyes in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to speak to them, ‘This text is being fulfilled today even as you listen.’

REFLECTION – by Fr Michael Tate

Relax: You are Accepted What The prophet Isaiah had drafted a manifesto for divine action in the world. Jesus of Nazareth is divine action in the world, and no doubt his fellow villagers in Nazara would have been thrilled that one of theirs would 'set the downtrodden free'.

But, in proclaiming 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', Jesus inaugurated a revolutionary phase within the Jewish tradition. He invited people to relax!! Holiness is not a matter of our striving, but of accepting that we are accepted by the All Merciful God. Good works should follow in response, but good works don't gain our acceptance by God.

How does one best show acceptance of someone, forgiveness of someone, friendship with someone? One relaxes over a meal together. This was Jesus' characteristic way of embodying Divine Acceptance in our world. It still is.

We might pause for a moment to relax into the saving fact that we exist in 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', that this acceptance is signified and effected by our sharing in the Bread of Life and the Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion which gives us the energy to help make Divine Acceptance a reality for others.



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Celebrating Jubilee 2025

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us
into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within
both humanity and the whole cosmos
in the sure expectation
of a new heaven and a new earth,
when, with the powers of Evil vanquished,
your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee
reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*,
a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread
the joy and peace of our Redeemer
throughout the earth.

To you our God, eternally blessed,
be glory and praise for ever.

Amen

Franciscus

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FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St. Thomas Aquinas - January 28



The Roman Catholic Church celebrates Saint Thomas Aquinas, the 13th century theologian who showed that the Catholic faith is in harmony with philosophy and all other branches of knowledge.

Thomas was born during 1225 into a noble family, having relatives among the rulers of the Holy Roman Empire. His father Landolph was the Count of Aquino, and his mother Theodora, the Countess of Teano. At age five, Thomas was sent to study at Monte Cassino, the abbey founded by St. Benedict.

St. John Bosco - January 31

Born in Piedmont (Italy) in 1815 and died at Turin on 31st Jan 1888. Grew up in extreme poverty and after ordination devoted his whole life to educating young people, especially the poor. Founded the Salesians, men and women who continue this work with youth. Remembered for his cheerfulness and total trust in the providence of God.

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