



St Andrew's Parish News

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

THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 15TH AND 16TH FEBRUARY 2025

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

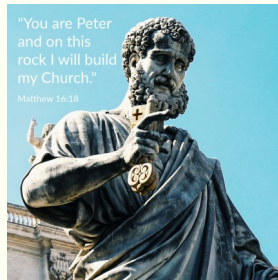
Baptism & Wedding

Please contact the Parish Office

Funeral

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FEAST OF THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER THE APOSTLE - 22 FEB



Each year on February 22, the Church celebrates the **Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter, Apostle**. This unique feast honors not only Saint Peter himself but also the divinely instituted office he held as the first pope, the Vicar of Christ on earth.

The "chair" symbolizes his teaching authority and the unity of the Church under the successor of

Peter.

In an age where truth is often challenged and division threatens unity, the Feast of the Chair of Saint Peter reminds us of the importance of fidelity to the teachings of Christ as safeguarded by the Church's magisterium. It is a day to pray for the pope and for unity among all Christians, that they may remain steadfast in the faith handed down from the apostles.

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Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible

The Bible Study group at St Andrew's will commence the study *Unlocking the Mystery of the Bible* on 20th February 2025 at 7pm in the Parish House.

The study comprises of 8 sessions. Each session will commence with a lively group discussion followed by an informative and engaging half-hour video presented by Jeff Cavins.

This study will help you uncover the story woven through Scripture with its clever narrative approach and ingenious colour-coded Bible timeline. It is a great way to get the "big picture" of the Bible and see how our Catholic Faith is rooted in Scripture. You will see how the Bible reveals God's living plan for your life and learn helpful ways to put your faith into practice.

The group will meet each Thursday in the Parish house at 7pm. During lent, the group will take a break to cater for the Lenten program and continue after Easter.

To register, please contact Ean Brewty on 0457 527 633 (or) via email ebrewty@hotmail.com. Thank You.

St. Andrew's Parish, Clayton South is committed to the safety, wellbeing & dignity of all children, young people & vulnerable adults.

PARISH NEWS



Happy Birthday

Romain Silva, Yasus Sugimoto,
Aidan Lawrence, Rada Perfetto.
Have a nice day!

Happy Wedding Anniversary Tyron Cabral and
Melissa Thompson. Have a wonderful day!

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.

LEARN TO PRAY WITH ANDRÉ REGNIER

(founder: Catholic Christian Ministries, Canada)

Tuesday 18 February 2025, 7pm – 9.15pm,
St John Vianney's Parish Hall, 23 Police Rd Mulgrave



*Do you desire a deeper encounter with God?
Do you want to be consistent with your prayer routine, & deal with distractions that come up?*

Join us for a practical evening for the distracted and busy that will unlock a richer prayer life! Andre Regnier, co-founder of Catholic Christian Outreach and a leader in missionary outreach and ministry, will guide you through 5 steps to a daily prayer life.

You will come away with a clear, step-by-step approach to establish a prayer routine that fits your life and practical strategies to turn silence into sacred moments. All are welcome.

A HEARTFELT THANK YOU - ST VINCENT DE PAUL

St Vincent de Paul Society members would like to thank our dear parishioners for their generous contribution towards the Christmas giving tree. The total amount raised is \$1575.75 which will go a long way in assisting the works of the society, and to support our companions who are in most need of help. A big thank you for your continued generosity. God bless you and your families.

PANCAKE WEEKEND—1ST & 2ND MARCH

Mark your calendars! Our delicious Pancake Weekend is happening on Saturday 1st & Sunday 2nd March after all weekend Masses. Join us for a sweet treat and great company! We look forward to seeing you there!



2025 YOUTH MASSES

LED BY ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH GROUP (SAYG)

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EVERY 4TH WEEKEND OF THE MONTH



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



CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



WEEKLY CALENDAR 17 FEB 2025

Monday 17 February

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

Tuesday 18 February

10.30am Friendship Group— BBQ
04.00pm Sacramental Program
07.00pm Mass / Novena to St Jude

Wednesday 19 February

09.15am Mass
12.30pm Choir Practice
07.00pm RCIA Meeting
07.00pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)

Thursday 20 February

09.15am Mass
10.30am Mass at Clarinda Manor
07.00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)

Friday 21 February

09.15am Mass
11.00am Rosary / Funeral Mass - Antoine David
07.00pm Youth Quarterly Meeting

Saturday 22 February—The Chair of St Peter

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

Sunday 23 February - (7th Sun in Ordinary Time)

08.00am Mass
09.30am Mass / RCIA
11.00am Mass - Baptism Ceremony

REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY



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

Alyson, Uttam Sharma

Recently Deceased: Antoine David

Birthday Remembrance:

Monthly Remembrance:

Death Anniversaries: Shirley Ann Peters, Clarence D'Lazarus, Teresa D'Lazarus, Irene Antoine Lamaletie, Allain Philippe Thomas, Angela Rivans, Lorriane Altouvas, Stephanie Lam Loong In, Forgotten Souls, Holy Souls, All Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

15 & 16 FEB 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Alexia Sophia Joshua Noah Edwina Chanelle		Evan Alivia	Ryan G
Comm	Cheryl R	Victor T	Terry M	Maria B
Readers	Cheryl L Janet D	Marcelle J Neddie A	Angela H Oka G	Joanna D Beatriz C
Special Ministers	Michael Xavier F Cora D Julianne	Rima J Atanasio J Marguerita Rebecca G	Angela H Rodolfo G Jan Van R Linda M	Rodney N Rada P Ean B Volunteer
Welcomers	Xavier F	George & Riekie V	Anna W	Beatriz C
Children's Liturgy	Joanna D Laurence	No C.L.	Rebecca G Annette S	No C.L.
Altar L.	Sheila Francis			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			

THE 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

22 & 23 FEB 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Alexia Edwina Sophia Lachlan Jackson Edwina		Alivia Evan Joshua Isabelle	Ryan G
Comm	Youth Mass	Jennie D	Oka G	Beatriz C
Readers	Youth Mass	Lynette F Rebecca G	Jan Van R Gabrielle	Anna L Volunteer
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	Edwin & Pearl B	Peter F	Carol N	Joanna D
Children's Liturgy	Dona P Oreen T	No C.L.	Romain S Ishdha P	No C.L.
Altar L.	Claudette Chung			
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

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 06TH SUNDAY
IN ORD TIME - YR C
16TH FEB 2025**



FIRST READING Jeremiah 17:5-8

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah

The Lord says this:

‘A curse on the man who puts his trust in man,
who relies on things of flesh,
whose heart turns from the Lord.
He is like dry scrub in the wastelands:
if good comes, he has no eyes for it,
he settles in the parched places of the wilderness,
a salt land, uninhabited.

‘A blessing on the man who puts his trust in the
Lord, with the Lord for his hope.
He is like a tree by the waterside
that thrusts its roots to the stream:
when the heat comes it feels no alarm,
its foliage stays green;
it has no worries in a year of drought,
and never ceases to bear fruit.’

RESP PSALM Ps 1:1-4.7R.Ps39:5

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

1. Happy indeed is the man
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;
nor lingers in the way of sinners
nor sits in the company of scorners,
but whose delight is the law of the Lord
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)
2. He is like a tree that is planted
beside the flowing waters,
that yields its fruit in due season
and whose leaves shall never fade;
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)
3. Not so are the wicked, not so!
For they like winnowed chaff
shall be driven away by the wind.
For the Lord guards the way of the just
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

SECOND READING¹ Corinthians 15:12,16-20

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

If Christ raised from the dead is what has been preached, how can some of you be saying that there is

no resurrection of the dead? For if the dead are not raised, Christ has not been raised, and if Christ has not been raised, you are still in your sins. And what is more serious, all who have died in Christ have perished. If our hope in Christ has been for this life only, we are the most unfortunate of all people.

But Christ has in fact been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LUKE 6:23

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad; your reward is great in heaven.

Alleluia

GOSPEL Luke 6:17.20-26

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus came down with the Twelve and stopped at a piece of level ground where there was a large gathering of his disciples with a great crowd of people from all parts of Judaea and from Jerusalem and from the coastal region of Tyre and Sidon who had come to hear him and to be cured of their diseases.

Then fixing his eyes on his disciples he said:

‘How happy are you who are poor: yours is the kingdom of God.

Happy you who are hungry now: you shall be satisfied.

Happy you who weep now: you shall laugh.

‘Happy are you when people hate you, drive you out, abuse you, denounce your name as criminal, on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice when that day comes and dance for joy, for then your reward will be great in heaven. This was the way their ancestors treated the prophets.

‘But alas for you who are rich: you are having your consolation now.

Alas for you who have your fill now: you shall go hungry.

Alas for you who laugh now: you shall mourn and weep.

‘Alas for you when the world speaks well of you! This was the way their ancestors treated the false prophets.’

REFLECTION – by Fr Michael Tate

Not a Celestial Joke! : *Blessed* are the poor? – the hungry? – those who mourn? What is Jesus doing in these Beatitudes? Jesus was not a ‘pie in the sky’ dreamer saying: ‘You are destitute, hungry now. Don’t worry, you will be okay in paradise in the long distant future.’ *That* would be a cruel celestial joke.

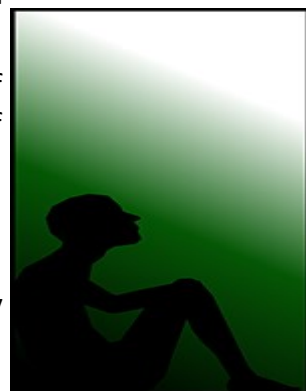
Rather, Jesus was setting about the task of creating a new sort of society, the Kingdom of God on earth, in which the destitute, the starving, the weeping, are *blessed* in the sense that they can expect their suffering to be alleviated, companions to be found in their distress.

The Divine imperative is that His followers break out of their comfort zone of plenty of money, full stomachs, much to laugh about. They must enter into the harsh reality of other people’s destitute, starving, weeping lives. Woe to them if they do not.

Can Our Lord look into the heart of each one of us living in our comfortable world, and then with confidence turn to that *other* world and recite the Beatitudes?

We might pause for a moment, recognise that Jesus’ credibility is on the line, and pray that His Father’s will be done on *earth* as it is in Heaven.

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Upcoming night works from 20 Feb: Centre Rd, Clayton and Oakleigh South

The Department of Transport and Planning will be delivering vital maintenance works on two sections of Centre Road:

- between Huntingdale Road and Springs Road, Oakleigh South; and between McNaughton Road and Haughton Road, Clayton. Works are expected to start from the evening of **Thursday 20 February** and be completed by **mid-March**, with crews working between **8:30pm** and **5am**. No works will take place on Friday or Saturday nights. Crews will complete works between Huntingdale Road and Springs Road first, before moving to the McNaughton Road and Haughton Road section. Dates and times are subject to change due to weather conditions and the contractor’s program of works.

During working hours, you can expect:

- Road closures on Centre Road with signed detours in place (see detour maps attached and details below). **Access to properties within the road closure areas will be maintained.**
 - **Huntingdale Rd – Springs Rd, Oakleigh South:** Centre Road will be closed between Clarinda Road and Clayton Road with a signed detour in place via Clarinda Road, Dingley Bypass and Clayton Road.
 - **McNaughton Rd – Haughton Rd, Clayton:** Centre Road will be closed between Clayton Road and Westall Road with a signed detour in place via Clayton Road, Heatherton Road, Westall Road, Dandenong Road/Princes Highway, North Road, Warrigal Road and Centre Road.
 - Periods of high noise levels, vibrations, and dust – we’ll work to minimise these impacts as much as possible.
 - Crew use modern equipment to keep noise to a minimum, however, the works will unavoidably emit some noise and light. For the safety of road users and workers on site, reversing beepers are required on all machinery.
 - Periods where parking within the work zones on Centre Road will be restricted. We will contact affected property owners and work to maintain access.
 - Periods where section of the footpath on Centre Road will be closed. Please observe footpath closures and alternative route signage in place.
- A reduced speed limit during works to ensure the safety of crews and all road users.

Further project information is available on our webpage:

[Centre Road maintenance works - Transport Victoria](#)

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