



St Andrew's Parish News

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THE 7TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 22ND AND 23RD FEBRUARY 2025

OUR PARISH

Parish Office

76 Springs Road
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Phone: 9551 5666
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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

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School R.E. Co-ordinator

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THANK YOU TO FR PRINCE

A heartfelt thanks to Fr Prince for celebrating all the Masses and assisting when needed at St Andrew's during Fr Shibu's absence. We wish Fr Prince a fruitful journey as he endeavours his future plans ahead. Thank you Fr Prince! A morning tea will be held on Monday 24 Feb to thank and appreciate Father. Kindly bring a plate to share. Thanks!

YOUTH MASS ON SATURDAY 22ND FEB

A warm welcome to the SAYG Youth Group as they have their 1st Youth Mass for 2025 on Saturday 22nd February at 6pm. All are welcome!



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!

You may wish to make a gold coin donation on the day.

FRANCISCAN SISTER OF THE EUCHARIST RAFFAELLA PETRINI, SECRETARY-GENERAL OF THE OFFICE GOVERNING VATICAN CITY STATE, WILL BECOME PRESIDENT OF THE OFFICE ON 1ST MARCH, THE VATICAN CONFIRMED.

Appearing on talk show *Che Tempo Che Fa* on 19 January, Pope Francis said that the process of women being given leadership roles in the Roman Curia 'is something that has gone slowly', but would continue with Sr Petrini talking over the governor's office. Sr Petrini, 56, was born in Rome and made her perpetual vows with the US-based Franciscan Sisters of the Eucharist in 2007.



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

PARISH NEWS



Happy Birthday Gerry Davis,
Carmen Williams, Marian Johnstone,
Philip Nadal, Zaina Kalify. Have a nice day!



BAPTISM ON SUNDAY 23RD FEB

We warmly welcome

Willow Baker Thomas

As she will be baptised in our community
on Sunday. We welcome her, her parents & Godparents.

PALM LEAVES FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

If you have last year's or previous year's blessed palm leaves at home, kindly bring it to the church and place them in the containers kept in the church foyer latest by next weekend 1st & 2nd March. Thank you.



BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

The next Baptism Preparation Night will be held on Wednesday 5th March at 7.30pm in the parish house. To register, please contact the parish office.

PARISHIONER'S THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTIONS – CREDIT CARD & BANK ACCOUNT CHANGES

We wish to advise all parishioners of changes to those who contribute to St Andrews Parish's Stewardship program by credit card and bank account.

Due to confidentiality and security reasons, we request that if a parishioner is to update their credit card/bank account details NOT to submit details via email to the Parish Office.

We kindly ask that you give your new/updated details on a Thanksgiving Pledge Card (tick CHANGES TO PLEDGE) or drop off a note to the Parish Office.

The credit card/bank account number will be redacted on the form once the information is uploaded into our PACEM database. (NOTE: as have those of previous parishioner's details)

LOST RING A Gold ring was lost at the New Year's Eve Dance. If anyone has found the ring, please contact the parish office on 9551 5666 or email: claytonsouth@cam.org.au - Thank you.

POPE FRANCIS APPOINTS AUXILIARY BISHOP FOR SYDNEY—FR TONY PERCY

The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference has welcomed the appointment by Pope Francis of a new auxiliary bishop for the Archdiocese of Sydney.



Fr Tony Percy, 62, is currently the parish priest in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn parish of St Gregory's, Queanbeyan.

His episcopal consecration is scheduled for 2 May at St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney.

'Fr Tony will bring to his new role as bishop a wealth of experience from his parish ministry and leadership of the seminary in Sydney,' said Archbishop Costelloe.

'His deep faith, prayerful approach to ministry and commitment to service will make him an invaluable addition to the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.'

Ordained priest in December 1990, Fr Tony served in the parishes of Young, Queanbeyan, Arian Park, Ardlethan and Barellan.

Following theological studies in the United States, he served as parish priest in Goulburn before being invited by Cardinal George Pell in 2008 to head the Seminary of the Good Shepherd in Homebush, Sydney. Fr Tony returned to Canberra in 2015 to be vicar-general of the archdiocese, during which time he served in the parishes of Wanniasa and Queanbeyan.

JUBILEE OF YOUTH PILGRIMAGE 2025 Bookings are 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.

Registrations for this pilgrimage will close on Friday 11 April 2025. Book now and be a pilgrim of hope!

Pilgrimage Dates: 21st July 2025 – 5th August 2025

Embark on an incredible pilgrimage to encounter God and deepen your faith with fellow pilgrims.

More info here at: [Melbourne Catholic](https://www.melbourne.catholic.org.au)



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WEEKLY CALENDAR 24 FEB 2025

Monday 24 February

09.15am Mass
07.00pm Choir Practice (11am Choir)
07.00pm St Vincent De Paul Meeting

Tuesday 25 February

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

Wednesday 26 February

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

Thursday 27 February

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

Friday 28 February

09.15am Mass

Saturday 1 March

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

Sunday 2 March - (8th Sun in Ordinary Time)

08.00am Mass
09.30am Mass / RCIA
11.00am Mass - Welcome Rite
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, Uttam Sharma

Recently Deceased:

Birthday Remembrance: Marjorie Masset

Monthly Remembrance: Luigi Angelico

Death Anniversaries: Forgotten Souls, Holy Souls, All Souls in Purgatory.



ROSTERS

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	Angela H	Beatriz C
Readers	Youth Mass	Lynette F Rebecca G	Jan Van R Gabrielle	Anna L Volunteer
Special Ministers	Janet D Jenny C Xavier F Cheryl L	Marguerita Marlene E Marcelle J Victor T	Hanna T Carol N Linda M Rodolfo G	Beata G Pat I Erlinda D Ean B
Welcomers	Edwin & Pearl B	Peter F	Carol N	Claire R
Children's Liturgy	Dona P Oreen T	No C.L.	Romain S Antigit S	No C.L.
Altar L.	Claudette Chung			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			

THE 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

1 & 2 MARCH 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Alexia Edwina Sophia Jackson Chanelle Hannah	Noah Isabelle	Alivia Evan Joshua	Ryan G
Comm	Cheryl R	Lynette F	David G	Volunteer
Readers	Marilyn W Ado F	Tanasha S Tricia S	Adam D Allen S	Rohini T Arputha V
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	George & Riekie V	Anna W	Joanna D
Children's Liturgy	Joanna D Laurence	No C.L.	Lota F Ishdha P	No C.L.
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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**THE 07TH SUNDAY
IN ORD TIME - YR C
23RD FEB 2025**



FIRST READING 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Saul set off and went down to the wilderness of Ziph, accompanied by three thousand men chosen from Israel to search for David in the wilderness of Ziph.

So in the dark David and Abishai made their way towards the force, where they found Saul asleep inside the camp, his spear stuck in the ground beside his head, with Abner and the troops lying round him.

Then Abishai said to David, 'Today God has put your enemy in your power; so now let me pin him to the ground with his own spear. Just one stroke! I will not need to strike him twice. David answered Abishai, Do not kill him, for who can lift his hand against the Lord's anointed and be without guilt?' David took the spear and the pitcher of water from beside Saul's head, and they made off. No one saw, no one knew, no one woke up; they were all asleep, for a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen on them.

David crossed to the other side and halted on the top of the mountain a long way off; there was a wide space between them. David then called out, 'Here is the king's spear. Let one of the soldiers come across and take it. The Lord repays everyone for his uprightness and loyalty. Today the Lord put you in my power, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed.'

RESP PSALM Ps 102:1-4, 8, 10, 12-13, R. v.8

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)
2. It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)
3. The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)
4. As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

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

The first man, Adam, as scripture says, became a living soul; but the last Adam has become a life-giving spirit. That is, first the one with the soul, not the spirit, and after that, the one with the spirit. The first man, being from the earth, is earthly by nature; the second man is from heaven. As this earthly man was, so are we on earth; and as the heavenly man is, so are we in heaven. And we, who have been modelled on the earthly man, will be modelled on the heavenly man.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia

GOSPEL Luke 6:27 - 38

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I say this to you who are listening: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who treat you badly. To the man who slaps you on one cheek, present the other cheek too; to the man who takes your cloak from you, do not refuse your tunic. Give to everyone who asks you, and do not ask for your property back from the man who robs you. Treat others as you would like them to treat you. If you love those who love you, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what thanks can you expect? For even sinners do that much. And if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what thanks can you expect? Even sinners lend to sinners to get back the same amount. Instead, love your enemies and do good, and lend without any hope of return. You will have a great reward, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.

'Be compassionate as your Father is compassionate. Do not judge, and you will not be judged yourselves; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned yourselves; grant pardon, and you will be pardoned. Give, and there will be gifts for you: a full measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap; because the amount you measure out is the amount you will be given back.'

REFLECTION – by Fr Michael Tate

Learning the Language of Heaven: Jesus challenges us to unlearn the language of the world and to learn a language which is counter-cultural, paradoxical, perplexing, such as: ‘Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you’ etc, etc. Are such attitudes and actions possible?

Our Lord is the best model. Jesus *is* the Word of God in human history. Jesus *is* the language of Heaven spoken in a human life. We have to read the Gospels and then imitate His dialect. Otherwise we might merely mutter to ourselves which would end up being eternally Hellish.

When we become aware of our language malpractice, i.e., sinning, and if we become *really* tongue-tied, i.e., seriously sinning, we can come to the Sacrament of Confession and emerge articulate and conversant with Christ again. We can talk with Our Lord again. We are singing the same tune.

Then at the moment of death we can gracefully pass over to our intended destiny which is not incommunicado, but communicado, holy communicado, holy conversation with God and with every creature.

We might pause for a moment and resolve to practise the language of Heaven and to ‘walk the talk’ every day.

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2025 YOUTH MASSES
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EVERY 4TH WEEKEND OF THE MONTH

6PM SAT. 22ND FEB → 9:30AM SUN. 23RD MAR
11AM SUN. 27TH APR → 6PM SAT. 24TH MAY
9:30AM SUN. 22ND JUN

"LET NO ONE DESPISE YOU FOR YOUR YOUTH, BUT SET THE BELIEVERS AN EXAMPLE IN SPEECH, IN CONDUCT, IN LOVE, IN FAITH, IN PURITY." (1 TIMOTHY 4:12)

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