



# St Andrew's Parish News

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## THE 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 1ST & 2ND MARCH 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

*Please contact the Parish Office*

### PARISH TEAM

#### Parish Priest

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#### School R.E. Co-ordinator

Emma Strom

### ONLINE SERVICES

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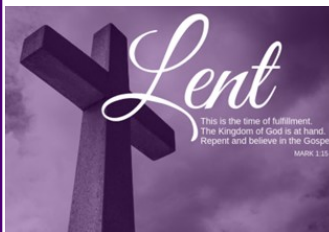
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### SEASON OF LENT

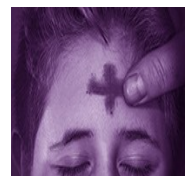


We begin the holy season of Lent on **5 March 2025** with the celebration of **Ash Wednesday**. Lent is a time of preparation for the celebration of Easter. It is also a time of grace to return to God from our sinfulness and experience His unconditional and forgiving love. "The temptations of Jesus in the desert recapitulate the temptation of Adam in Paradise and the temptations of Israel in the desert. Satan tempts Jesus in regard to his obedience to the mission given him by the Father. Christ, the new Adam, resists and his victory proclaims that of his passion which is the supreme obedience of his filial love.

The Church unites herself to this mystery in a special way in the liturgical season of Lent" (CCCC, #106). Lenten penance is a commitment, sustained by grace, to overcoming our lack of faith and our resistance to following Jesus on the way of the cross. This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs.

### ASH WEDNESDAY- 5TH MARCH

**A DAY OF FASTING AND ABSTINENCE**  
**MASS : 9.15am, 12noon (School ) & 7pm**



### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Every Friday of Lent after 9.15am Mass & At 6.30PM followed by Mass**

### PANCAKE WEEKEND - 1ST & 2ND MARCH



Our delicious **Pancake Weekend** is happening this weekend **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.*

### 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 this weekend 1st & 2nd March. Thank you.

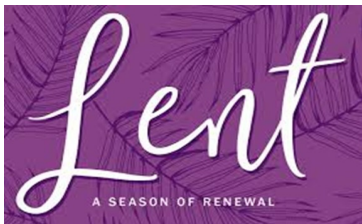


***St. Andrew's Parish, Clayton South is committed to the safety, wellbeing & dignity of all children, young people & vulnerable adults.***

PARISH VISION STATEMENT

“A COMMUNITY THAT EMBRACES, CELEBRATES AND EMPOWERS ALL TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS”

PARISH NEWS



LENTEN REFLECTIONS

Lent is an important season in the Church’s liturgical year. This beautiful time of penance and prayer invites us to look at the areas of our lives where we struggle and return our gaze to Jesus Christ and his sacrificial love.

The Bible Study group of St. Andrew's Parish will be conducting the Lenten Program (Year C), commencing from Thursday the 6<sup>th</sup> of March 2025.

We plan to meet every Thursday at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish House, to reflect on the Readings and prepare ourselves for Jesus’ death and resurrection and experience true transformation in our lives during this powerful season.

You are all most welcome to join us. Should you have further queries, please contact Ean Brewty on 0457 527 633 or ebrewty@hotmail.com.



PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY 1 / 2 MARCH 2025

This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.



**Please donate today.** You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion)

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty this Lent*

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.

ALTAR SERVER’S MEETING - MON 10TH MARCH 6PM



*Happy Birthday* Gisele Masset (90), Carmen Williams, Joseph MC, Erlinda Deal, Gerry Mahoney, Anne Simon Have a nice day!



ASH WEDNESDAY REFLECTION

There is a great story about G K Chesterton, the famous writer who died in 1936. Among many things, he was the creator of Fr Brown, the detective who uses powers of empathy to understand people better than the police. He was once asked to contribute an essay to a collection on the theme of ‘What is Wrong with the World?’ His response to the question required only two words. ‘I am,’ he wrote. Ash Wednesday, which celebrates the start of Lent, calls us to a more courageous engagement with reality. That is why, when we receive ashes, we often hear the words ‘remember you are dust and to dust you will return.’ That is our truth. It is easy to look at the state of the world and descend into blame and indignation.

Sure, there are many things that are desperately troubling. Wars, poverty and environmental degradation are part of a long list. But who among us has the courage to own up and respond to the question, ‘what’s wrong with the world,’ by answering ‘I am.’ Don’t misunderstand. We are mostly good people, doing our best to love and serve each other. But we would sell ourselves short if we left the future of Earth to others who we thought were more to blame. Ash Wednesday asks us to look at the world and our part in it. Every year, we begin our journey to Easter with Jesus’s advice to go into our private room, wherever that may be, and encounter the Lord one on one. Christianity, unlike so much else in the world, has little time for self-marketing.

Ash Wednesday is Day One of our Lenten journey. God’s invitation to ‘come back to me with all your heart’ is also an invitation to leave our private room and step into a world in urgent need of our love and honesty. This year, Project Compassion is calling us to *Unite Against Poverty*. St Paul says, ‘now is the favourable time.’ We can make the most difference when we are most truly ourselves.



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## WEEKLY CALENDAR 3 MAR 2025

### Monday 3 March

09.15am Mass  
01.00pm Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)  
07.00pm Choir Practice (11am Choir)

### Tuesday 4 March

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

### Wednesday 5 March - Ash Wednesday

09.15am Mass  
12.00pm School Mass  
07.00pm RCIA Meeting  
07.00pm Mass

07.30pm Baptism Preparation Night

### Thursday 6 March

09.15am Mass  
07.00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)  
07.00pm Lenten Reflection Program

### Friday 7 March

09.15am Mass

### Saturday 8 March

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

### Sunday 9 March - (1st Sunday of Lent—Yr C)

08.00am Mass  
09.30am Mass  
11.00am 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:** Rudy Allvyn, Philip Rozario, Lenny Lowe, Gerry Davis, Sibyl Jackson, Iris Murrian.

**Monthly Remembrance:** Shirley Peters.

**Death Anniversaries:** Gabriele Aceto, Joseph Mileto, Romaine Mileto, Joy Abraham, Giovanni Cussigh, Bertram Stone, Ruth Dubier, Kate D'Brass, Bob D'Brass, Muriel Mahony, Rodney Murrian, Mr & Mrs Rozario, Forgotten Souls, Holy Souls, All Souls in Purgatory.

## ROSTERS

### THE 8TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

1 & 2 MARCH 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Alexia Edwina Sophia Jackson Chanelle Hannah	Noah Isabelle	Alivia Evan Joshua	Ryan G
<b>Comm</b>	Cheryl R	George V	David G	Maria B
<b>Readers</b>	Marilyn W Ado F	Tanasha S Tricia S	Adam D Allen S	Rohini T Arputha V
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Oreen T Cheryl L Marilyn W Pierre W	Victor T Riekie V Rebecca G Atanasio J	Angela H Jan Van R Linda M Rodolfo G	Ean B Beatriz C Rada P Rodney N
<b>Welcomers</b>	Xavier F	George & Riekie V	Anna W	Beatriz C
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Joanna D Laurence	No C.L.	Lota F Ishdha P	No C.L.
<b>Altar L.</b>	Laurence Bernard			
<b>Counters Team</b>	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			

### THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

8 & 9 MARCH 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Alexia Sophia Chanelle Edwina		Alivia Evan Joshua	Isabelle Ryan G
<b>Comm</b>	Janet D	Marguerita	Angela H	Anna L
<b>Readers</b>	Kim D Burle D	Tanya V Helen A	Rosemary David G	Colette D Maria B
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Pearl B Edwin B Nial F Vanessa F	Marcelle J Victor T James M Maureen H	Phillipe N Carol N Hanna T Joyce S	Beata G Pat I Linda K Erlinda D
<b>Welcomers</b>	Pearl & Edwin B	Peter F	Carol N	Joanna D
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Meryl H Oreen T	No C.L.	Helena N Annette S	No C.L.
<b>Altar L.</b>	Tina Rana			
<b>Counters Team</b>	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			



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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 08TH SUNDAY  
IN ORD TIME - C  
02ND MARCH 2025**



**FIRST READING Sirach 27:4-7**

**A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

In a shaken sieve the rubbish is left behind so too the defects of a man appear in his talk. The kiln tests the work of the potter, the test of a man is in his conversation. The orchard where the tree grows is judged on the quality of its fruit, similarly a man's words betray what he feels. Do not praise a man before he has spoken, since this is the test of men.

**RESP PSALM Ps 91:2-3. 13-16.**

**(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.**

1. It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)
2. The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)
3. Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

**SECOND READING 1 Corin15:54-58**

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

When this perishable nature has put on imperishability, and when this mortal nature has put on immortality, then the words of scripture will come true: Death is swallowed up in victory. Death, where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? Now the sting of death is sin, and sin gets its power from the Law. So let us thank God for giving us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Never give in then, my dear brothers, never admit defeat; keep on working at the Lord's work always, knowing that, in the Lord, you cannot be labouring in vain.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION PHILI 2:15-16**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.

**Alleluia**

**GOSPEL Luke 6:39 - 45**

**A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke**

Jesus told a parable to his disciples, 'Can one blind man guide another? Surely both will fall into a pit? The disciple is not superior to his teacher; the fully trained disciple will always be like his teacher. Why do you observe the splinter in your brother's eye and never notice the plank in your own? How can you say to your brother, "Brother, let me take out the splinter that is in your eye," when you cannot see the plank in your own? Hypocrite! Take the plank out of your own eye first, and then you will see clearly enough to take out the splinter that is in your brother's eye.

'There is no sound tree that produces rotten fruit, nor again a rotten tree that produces sound fruit. For every tree can be told by its own fruit: people do not pick figs from thorns, nor gather grapes from brambles. A good man draws what is good from the store of goodness in his heart; a bad man draws what is bad from the store of badness. For a man's words flow out of what fills his heart.'





## REFLECTION – by Fr Michael Tate

**Disciples or Mask—Wearers?** In ancient Greece actors wore masks which concealed the face. One may say they were ‘two-faced’. They were called ‘Hypocrites’, and we derive our word and the idea of ‘hypocrite’ from that. As did Jesus. He could always see through the veneer which people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate through to the heart – the core of the personality. For us, judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk. As Jesus humorously put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else’s eye, and in super-critical mode fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts *our* vision. We should not rush to judgment. The fact is that only the gaze of God can really penetrate to the heart of someone. We know that the gaze of Jesus, Who is God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation. (Mk 10:17-22)



This is one of the reasons why recent Popes have opposed capital punishment. Time must be given for the heart of the convicted criminal to respond to that loving gaze. And it leaves the Final Judgment, even of the murderer, to God. Listen to the dying moments of Our Lord. His loving gaze penetrated beyond the masks and actions of his tormentors and focused on their hearts. Then he cried out this plea: ‘Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.’ We are all conscious of the times we have fallen short of the practice and teaching of our Master despite our praying: ‘Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.’ We could pause for a moment to pray that The Teacher’s loving gaze fall upon us to make us whole-hearted disciples willing ‘to be formed by divine teaching’.

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# 2025 YOUTH MASSES

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22ND FEB

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SUN.

23RD MAR

11AM  
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FINANCE

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