



# St Andrew's Parish News

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## THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C - 8TH AND 9TH 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

Please contact the Parish Office



### FEAST OF OUR LADY OF LOURDES - 11 FEB

On Feb. 11, the Catholic Church celebrates the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. In Lourdes, France, in 1858, thirteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous was collecting pieces of wood as part of her daily chores when she noticed a startling wind and rustling sound. The noise came from a nearby grotto. When Bernadette looked toward it, she saw it filled with a golden light, and a beautiful lady.

It was at this grotto that the Blessed Mother appeared to Bernadette 18 times and where millions of Catholic pilgrims visit the healing waters at the Sanctuary of Our Lady of Lourdes.

Records have been kept from the exchanges between Bernadette and our Blessed Mother. In 1862 Church authorities confirmed the authenticity of the apparitions and authorized the cult of Our Lady of Lourdes for the diocese. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes became worldwide in 1907.

### PARISH TEAM

#### Parish Priest

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

Emma Strom

### ONLINE SERVICES

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#### Daily Reflections:

<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/>

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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 20<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 VISION STATEMENT

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

PARISH NEWS



Happy Birthday

Clara Dinh, Beatriz Calingasan, Emma Alejano, Riekie Verbeek, Gabrielo Pertello, Oka Gunawan. Have a nice day!

Happy Wedding Anniversary Serge & Gladys Fricot, Rima & Atanasio Johnson, Danilo & Beatriz Calingasan.

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.

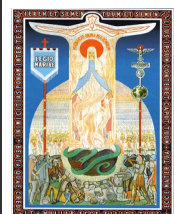
Classes are held on Tuesdays of school terms from 4pm to 5pm. The classes are designed to provide for the religious education of children outside the catholic school system and include the preparation of children to celebrate the Sacraments of Reconciliation in Year 3, First Eucharist in Year 4 and Confirmation 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.

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JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

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

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



JOY OVERFLOWS AT CONSECRATION OF MELBOURNE'S NEWEST BISHOPS

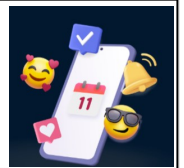
On 1 Feb 2025, St

Patrick's Cathedral was overflowing—with people and with a spirit of joy and hopeful anticipation—as the Archdiocese of Melbourne welcomed two new auxiliary bishops. In his homily, Archbishop Comensoli reflected on the deep responsibility of episcopal ministry, drawing on the words of St Paul to Timothy. He reminded the new bishops that the ministry of bishop 'is first and foremost a gift from God, to be fanned into a flame. It comes from the Spirit of the Lord as strength, love and self-control.'



He concluded with an encouragement to the faithful: 'Pray for these new bishops, Think and Rene, just as Paul prayed for Timothy. Pray that they may know this grace in Christ that is to be theirs, that it will sustain and nurture them.'

SAFER INTERNET DAY HUB Safer Internet Day – Tuesday 11 February 2025 – is a global day of action dedicated to raising awareness of online safety. On this page, you'll find everything you need to make online safety visible in your school, workplace, home or community. More info HERE



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



CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



## WEEKLY CALENDAR 10 FEB 2025

### Monday 10 February - St Scholastica

09.15am Mass  
06.00pm Altar Server's Meeting  
07.00pm Choir Practice (11am Choir)

### Tuesday 11 February - Our Lady of Lourdes

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

### Wednesday 12 February

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

### Thursday 13 February

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

### Friday 14 February

09.15am Mass

### Saturday 15 February

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

### Sunday 16 February - (6th Sun in Ordinary Time)

08.00am Mass  
09.30am Mass / RCIA  
11.00am Mass

**ALTAR SERVER'S MEETING** The first Altar Server's Meeting for 2025, will be held on Monday, 10th February at 6pm in the parish house. All the altar servers are invited to attend the meeting.

### REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

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

**Recently Deceased:** Fr John Walter O'Reilly.

**Birthday Remembrance:**

**Monthly Remembrance:**

**Death Anniversaries:** Walter Roussety, Forgotten Souls / Holy Souls / All Souls in Purgatory.



## ROSTERS

### THE 5TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

08 & 09 FEB 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>				
<b>Comm</b>	Edwin B	George V	Angela H	Beatriz C
<b>Readers</b>	Tiyah S Jenny C	Rima J Atanasio J	Rodolfo G Dewi M	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 <b>Volunteer</b>	Beata G Pat I Linda K Erlinda D
<b>Welcomers</b>	Pearl & Edwin B	Riekie V	Carol N	Claire R
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Oreen T Genevieve	No C.L.	Angel J Helena N	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			

### THE 6TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C

15 & 16 FEB 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>				
<b>Comm</b>	Jenny C	Victor T	Terry M	Maria B
<b>Readers</b>	Cheryl L Cheryl R	Marcelle J Neddie A	Angela H Oka G	Joanna D Beatriz C
<b>Special Ministers</b>	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 <b>Volunteer</b>
<b>Welcomers</b>	Xavier F	George & Riekie V	Anna W	Beatriz C
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Joanna D Laurence	No C.L.	Rebecca G Annette S	No C.L.
<b>Altar L.</b>	Sheila Francis			
<b>Counters Team</b>	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 05TH SUNDAY  
IN ORD TIME - YR C  
09TH FEB 2025**



**FIRST READING Isaiah 6:1-8**

**A reading from the prophet Isaiah**

In the year of King Uzziah's death I saw the Lord seated on a high throne; his train filled the sanctuary; above him stood seraphs, each one with six wings.

And they cried out to one another in this way,

'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts. His glory fills the whole earth.'

The foundations of the threshold shook with the voice of the one who cried out, and the Temple was filled with smoke. I said:

'What a wretched state I am in! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips and I live among a people of unclean lips, and my eyes have looked at the King, the Lord of hosts.'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding in his hand a live coal which he had taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. With this he touched my mouth and said:

'See now, this has touched your lips, your sin is taken away, your iniquity is purged.'

Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying:

'Whom shall I send? Who will be our messenger?'

I answered, 'Here I am, send me.'

**RESP PSALM Ps 137:1-5.7-8.R.v.1**

**(R.) In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart,  
you have heard the words of my mouth.  
Before the angels I will bless you.  
I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love  
which excel all we ever knew of you.  
On the day I called, you answered;  
you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)
3. All earth's kings shall thank you  
when they hear the words of your mouth.  
They shall sing of the Lord's ways;  
'How great is the glory of the Lord!' (R.)
4. You stretch out your hand and save me,  
your hand will do all things for me.  
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,  
discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

**SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 15:1-11**

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

Brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, the gospel that you received and in which you are firmly established; because the gospel will save you only if you keep

believing exactly what I preached to you – believing anything else will not lead to anything.

Well then, in the first place, I taught you what I had been taught myself, namely that Christ died for our sins, in accordance with the scriptures; that he was buried; and that he was raised to life on the third day, in accordance with the scriptures; that he appeared first to Cephas and secondly to the Twelve. Next he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died; then he appeared to James, and then to all the apostles; and last of all he appeared to me too; it was as though I was born when no one expected it.

I am the least of the apostles; in fact, since I persecuted the Church of God, I hardly deserve the name apostle; but by God's grace that is what I am, and the grace that he gave me has not been fruitless. On the contrary, I, or rather the grace of God that is with me, have worked harder than any of the others; but what matters is that I preach what they preach, and this is what you all believed.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 4:19**

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

Come follow me, says the Lord, and I will make you fishers of my people.

**Alleluia.**

**GOSPEL Luke 5:1-11**

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus was standing one day by the lake of Gennesaret, with the crowd pressing round him listening to the word of God, when he caught sight of two boats close to the bank. The fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats – it was Simon's – and asked him to put out a little from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking he said to Simon, 'Put out into deep water and pay out your nets for a catch.' 'Master,' Simon replied 'we worked hard all night long and caught nothing, but if you say so, I will pay out the nets.' And when they had done this they netted such a huge number of fish that their nets began to tear, so they signalled to their companions in the other boat to come and help them; when these came, they filled the two boats to sinking point.

When Simon Peter saw this he fell at the knees of Jesus saying, 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man.' For he and all his companions were completely overcome by the catch they had made; so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were Simon's partners. But Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on it is men you will catch.' Then, bringing their boats back to land, they left everything and followed him.

## REFLECTION – by Fr Michael Tate

**Fish in the Sea of Divine Life:** Peter was a fisherman. Jesus had been brought up in a carpenter's household. Jesus tells Peter when and how to fish. This gets under Peter's skin. He tells Jesus a few facts of life about night fishing on the Lake of Gennesaret. But, he gives in to this landlubber's directive and casts out the nets and hauls in a very good catch.



Jesus wants to come into the rhythm of our ordinary workaday lives. Surprising things may then happen. You may be commissioned by Our Lord Jesus Christ to become 'fishers of men', fishers of human beings. But don't fishermen fish the fish out of the sea and kill them?

Is being caught up in the net of Christianity to be a deadening experience? Having this in mind, St Luke used a word for netting fish for an aquarium. We who have been caught up in the net of Christianity are meant to be more alive than ever, 'fully alive'. The best analogy I can think of is the stranding of pods of whales, thrashing around in the shallows, barely existing, doomed unless saved. People go down and put slings under them and haul them into deeper water. We could pause a moment to thank God that we have been guided into the life-giving waters of baptism, and for the strength to help others swim into the Oceanic depths of Divine Love.

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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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#### GOSPEL ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN

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