



St Andrew's Parish News

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

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C - 8TH & 9TH MARCH 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

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 6th of March 2025. We plan to meet every **Thursday at 7.00 pm 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.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS IN LENT
AFTER 9.15AM MASS & AT 6.30 PM FOLLOWED BY MASS**

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PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEK/END



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

THANK YOU - PANCAKE SUNDAY

We thank Marushka Dias and all volunteers for participation during last weekend's Pancakes event. Your dedicated assistance and enthusiastic presence made the event a great success, fostering a sense of fellowship and community that truly embodies the spirit of our church. Your continued support helps strengthen the bonds of friendship and faith within our congregation. Your willingness to lend a hand, whether it was flipping pancakes, setting up tables, or welcoming parishioners with a warm smile, exemplifies the spirit of service and love that defines our St Andrew's Church community. May we continue to uplift and support one another as we journey together in faith during the Lenten season. Thank you once again for your generosity.

WELCOME TO THE RECONCILIATION CANDIDATES

A warm welcome to all the school and parish reconciliation candidates, their families, school and parish staff. The children will make their Rite of Commitment at any one of the weekend Masses this weekend 8th & 9th March or the next weekend 15th and 16th March.

Please welcome them and keep them in your prayers as they start their journey in preparing for this wonderful Sacrament of First Reconciliation.



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

The next Altar Server's Meeting will be held on Mon, 10th March at 6pm in the parish house. All the altar servers are encouraged to attend the meeting.

LENTEN PILGRIMAGE TO BACCHUS MARSH



A Lenten pilgrimage has been organized to Bacchus Marsh (Ta Pinu Shrine) on Saturday 22nd March 2025. There will be 2 buses leaving St. Andrew's Church at 7am and return around 1pm - Cost \$25/person which includes return travel, breakfast and morning tea/coffee - There will be Mass at 8.30am at the shrine and stations of the cross at 10am - please contact Edwin Braganza on 0403 005 962.



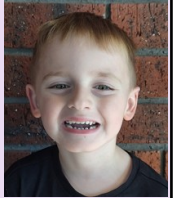
Happy Birthday Genevieve Thien, Phil Koo, Donna Vowles, Cynthia Menon, Marc Allan Peuas, Liezl Del Castillo, Elizabeth Loh. Have a nice day!

BAPTISM ON SUNDAY 9TH MARCH

We warmly welcome

Salvatore Gian Desito As he will be baptised in our community on Sunday.

We welcome him, his parents & Godparents.

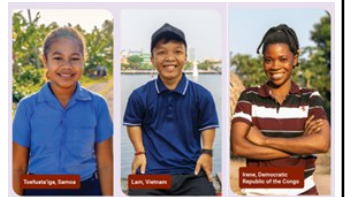


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PROJECT COMPASSION

1ST SUNDAY OF LENT 8 / 9 MARCH 2025

Project Compassion 2025 shares three stories from around the world. We'll meet Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) a young student from Samoa who faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her school now has a 10,000 L water tank, improving access to clean water and allowing teachers to prioritise education We'll get to know Lam from Vietnam. Born with short stature, Lam faced social exclusion and limited employment opportunities. Through the I-SHINE program, Lam completed a course and is now a freelance graphic designer. And we'll meet Irene from the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) who faced immense challenges after losing her father to war and raising her children in poverty. With support from Caritas Australia, Irene received vocational training in sewing and farming and can now support her whole family.



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

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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



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WEEKLY CALENDAR 10 MAR 2025

Monday 10 March

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

Tuesday 11 March

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

Wednesday 12 March

09.15am Mass
07.00pm Choir Practice (6pmChoir)

Thursday 13 March

09.15am Mass
06.00pm Social Committee Meeting
07.00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)
07.00pm Lenten Reflection Program

Friday 14 March

09.15am Mass / Stations of the Cross
06.30pm Stations of the Cross / Mass

Saturday 15 March

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

Sunday 16 March - (2nd Sunday of Lent—Yr C)

08.00am Mass
09.30am Mass / RCIA
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: Fr Peter Carrucan PE, Marie Hurtis, Rauza Andrew, Elizabeth Moore, Marie Soares.

Birthday Remembrance: Jerson Fernandes, Michael Hankins, Bernadine Meyers.

Monthly Remembrance: Violet.

Death Anniversaries: Dominic & Maria Nguyen, Maureen Pearce, Loreto Pineda Nallas, Derek Kong, Henry Abraham, Yves Fok, Francisca Miclat, Giovanni D'Amelio, Forgotten Souls, Holy Souls, All Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

8 & 9 MARCH 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Alexia Sophia Chanelle Edwina		Alivia Evan Joshua	Isabelle Ryan G
Comm	Janet D	Marguerita	Angela H	Anna L
Readers	Kim D Burle D	Tanya V Helen A	Rosemary David G	Colette D Maria B
Special Ministers	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
Welcomers	Pearl & Edwin B	Peter F	Carol N	Beatriz C
Children's Liturgy	Joanna D Oreen T	No C.L.	Helena N Annette S	No C.L.
Altar L.	Tina Rana			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			

THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

15 & 16 MARCH 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers				
Comm	Jenny C	Victor T	Terry M	Maria B
Readers	Janet D Pearl B	Marcelle J Neddie A	Daniel G Rodolfo 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 V R Linda M	Ean B Rodney N Rada P Erlinda D
Welcomers	Xavier F	George & Riekie V	Laurence B	Claire R
Children's Liturgy	Joanna D Vivet C	No C.L.	Laurence Genevieve	No C.L.
Altar L.	Sheila Francis / Winnie Miranda			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			



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From the depths of my nothing-
ness I prostrate myself before
you O most Sacred Divine Ador-
able Heart of Jesus to pay to
you all the homage of love praise
and adoration in my power.
Amen

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**THE FIRST SUNDAY
OF LENT - YEAR C
09TH MARCH 2025**



FIRST READING Deut 26:4-10

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Moses said to the people: 'The priest shall take the panner from your hand and lay it before the altar of the Lord your God. Then, in the sight of the Lord your God, you must make this pronouncement:

"My father was a wandering Aramaean. He went down into Egypt to find refuge there, few in numbers; but there he became a nation, great, mighty, and strong. The Egyptians ill-treated us, they gave us no peace and inflicted harsh slavery on us. But we called on the Lord, the God of our fathers. The Lord heard our voice and saw our misery, our toil and our oppression; and the Lord brought us out of Egypt with mighty hand and outstretched arm, with great terror, and with signs and wonders. He brought us here and gave us this land, a land where milk and honey flow. Here then I bring the first-fruits of the produce of the soil that you, Lord, have given me." You must then lay them before the Lord your God, and bow down in the sight of the Lord your God.'

RESP PSALM Ps 90:1-2. 10-15.

(R.) Be with me, Lord, when I am in troubl

1. He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High and abides in the shade of the Almighty says to the Lord: 'My refuge, my stronghold, my God in whom I trust!' (R.)
2. Upon you no evil shall fall, no plague approach where you dwell. For you has he commanded his angels, to keep you in all your ways. (R.)
3. They shall bear you upon their hands lest you strike your foot against a stone. On the lion and the viper you will tread and trample the young lion and the dragon. (R.)
4. His love he set on me, so I will rescue him; protect him for he knows my name. When he calls I shall answer: 'I am with you.' I will save him in distress and give him glory. (R.)

SECOND READING Romans 10:8-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Scripture says: The word, that is the faith we proclaim, is very near to you, it is on your lips and in your heart. If your lips confess that Jesus is Lord and if you believe in

your heart that God raised him from the dead, then you will be saved. By believing from the heart you are made righteous; by confessing with your lips you are saved. When scripture says: those who believe in him will have no cause for shame, it makes no distinction between Jew and Greek: all belong to the same Lord who is rich enough, however many ask for his help, for everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATTHEW 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Luke 4: 1- 413

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Jesus left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit through the wilderness, being tempted there by the devil for forty days. During that time he ate nothing and at the end he was hungry. Then the devil said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to turn into a loaf.' But Jesus replied, 'Scripture says: Man does not live on bread alone.'

Then leading him to a height, the devil showed him in a moment of time all the kingdoms of the world and said to him, 'I will give you all this power and the glory of these kingdoms, for it has been committed to me and I give it to anyone I choose. Worship me, then, and it shall all be yours.' But Jesus answered him, 'Scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God,
and serve him alone.'

Then he led him to Jerusalem and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God', he said to him 'throw yourself down from here, for scripture says:

He will put his angels in charge of you
to guard you,

and again:

They will hold you up on their hands
in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

But Jesus answered him, 'It has been said:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Having exhausted all these ways of tempting him, the devil left him, to return at the appointed time.

REFLECTION – by Fr Michael Tate

Temptations: After his baptism Jesus was driven by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness where the devil put him to the test. Jesus was offered three shortcuts to his living in harmony with the will of his Heavenly Father.

First, when *he* was hungry there would be bread out of stones.

Second, when he wanted to change the world he could have absolute political power.

Third, when he needed to take risks, angels would keep him safe.

Our baptism does not insulate us from the same threefold pattern of temptation.

Do you find yourself saying: I want the whole world to change to satisfy me, *or*

I want to exercise power over others, *or* I want to take stupid risks and come out unharmed, *or* all three! What must we do when such temptations assail us? Realise that such temptations are much less powerful than they seem – the last gasp of the vanquished devil. Imitate Jesus in going to the Scriptures, preferably the Gospels, in order to have the words to hurl back at the devil as you are tested.

We could pause to make a Lenten resolution to read a Gospel, and to do so confident of our Baptismal identity as beloved daughters and sons of God.

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THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT—REFLECTION

The desert plays a significant part in Scripture: it is a place of both discovery and of getting lost. You may recall that Moses encountered God in the wilderness when he hears a voice from the burning bush.

He discovered something vital to us all that day: God points us in a direction we may not choose for ourselves. Later, however, Moses and his people are lost in the desert for 40 years. We read the finale of that story in today's first reading.

First Australians have also had an intimate connection with the desert. Many Indigenous cultures danced in time with the desert for countless generations. When the so-called Pintupi Nine made 'first contact' after emerging from the Gibson Desert in 1984, they were in excellent health. The same desert could kill Europeans in thirty-six hours or less.

In today's Gospel, we learn that the Spirit led Jesus to a lonely place. Up to this point in Luke's Gospel, we have seen Jesus as a member of his family and community. We have met Mary and Joseph and Elizabeth and Simeon and Anna and John the Baptist. Now Jesus must stand on his own and decide what really matters in life. Is he going to rely on material things? Is he going to want power at any price? Is he going to put himself rather than God at the heart of his decision making? These are the temptations of the devil.

Lent presents us with the same choice. Are we going to find our direction or just be lost in the swirling confusion of choices with which life presents us? Project Compassion helps us to find direction by offering us the opportunity to *Unite Against Poverty*. Are we content for the world to become more and more fragmented. Or would we prefer to stand up against voices of opportunism and exploitation? Every year, Caritas Australia is overwhelmed and grateful that our Catholic communities are so clearly on the side of justice and life.



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