



St Andrew's Parish News

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C - 15 & 16 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



LENTEN REFLECTIONS



The Bible Study group of St. Andrew's Parish commenced the Lenten Program (Year C), on Thursday the 6th of March 2025. We 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 - ebrewty@hotmail.com.

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH - WED 19TH MARCH

Faithful Joseph: Teach us to listen and not be afraid to trust as you did in God's promise. **Loving Joseph:** Teach us to love courageously with a heart that is free and just. **Protector Joseph:** Teach us to protect one another and all that belongs to God. **Dreamer Joseph:** Teach us to dream a world where all are neighbours; a vision illuminated by God's light. **Teacher Joseph:** Teach us to keep the Word of God close to our hearts, and to proclaim it in word and action. **Gentle Joseph:** Teach us to be gentle with our power and strong in our tenderness. **Parent Joseph:** Teach us to be for all persons a living lesson of goodness and truth - a blessing for all generations to come. Amen.



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

PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEK/END

Rite of Election & Visit of Bishop George from Madagascar



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

PARISH NEWS

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 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.

BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT - WED 2ND APRIL

The next Baptism Preparation Night will be held on Wednesday 2nd April at 7.30pm in the Parish House. To register, please contact the parish office via phone: 9551 5666 or email: claytonsouth@cam.org.au



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.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2025 – FIRST EUCHARIST

We will be helping your children in their Faith Journey, to prepare them to receive the **Sacrament of 1st Holy Eucharist**.

Classes will commence from **Tuesday, 22nd April, from 4pm to 5pm** in the parish house.

An Information Night will be held on **Wednesday the 21st May, 6pm** at St. Andrew's Primary School.

For enrolment and further details, please contact Mable Tsang, the pastoral worker at email: Mable.Tsang@cam.org.au (Tues / Thurs 10am - 4pm) Or parish office Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 3pm on 9551 5666 or email: claytonsouth@cam.org.au



Happy Birthday Matteo Juanillo 5th B'day, Jackson Au, Ahaana Singh, Ryan James, Ezra D'Rozario, Adam D'Souza, Leroy Noronha, Ulrica D'Souza, Florence Gayen, Christan Juanillo. Have a wonderful day!



2ND SUNDAY OF LENT 15TH / 16TH MARCH 2025

Toefuata'iga - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.



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*



JOIN OUR PARISH SOCIAL COMMITTEE!

Are you passionate about bringing our Parish community together? Do you have a knack for organising events that foster connection and joy? We're looking for enthusiastic volunteers to join our Parish Social Committee!

Our events range from fundraisers to community gatherings, all designed to strengthen our Parish family. We need people who can help lead, coordinate, and bring fresh ideas to these wonderful events. Whether you have experience in event planning or just a willingness to help, we'd love to hear from you! If you're interested in making a difference and would like to find out more, please reach out to Lyn Fernandes at 0431 434 398.

Let's work together to create wonderful experiences for our Parish!



WEEKLY CALENDAR 17 MAR 2025

Monday 17 March

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

Tuesday 18 March

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

Wednesday 19 March

09.15am Mass
06.00pm Finance Committee Meeting
07.00pm Choir Practice (6pmChoir)

Thursday 20 March

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

Friday 21 March

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

Saturday 22 March

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

Sunday 23 March - (3rd Sunday of Lent—Yr C)

08.00am Mass
09.30am Mass / RCIA - Youth Mass
11.00am Mass
12.30pm Baptisms

REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

Pray For Healing: Candice Walker, Alexander, Felipe and Anne, Dom Carlos Ximenes Belo, Oemoe Jong, Eugene Roberts, Alyson, Uttam Sharma, Gloria Bamford

Recently Deceased: Meng Chung Sing, Seit Yin Lie, Alroy Jacob, Rosario Bongo

Birthday Remembrance: Rodney Murrian, Madeira

Death Anniversaries: Graham Dille, Derrick Gordon, Moira Ramamurthy, Iris Peters, Orene Peters, Clifford Joseph Calmiano, Henri Albert, Yves Fok, Aurea Frias, Anne Marie Lan Youn Foong, Souls of Fernandez and Geer Family, Nugent Geer, Zena, Daniel Lan Youn Foong, Hubert Barwell, Maya Gayen, Casmiro Franklin, Tess Garduce-Biligan & Jun Biligan, Barbara Clarke, Forgotten Souls, All Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

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	Chanelle Alexia Sophia Hannah		Alivia	
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	Marcelle J Riekie V 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	Joanna D
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			

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

22 & 23 MARCH 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers				
Comm	Edwin B	Jennie D	Youth Mass	Beatriz C
Readers	Muskaan Lota F	Patricia C Victor T	Youth Mass	Volunteer Volunteer
Special Ministers	Cheryl R Anne L F Corazon X Jenny C	Marguerita Marlene E Marcelle J Volunteer	Hanna T Carol N Linda M Rodolfo G	Beata G Pat I Linda K Volunteer
Welcomers	Pearl & Edwin B	Peter F	Carol N	Claire R
Children's Liturgy	Dona P Oreen T	No C. L.	Angel J Annette S	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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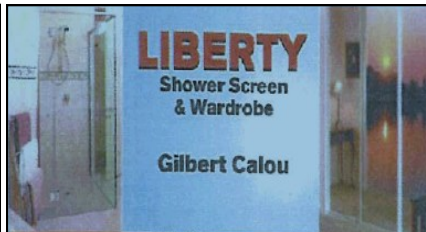
A WELL WISHER FOR THE PARISH OF ST. ANDREW'S

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 02ND SUNDAY
OF LENT - YEAR C
16TH MARCH 2025**



FIRST READING Genesis 15:5-12. 17-18

A reading from the book of Genesis

Taking Abram outside the Lord said, 'Look up to heaven and count the stars if you can. Such will be your descendants' he told him. Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted this as making him justified.+

'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought you out of Ur of the Chaldaeans to make you heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram replied, 'how am I to know that I shall inherit it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these, cut them in half and put half on one side and half facing it on the other; but the birds he did not cut in half. Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but Abram drove them off.

Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand that went between the halves. That day the Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these terms:

'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'

RESP PSALM Ps 26:1. 7-9. 13-14.

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

1. The Lord is my light and my help; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life before whom shall I shrink? (R.)
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; have mercy and answer. Of you my heart has spoken: 'Seek his face.' (R.)
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek, hide not your face. Dismiss not your servant in anger; you have been my help. (R.)
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness in the land of the living. Hope in him, hold firm and take heart. Hope in the Lord! (R.)

SECOND READING Philippians 3:17 - 4:1

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

My brothers, be united in following my rule of life. Take as your models everybody who is already doing this and study them as you used to study us. I have told you

often, and I repeat it today with tears, there are many who are behaving as the enemies of the cross of Christ. They are destined to be lost. They make foods into their god and they are proudest of something they ought to think shameful; the things they think important are earthly things. For us, our homeland is in heaven, and from heaven comes the saviour we are waiting for, the Lord Jesus Christ, and he will transfigure these wretched bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body. He will do that by the same power with which he can subdue the whole universe.

So then, my brothers and dear friends, do not give way but remain faithful in the Lord. I miss you very much, dear friends; you are my joy and my crown.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATT 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

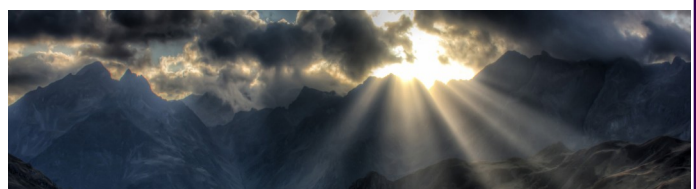
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Luke 9: 28- 36

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up the mountain to pray. As he prayed, the aspect of his face was changed and his clothing became brilliant as lightning. Suddenly there were two men there talking to him; they were Moses and Elijah appearing in glory, and they were speaking of his passing which he was to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions were heavy with sleep, but they kept awake and saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As these were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' – He did not know what he was saying. As he spoke, a cloud came and covered them with shadow; and when they went into the cloud the disciples were afraid. And a voice came from the cloud saying, 'This is my Son, the Chosen One. Listen to him.' And after the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. The disciples kept silence and, at that time, told no one what they had seen.



REFLECTION – by Fr Michael Tate

Transfigured Body souls: One often hears the conventional wisdom: ‘All religions are the same, with somewhat different packaging.’ But, do they believe the same thing about the human person?

What if one believed that the most vital part of a person was ‘the soul’ which alone was destined for Heaven? This is not the Christian belief.

Today’s Gospel recounts that Jesus’ *body* was transfigured. This was no out-of-the-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus’ *body* was totally translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Every molecule of his materiality was reverberating in the halo of divine glory. That is the destiny which God desires for us also. When we are really in harmony with God, when we really participate in the life of God, then that Divine Life envelops and permeates our whole person, *body soul*. That is our *ultimate* destiny, but can it be anticipated in the lives of those close to God?

You might care to read the story of St Seraphim of Sarov from the Russian Orthodox tradition. A follower recounts the dazzling bodily transformation of the saint with the blaze of light spilling over onto the snow-covered meadow.

We might pause for a moment to affirm our Christian hope that, with God’s grace, we will be radiant with Divine Light, our bodies immersed in translucent glory, filled with infinite joy in our hearts.

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THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT—REFLECTION

Today’s Gospel brings us a wonderful moment in the education of Jesus’s friends. Jesus was always trying to teach them about the mystery of life, and we can take heart from the fact that they were often slow learners. Peter, James and John see Jesus transfigured on the top of a mountain. But the vision doesn’t last long. Peter, always practical, wants to build tents so they can stay in the moment. But no, the journey to Calvary lies ahead where they will see Jesus disfigured. Eventually, they will put it together that transfiguration and disfigurement are two sides of the same coin. This week, Caritas Australia’s Project Compassion shares another story of education. We visit a primary school in Samoa with 400 students and 11 teachers. Until 2023, the school had no reliable access to fresh water. At times, teachers had to fetch water from neighbouring families, and this took considerable time out of the day and limited classes. It also meant that each class had a single bucket of drinking water for everyone to share. Thanks to your generosity, this has now changed. Education can continue uninterrupted. You might even say, that thanks to those who support Project Compassion, disfigured lives have been transfigured. Samoa may seem a long way away but let us think for a moment of some of the words Jesus said on the night before he died. He prayed ‘may they all be one.’ We see the high price of division and conflict in so many places. People face each other with such hostility. As we Unite Against Poverty, we are slowly creating the solution. Our actions are teaching the world to see possibilities more than problems. Just as his friends saw Jesus in a brilliant new light, so too must we see the whole human family with its true dignity.



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Saint Patrick's Prayer

Christ be with me.
Christ be beside me.
Christ be before me.
Christ be behind me.
Christ at my right hand.
Christ at my left hand.
Christ be with me
everywhere I go.
Christ be my friend,
for ever and ever.
Amen

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