



# St Andrew's Parish News

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## THE THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C - 22 & 23 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 PILGRIMAGE TO BACCHUS MARSH SATURDAY 22ND MARCH

All should arrive at Church premises 6.45am.  
Parking available in Church car parks. **Buses depart at 7am sharp.** Light refreshments will be provided.  
MASS 8.45am, STATIONS OF THE CROSS: 10am followed by lunch & time for Reflection  
Departure: 11.30am

**CONTACT: Edwin & Peral B - 0403 005 962**



### A REFLECTION PROGRAM FOR LENT 2025



The Brisbane Archdiocesan Ministries has developed a new Lenten reflection resource for the 2025 Jubilee Year, "Pilgrims of Hope", called **Start Anew in Christ**. This resource is designed with both individuals and groups in mind, offering simple, easy-to-follow prompts for small group leaders to use each Sunday during Lent. Each weekday includes a short scripture text, a reflection upon it, as well as some thoughts to provoke prayer and discussion. Kindly contact piety stall to purchase a copy.

### PARISH TEAM

#### Parish Priest

Fr. Shibu Joseph sac  
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#### Parish Team Leader

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#### Parish Secretary

Smita Pinto (Tue/Wed)  
Luisa May - Bookkeeper (Thu)

#### Pastoral Worker

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#### Youth Co-ordinator

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#### St. Andrew's Primary School

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

Emma Strom

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

"SO IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE,  
YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED."  
*John 8:36*

## LENTEN RETREAT

with Fr. Sam Samuel VC,  
Director of Divine Retreat Centre, Sydney

**Date:** 7th -9th April 2025  
**Time:** 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Praise and Worship • Stations of the Cross • Confession,  
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### ONLINE SERVICES

#### Website:

[www.standrewsclaytonsouth.org.au](http://www.standrewsclaytonsouth.org.au)

#### Daily Reflections:

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

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## PARISH NEWS

### PPT / MINISTRY COORDINATORS MEETING

The next PPT / Ministry Coordinators Meeting will be held on Wednesday 26th March at 6.30pm in the parish house. All Parish Pastoral Team members and Ministry Coordinators are invited to attend the meeting.

### 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, 22<sup>nd</sup> April, from 4pm to 5pm** in the parish house.

An Information Night will be held on **Wednesday the 21<sup>st</sup> 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](mailto: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](mailto:claytonsouth@cam.org.au)

### FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2024

Category	Account Description	2024 Act	2024 Budget
Income	Thanksgiving Income	183,642	<b>160,000</b>
	Thanksgiving - Loose	47,321	<b>40,000</b>
	Donations	28,708	<b>19,000</b>
	Fundraising	43,233	<b>15,000</b>
	Other Income	31,832	<b>35,800</b>
<b>Subtotal - Income</b>		<b>334,736</b>	<b>269,800</b>
Expense	Archdiocesan Levies	-18,368	<b>-18,368</b>
	Insurance	-19,779	<b>-20,000</b>
	Maintenance and Gardening	-24,313	<b>-23,300</b>
	Printing and Office Expenses	-15,459	<b>-17,700</b>
	Salary Expenses	-77,482	<b>-96,600</b>
	General Expenses	-41,342	<b>-32,600</b>
	Utilities	-8,048	<b>-9,000</b>
<b>Subtotal - Expense</b>		<b>-204,791</b>	<b>-217,568</b>
<b>Operating Surplus</b>		<b>129,945</b>	<b>52,232</b>

Dear Parishioners,

I am pleased to report that our Parish experienced another financially successful year, achieving an operating surplus of \$129,945. Through your continued generosity and commitment we exceeded our budgeted income by over \$77,000. Income for the year exceeded budget in the categories of Thanksgiving income and Fund-raising activities. In addition, careful management of expenditure achieved savings of approximately \$13,000 against budget. We have an accrued investment of 200ks.

The Finance Committee is prudently investing these surplus funds so that the parish is in a solid financial position to deliver and achieve our pastoral programs, and also ensure our buildings and facilities are well maintained. This year we will be focusing to meet some capital expenses for the refabrication of the choir area in Church, replacement of garden sleepers and maintenance of parish house. This cannot be achieved without your wonderful support.

**Fr. Shibu Joseph SAC & the Finance Committee**

### Happy Birthday

Noah Dacruz, Charlotte Williams, Richard Gayen, Cayson, Geoffrey Williams, Sebastian Walker, Simon Conyers  
 Have a wonderful day!



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### 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT 22ND / 23RD MARCH 2025



Lam is 27 years old from a small village in rural Vietnam who faced significant challenges due to his short stature. Through the I-SHINE program Lam completed a six-month course developing his graphic design skills. He now runs a successful freelance graphic design business from home, serving clients worldwide and earning a steady income.

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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!

### 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](mailto:claytonsouth@cam.org.au)



**CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES**



## WEEKLY CALENDAR 24 MAR 2025

### Monday 24 March

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

### Tuesday 25 March

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

### Wednesday 26 March

09.15am Mass  
02.00pm Funeral - Oierre Denis  
06.30pm PPT / Ministry Coordinators Meeting  
07.00pm Choir Practice (6pmChoir)

### Thursday 27 March

09.15am Mass  
06.00pm Sacrament of 1st Reconciliation  
07.00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)  
07.00pm Lenten Reflection Program

### Friday 28 March

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

### Saturday 29 March

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

### Sunday 30 March - (4th 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, Gloria Bamford

**Recently Deceased:** Oierre Denis, Stephaney Micetich, Antoine David, Gloria Bamford.

**Birthday Remembrance:** Eva Geer, Andrea Rigley, Gregoria Gatchalian, Marie Rodrigues, Irene & James Brewty, Florence & George Weston, Vincent Crasto.

**Death Anniversaries:** Stephen Collins, Haneefa, Giuseppi Nittoli, Jenny Menon, Kevin Coelho, Gerald & Noreen Rabel, Bernard Lazarus, Florence and Maxwell Fernandez, Marcus Soema, Frank Ross, Rita Moss, Mercia Johns, Rosy Ouseph, James Patrick Roberts, Judy Hood, Forgotten Souls, All Souls in Purgatory.

## ROSTERS

### THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

22 & 23 MARCH 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>	Alexia Sophia Hannah Chanelle	Jackson	Alivia	
<b>Comm</b>	Edwin B	Jennie D	Youth Mass	Beatriz C
<b>Readers</b>	Muskaan Lota F	Patricia C Rebecca G	Youth Mass	Cheryl R Maria
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Cheryl R Anne L F Corazon X Jenny C	Marguerita Marlene E Marcelle J Volunteer	Hanna T Joyce S Linda M Rodolfo G	Beata G Pat I Linda K Cheryl R
<b>Welcomers</b>	Pearl & Edwin B	Peter F	Anna	Claire R
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Dona P Oreen T	No C. L.	Angel J Annette S	No C. L.
<b>Altar L.</b>	Claudette Chung			
<b>Counters Team</b>	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			

### THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

29 & 30 MARCH 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
<b>Altar Servers</b>				
<b>Comm</b>	Muskaan	Santosh S	Dewi M	Volunteer
<b>Readers</b>	Cora D Xavier F	Rubina R Volunteer	Allen S Volunteer	Linda K Volunteer
<b>Special Ministers</b>	Kim D Burle D Pearl B Xavier F	George V Riekie V Maureen H Atanasio J	Carol N Angela H Jan Van R Charles C	Ean B Beatriz C Rada P Volunteer
<b>Welcomers</b>	Kim D	Riekie V	Carol N	Joanna D
<b>Children's Liturgy</b>	Meryl H Robin A	No C. L.	Antigit T Ishdha P	No C. L.
<b>Altar L.</b>	Candy Allen			
<b>Counters Team</b>	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			



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**THE 03RD SUNDAY  
OF LENT - YEAR C  
23RD MARCH 2025**



**FIRST READING** Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

**A reading from the book of Exodus**

Moses was looking after the flock of Jethro, his father-in-law, priest of Midian. He led his flock to the far side of the wilderness and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in the shape of a flame of fire, coming from the middle of a bush. Moses looked; there was the bush blazing but it was not being burnt up. 'I must go and look at this strange sight,' Moses said, 'and see why the bush is not burnt.' Now the Lord saw him go forward to look, and God called to him from the middle of the bush. 'Moses, Moses!' he said. 'Here I am' he answered. 'Come no nearer' he said. 'Take off your shoes, for the place on which you stand is holy ground. I am the God of your father,' he said 'the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob.' At this Moses covered his face, afraid to look at God.

And the Lord said, 'I have seen the miserable state of my people in Egypt. I have heard their appeal to be free of their slave-drivers. Yes, I am well aware of their sufferings. I mean to deliver them out of the hands of the Egyptians and bring them up out of that land to a land rich and broad, a land where milk and honey flow.'

Then Moses said to God, 'I am to go, then, to the sons of Israel and say to them, "The God of your fathers has sent me to you." But if they ask me what his name is, what am I to tell them?' And God said to Moses, 'I Am who I Am. This' he added 'is what you must say to the sons of Israel: "The Lord, the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you." This is my name for all time; by this name I shall be invoked for all generations to come.'

**RESP PSALM** Ps 102:1-4.6-8.11.

**(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 does deeds of justice, gives judgement for all who are oppressed. He made known his ways to Moses and his deeds to Israel's sons. **(R.)**
4. The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. **(R.)**

**SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

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

I want to remind you how our fathers were all guided by a cloud above them and how they all passed through the sea. They were all baptised into Moses in this cloud and in this sea; all ate the same spiritual food and all drank the same spiritual drink, since they all drank from the spiritual rock that followed them as they went, and that rock was Christ. In spite of this, most of them failed to please God and their corpses littered the desert.

These things all happened as warnings for us, not to have the wicked lusts for forbidden things that they had. You must never complain: some of them did, and they were killed by the Destroyer.

All this happened to them as a warning and it was written down to be a lesson for us who are living at the end of the age. The man who thinks he is safe must be careful that he does not fall.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATT 4:17**

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!  
Repent, says the Lord; the kingdom of heaven is at hand.  
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

**GOSPEL** Luke 13: 1- 9

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

Some people arrived and told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with that of their sacrifices. At this he said to them, 'Do you suppose these Galileans who suffered like that were greater sinners than any other Galileans? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen on whom the tower at Siloam fell and killed them? Do you suppose that they were more guilty than all the other people living in Jerusalem? They were not, I tell you. No; but unless you repent you will all perish as they did.'

He told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it but found none. He said to the man who looked after the vineyard, "Look here, for three years now I have been coming to look for fruit on this fig tree and finding none. Cut it down: why should it be taking up the ground?" "Sir," the man replied "leave it one more year and give me time to dig round it and manure it: it may bear fruit next year; if not, then you can cut it down.'"

## REFLECTION – by Fr Michael Tate

**Politics, Economics, and the Gardener:** There was a terrible disaster when a building fell down killing eighteen people. Some said, 'Oh, those killed must have been sinners, they or their parents.' Jesus repudiates that notion: 'No, it wasn't for anything *they* did.' It was clear to Jesus that they were the victims of poor construction and conditions at Siloam. Look at the builder. Responsibility needs to be brought home to those who would otherwise hide behind a religious ideology, or the sheer self-interest of evading blame for a situation.

To identify those really responsible may well require major changes to the way society is organised. Does it all seem too difficult? Jesus helps us with a metaphor: You are like a fig tree which may not be bearing much fruit just now, but, I am a terrific gardener:

I will water you, dig around you, make sure you are well nourished so that you will bear the fruits I desire.

Our Lord does that by: watering us with the waters of baptism; pruning us, especially during Lent; nourishing us with the bread of life in Holy Communion.

We might pause at various times during Lent to allow Our Lord to garden us so that he may create a heavenly botanical garden, a new Eden, of the whole of humanity.

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### THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT—REFLECTION

Sometimes you hear Indigenous people refer to Jesus as a 'person of Country'. What might this mean? It is hard to imagine the Gospels without the connection of Jesus to the sea, the river, the desert, the fields and the mountain. His teaching often featured seeds and birds and sheep and corn. In today's Gospel, we hear the parable of the fig tree. The impatient person wants to cut it down. A wiser person is prepared to work with nature by putting manure on the tree and looking after it. This is a story of growth. God is creative. God is patient with us. God gives us another chance. He journeys with us on our pilgrimage of hope.



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(1 TIMOTHY 4:12)

TO CONTACT SAYG, EMAIL: SAYGCS21@GMAIL.COM

### FIRST RECONCILIATION ON THURSDAY 27TH MARCH 6PM

A warm welcome to the Parish and school staff, all the First Reconciliation Candidates and their families as the children will make their First Reconciliation on Thursday 27th March at 6pm.

May you experience the Love, Joy, Forgiveness and Peace of Our Lord!  
**CONGRATULATIONS!**



### DONATIONS FOR HOLY WEEK

Sponsors for church items are needed for our Holy Week Services like, Easter Candle, Procession Candles, Flowers, 12 loaves bread, cost of retreat, etc. If you can help in any way, please contact the parish office. Your generosity is appreciated!

### FEASTS & SAINTS OF THE WEEK

#### Annunciation of the Lord – 25th March – Solemnity



This Feast originated in the East during the sixth century and gained universal observance in the West during the eighth century. It is a feast of the Lord, commemorating the announcement of the Virgin Mary of the Word made flesh, Mary's acceptance of God's will, and occurrence close to Easter links the incarnation with the whole mystery of human redemption in Christ.

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