



St Andrew's Parish News

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THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C - 29 & 30 MARCH 2025

OUR PARISH

Parish Office

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Phone: 9551 5666
Email: claytonsouth@cam.org.au
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

ACYF MELBOURNE 2025



Australian Catholic Youth Festival (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago. Run over three days, the festival provides young people from all across Australia with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia.

The festival will bring together thousands of young people (Year 9 – 25 years of age) from all across Australia and include opportunities for engagement with other young people, school and youth groups, Bishops, musicians and speakers. Follow the link for more details. [ACYF](#)

PARISH TEAM

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Parish Team Leader

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School R.E. Co-ordinator

Emma Strom

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"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,
Preaching • Healing Holy Mass & Adoration

St. Andrew's Church,
76 Springs Road, Clayton South, VIC 3169

For more information, contact Parish office: 03 9551 5666,
email: claytonsouth@cam.org.au

PHOTOS FROM LAST WEEK/END

First Reconciliation & Lenten Pilgrimage to Bacchus Marsh
Congratulations and thanks to First Reconciliation Candidates, Parish and School Staff & Volunteers!



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

PARISH NEWS

BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT - WEDNESDAY 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

HOLY WEEK MASS ROSTERS The Mass Rosters for Holy Week Services are kept in the church foyer. All relevant ministry volunteers are kindly requested to put your name down on the roster sheet if you would like to assist with Reading / Commentating / Special Ministers etc.

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

FINANCIAL SUMMARY FOR 2024

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

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.

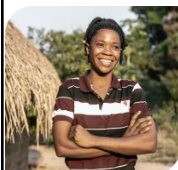
The Finance Committee is prudently investing these surplus funds so that the parish is in a solid financial position to deliver and achieve our pastoral programs, and also ensure our buildings and facilities are well maintained. This year we will be focusing to meet some capital expenses for the refabrication 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 Meryl Hickman, Burl Davey, Fr. Shanthaiah, Joyce Gayen, Fabiola Narcis, Kyla Del Castillo. Have a wonderful day! *Happy*



Wedding Anniversary Leroy and Muskaan Sheikh.



4TH SUNDAY OF LENT 29TH / 30TH MARCH 2025

Irene lives in the Kongolo Region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) and 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*



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.

OUR HEARTFELT CONDOLENCES AND PRAYERS TO THE FREDERICKS FAMILY



Dennis Fredericks - Funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11.30am on Wednesday, 2nd April 2025 at St. Andrew's Church.



CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



WEEKLY CALENDAR 31 MAR 2025

Monday 31 March

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

Tuesday 1 April

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

Wednesday 2 April

09.15am Mass
11.30am Funeral Mass - Dennis Fredericks
06.00pm Social Committee Meeting
07.00pm Choir Practice (6pmChoir)
07.30pm Baptism Preparation Night

Thursday 3 April

09.15am Mass—Anointing of the sick
07.00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)
07.00pm Lenten Reflection Program

Friday 4 April

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

Saturday 5 April

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

Sunday 6 April - (5th Sunday of Lent—Yr C)

08.00am Mass
09.30am Mass / RCIA
11.00am Mass
01.00pm Filipino 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: Dennis Fredericks, Marie Ange, Lilly Hayden & Phyllis Dhorabji,

Birthday Remembrance: Patricia Wosterman, Bienvenida Calingasan, Joseph DCruz.

Monthly Remembrance: Gloria Bamford.

Death Anniversaries: Liseby Chinkwok, Shirley Peters, Therese Lam Loong In, Alfred Anthony, Clara Edward, Luchow and Family, Souls of Vancuylenberg Family, Jeanne Wong, Derek Kong, Humphrey Pinto, Moira Ramamurthy, Elizabeth, Donald D'Rozario, Carlton Reay, Trevor Thomson, Irwin Passagne, Michel Khoury, John Crasto, For the Departed Souls of D'Vaz Family, Dulcine Dmello, Abdon Pereira, Wenceslao Bahian Labis, Jeffery Hendricks, Forgotten Souls, All Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

29 & 30 MARCH 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers				
Comm	Muskaan	Santosh S	Dewi M	Chantelle
Readers	Cora D Xavier F	Rubina R Rima J	Allen S Angela H	Linda K Anna L
Special Ministers	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 Rodney N
Welcomers	Kim D	Riekie V	Carol N	Joanna D
Children's Liturgy	Meryl H Robin A	No C. L.	Antigit T Ishdha P	No C. L.
Altar L.	Candy Allen			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			

THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C

5 & 6 APRIL 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Alexia Sophia Chanelle		Alivia	
Comm	Edwin B	Neddie A	Rosemary R	Linda K
Readers	Ado F Cheryl L	Marguerita Victor T	Ighodalo E Gabrielle	Anna L Volunteer
Special Ministers	Oreen T Cheryl L Marilyn W Pierre W	George V Riekie V Rebecca G Atanasio J	Angela H Jan Van R Linda M Rodolfo G	Ean B Beatriz C Rada P Rodney N
Welcomers	Pearl B	Peter F	Laurence B	Beatriz C
Altar L.	Laurence Bernard			
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 04TH SUNDAY
OF LENT - YEAR C
30TH MARCH 2025**



FIRST READING Joshua 5:9 - 12

A reading from the book of Joshua

The Lord said to Joshua, 'Today I have taken the shame of Egypt away from you.'

The Israelites pitched their camp at Gilgal and kept the Passover there on the fourteenth day of the month, at evening in the plain of Jericho. On the morrow of the Passover they tasted the produce of that country, unleavened bread and roasted ears of corn, that same day. From that time, from their first eating of the produce of that country, the manna stopped falling. And having manna no longer, the Israelites fed from that year onwards on what the land of Canaan yielded.

RESP PSALM Ps 33:2-7

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad. **(R.)**
2. Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free. **(R.)**
3. Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress. **(R.)**

SECOND READING 2 Cor 5:17-21

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

For anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation; the old creation has gone, and now the new one is here. It is all God's work. It was God who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the work of handing on his reconciliation. In other words, God in Christ was reconciling the world to himself, not holding men's faults against them, and he has entrusted to us the news that they are reconciled. So we are ambassadors for Christ; it is as though God were appealing through us, and the appeal that we make in Christ's name is: be reconciled to God. For our sake God made the sinless one into sin, so that in him we might become the goodness of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION LUKE 17:18

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

I will rise and go to my Father and tell him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you.

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Luke 15: 1- 3.11-32

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke

The tax collectors and the sinners were all seeking the company of Jesus to hear what he had to say, and the Pharisees and the scribes complained. 'This man' they said 'welcomes sinners and eats with them.' So he spoke this parable to them:

'A man had two sons. The younger said to his father, "Father, let me have the share of the estate that would come to me." So the father divided the property between them. A few days later, the younger son got together everything he had and left for a distant country where he squandered his money on a life of debauchery. 'When he had spent it all, that country experienced a severe famine, and now he began to feel the pinch, so he hired himself out to one of the local inhabitants who put him on his farm to feed the pigs. And he would willingly have filled his belly with the husks the pigs were eating but no one offered him anything. Then he came to his senses and said, "How many of my father's paid servants have more food than they want, and here am I dying of hunger! I will leave this place and go to my father and say: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as one of your paid servants." So he left the place and went back to his father.

'While he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with pity. He ran to the boy, clasped him in his arms and kissed him tenderly. Then his son said, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son." But the father said to his servants, "Quick! Bring out the best robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the calf we have been fattening, and kill it; we are going to have a feast, a celebration, because this son of mine was dead and has come back to life; he was lost and is found." And they began to celebrate. 'Now the elder son was out in the fields, and on his way back, as he drew near the house, he could hear music and dancing. Calling one of the servants he asked what it was all about. "Your brother has come" replied the servant "and your father has killed the calf we had fattened because he has got him back safe and sound." He was angry then and refused to go in, and his father came out to plead with him; but he answered his father, "Look, all these years I have slaved for you and never once disobeyed your orders, yet you never offered me so much as a kid for me to celebrate with my friends. But for this son of yours, when he comes back after swallowing up your property – he and his women – you kill the calf we had been fattening." 'The father said, "My son, you are with me always and all I have is yours. But it is only right we should celebrate and rejoice, because your brother here was dead and has come to life; he was lost and is found."

REFLECTION – by Fr Michael Tate

Truth and Reconciliation: For Jews, pigs are ritually unclean, so that living in a pig sty would make this young man unapproachable.

So, imagine the reaction of his Jewish audience when Jesus told the story of the father running to his son and embracing him still stinking of the pig sty, exclaiming, 'You were lost and now you are found.'

That is Jesus' portrayal of his heavenly Father's relationship with us. Of course, sometimes we are the older brother, resentful that someone seems to have had too easy a time of God's forgiveness. Is this the attitude of many who challenge the emphasis by Pope Francis on Mercy as the core of God's relationship with us?

More often, we are like the younger brother who has strayed to a far off place, sometimes quite deliberately.

We could resolve to approach the Sacrament of Mercy during Lent, knowing that our heavenly Father will run towards us, embracing us, exclaiming, 'You were lost but now you are found.' That is worth a celebration!



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THE 4TH SUNDAY OF LENT—REFLECTION

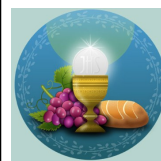
The story we encounter this week is also deeply moving. Irene, aged 25, lives in the Kongolo region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Her father was killed during a

war and Irene lived with her mother on very meagre resources, often going hungry for extended periods of time. Irene first became pregnant as a teenager and later had to raise her two children on her own, with the support of her mother. As a single mother, it was challenging for Irene to care for her two sons without a stable income.

Irene's life changed after she participated in the Youth Capacity Strengthening program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas Kongolo. Through the program, she undertook training in sewing and livestock farming, enabling her to generate income to support her family.

Our second reading today reminds us that we are 'ambassadors for Christ.' St Paul says, 'for anyone who is in Christ, there is a new creation.' Let us all be part of building that new creation, setting the world to rights as best we can. Our part is to reach out in compassion and love to heal the wounds of the whole human family. Let us all Unite Against Poverty as pilgrims of hope in this Year of Jubilee.

PIETY STALL AT ST ANDREW'S We have lots of religious items, books, cards etc, Statues & gifts at our piety stall now open at all weekday & weekend Masses. Contact parish office during office hours if required.



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

Permanent Diaconate Information Session 3 May 2025

Following the success of the permanent diaconate information sessions in 2024, we will be holding another session for those interested. The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to **everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate**. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. Wives most welcome.

The session will be on Saturday morning, 3rd May and will be in person. If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison. **Event Date: Saturday 3 May 2025 10.00am–11.30am Venue: Catholic Theological College 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne**

2025 YOUTH MASSES

LED BY ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH GROUP (SAYG)

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH
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NEXT YOUTH MASS ON 27TH APRIL 2025 AT 11AM

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