



St Andrew's Parish News

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THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR C - 5 & 6 APRIL 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

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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,
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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.



CHURCH WORKING BEE

In preparation for the Holy Week and Easter, a church working bee will be held on Saturday 12th April from 10am to 12pm. If you can spare some time and assist, please put your name down on the sign in sheet kept in the church foyer. **MANY HANDS MAKE THE WORK LIGHT AND EASY...** so come along, offer your helping hand in whatever way you can. Your help will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

HOLY WEEK & EASTER PROGRAM ON 7TH PAGE OF DIGITAL NEWSLETTER / PARISH WEBSITE & PRINTED COPIES IN CHURCH FOYERS

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

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1 hour Back

6 Apr 2025, 3:00 am

6 APR 2025 - DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, 6 April 2025, 3:00:00 am clocks are turned backward 1 hour to Sunday, 6 April 2025, 2:00:00 am local standard time instead.

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!

MOTHERS DAY BAKE SALE ON 10TH AND 11TH MAY



The St Andrew's Mother's Day Bake Sale is scheduled for May 10th and 11th! We invite all members of our congregation, from baking enthusiasts to seasoned pros, to join us in spreading warmth and joy through home made treats. Whether you excel

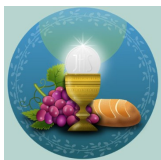
at cakes, cupcakes, pies, sausage rolls, or cookies, both sweet and savory delights are welcomed. Please bring your delectable creations to the Church from 4:30pm onwards on Saturday May 10th or alternatively drop them off in the foyer at the start of mass. Please ensure each item is accompanied



by a list of ingredients to accommodate various dietary needs. Let's come together as a community to share the love of baking and raise funds for our church's initiatives. See you there. For more information, please contact Leroy DSouza 0415 546 114, Cheryl Rodrigues 0490 659 344, Cheryl Lansakara on 0407 435 267 or Karen 0408 606 953. Thank you for your ongoing support.

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 Vanessa Fernandez, Starlene Thompson, Daniel Hickman, Christine Francis, Gloria Avendano, Have a wonderful day!



5TH SUNDAY OF LENT 5TH & 6TH APRIL

The life-changing work of Caritas Australia is only made possible by the unwavering generosity of our supporters and the dedication of our local partners on the ground.

Our partners are the true heroes, working tirelessly on the frontlines every day to transform lives and build brighter, more hopeful futures for their communities.

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!

2025 YOUTH MASSES

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

ST. ANDREW'S CATHOLIC CHURCH 76 SPRINGS RD, CLARINDA, VIC 3169

NEXT YOUTH MASS ON 27TH APRIL 2025 AT 11AM



CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



WEEKLY CALENDAR 7 APRIL 2025

Monday 7 April

09.15am Mass
06.30pm Lenten Retreat - Fr Sam Samuel VC

Tuesday 8 April

06.30pm Lenten Retreat - Fr Sam Samuel VC

Wednesday 9 April

09.15am Mass
06.00pm Confessions / Lenten Retreat

Thursday 10 April

09.15am Mass / Blessing of Plaques
07.00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)
07.00pm Lenten Reflection Program

Friday 11 April

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

Saturday 12 April

09.15am Mass
10.00am Working Bee
10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)
06.00pm Mass—**Palm Sunday**

Sunday 13 April - (Palm Sunday — Yr C)

08.00am Mass
09.30am Mass / RCIA / Welcome Rite
11.00am Mass
12.30pm Baptism

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: Wilma D'Costa, Tetini Mata, Dennis Fredericks.

Birthday Remembrance: Richard Jansz, Esme D'Monte, Darrel D'Monte, Elsa Lopez.

Death Anniversaries: Joseph Mileto, Romana Mileto, William Edward Ross, Lloyd Blok, Ruth Dubier, Louie Rozario, Joan & Philip Welsh, Patty Fernandez, Pearl Adie, Vinod D'Souza, Annette Lansakara, Vilma Rodrigues, Alfred Anthony, Richard D'Silva, Tony Rosario, Godwin Fernandez, Joseph D'Cruz, Patrick & Connie D'Souza, Forgotten Souls, All Souls in Purgatory.



ROSTERS

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 Helen A	Ighodalo E Gabrielle	Anna L Maria B
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			

PALM SUNDAY - YEAR C

12 & 13 APRIL 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Chanelle Alexia Sophia	Jackson	Alivia	
Comm	Volunteer	George V	Angela H	Beatriz C
Readers	Tiyah S Jenny C	Rima J Atanasio J	Genevieve Dewi M	Joanna D Maria B
Narrator	Cheryl R	Volunteer	Volunteer	Colette D
Special Ministers	Pearl B Edwin B Nial F Vaness F	Marcelle J Victor T James M Maureen H	Phillipe N Carol N Hanna T Joyce S	Rodney N Pat I Linda K Erlinda D
Welcomers	Xavier F	Riekie V	Carol N	Joanna D
Altar L.	Tina Rana			
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 05TH SUNDAY
OF LENT - YEAR C
06TH APRIL 2025**



FIRST READING Isaiah 43:16 - 21

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Thus says the Lord,
who made a way through the sea,
a path in the great waters;
who put chariots and horse in the field
and a powerful army,
which lay there never to rise again,
snuffed out, put out like a wick:
No need to recall the past,
no need to think about what was done before.
See, I am doing a new deed,
even now it comes to light; can you not see it?
Yes, I am making a road in the wilderness,
paths in the wilds. The wild beasts will honour me,
jackals and ostriches,
because I am putting water in the wilderness
(rivers in the wild) to give my chosen people drink.
The people I have formed for myself will sing
my praises.

RESP PSALM Ps 125.

**(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.**

1. When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
it seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)
2. The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)
3. Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)
4. They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

SECOND READING Philippians 3:8-14

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians

I believe nothing can happen that will outweigh the
supreme advantage of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.
For him I have accepted the loss of everything, and I

look on everything as so much rubbish if only I can have
Christ and be given a place in him. I am no longer trying
for perfection by my own efforts, the perfection that
comes from the Law, but I want only the perfection that
comes through faith in Christ, and is from God and
based on faith. All I want is to know Christ and the
power of his resurrection and to share his sufferings by
reproducing the pattern of his death. That is the way I
can hope to take my place in the resurrection of the
dead. Not that I have become perfect yet: I have not yet
won, but I am still running, trying to capture the prize
for which Christ Jesus captured me. I can assure you my
brothers, I am far from thinking that I have already
won. All I can say is that I forget the past and I strain
ahead for what is still to come; I am racing for the
finish, for the prize to which God calls us upwards to
receive in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOEL2:12-13

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
With all your heart turn to me,
for I am tender and compassionate.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL John 8:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. At daybreak he
appeared in the Temple again; and as all the people
came to him, he sat down and began to teach them.

The scribes and Pharisees brought a woman along who
had been caught committing adultery; and making her
stand there in full view of everybody, they said to Jesus,
'Master, this woman was caught in the very act of
committing adultery, and Moses has ordered us in the
Law to condemn women like this to death by stoning.
What have you to say?' They asked him this as a test,
looking for something to use against him. But Jesus
bent down and started writing on the ground with his
finger. As they persisted with their question, he looked
up and said, 'If there is one of you who has not sinned,
let him be the first to throw a stone at her.' Then he
bent down and wrote on the ground again. When they
heard this they went away one by one, beginning with
the eldest, until Jesus was left alone with the woman,
who remained standing there. He looked up and said,
'Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned
you?' 'No one, sir,' she replied. 'Neither do I condemn
you,' said Jesus 'go away, and don't sin any more.'

REFLECTION – by Fr Michael Tate

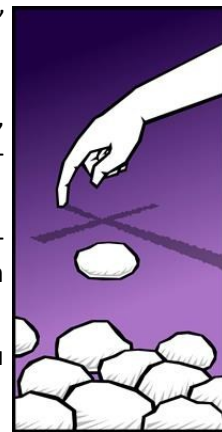
The Gaze of Jesus: The accusers of this woman make her ‘stand there in *full view* of everybody.’ She is surrounded by the hostile glare of eyes filled with blood lust.

It is only when the accusers have left in embarrassment that Jesus, who has been bent to the ground, looks up at her. He adopts the posture of a slave, seeing her as she could be if she gives up her current pattern of behaviour.

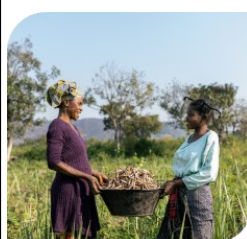
Up till now, *no-one* has spoken to this woman. Now Jesus treats her as a human being worth speaking to. And what does she hear? That he does not condemn her but points her to a new sort of life in the future.

We could pause for a moment to allow Jesus the time to look at us, talk to us, in that way. Do you have the courage to ‘lock eyes’ with Jesus and live out the consequences?

‘The eyes have it.’



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THE 5TH SUNDAY OF LENT—

REFLECTION Pope Francis very much reflects the attitude of Jesus whose closeness to women distinguished him as a leader and teacher in his time. You might think of significant encounters in the New Testament: the woman at the well, Martha and Mary, the widow of

Nain. You might also think of the woman we met in today’s Gospel, described by the scribes and Pharisees as ‘caught in the very act of committing adultery.’ Listen to the sneer in those words. These men, who are supposed to be educated and respected, have been peeping through the window. Their behavior is salacious, domineering and demeaning. In their self-righteousness, they threaten violence. There is no sign of the woman’s partner who is surely just as much part of the story. Jesus neatly turns the tables. He starts by sitting on the ground, occupying a position lower than that of the woman. He is the only one not taking an eyeful of her.

Caritas Australia, whom we support through Project Compassion, has long acted in constructive ways to uphold the dignity of women and honor their strength, resilience and leadership. We have seen this during Lent, particularly in the stories of Irene from the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Toefuata’iga from a school in Samoa. Please look at Caritas Australia’s resources online; you will find many such stories. In so much of the world, development is led by women.

This Lent, we have also been mindful of the Year of Jubilee, a significant call to Unite Against Poverty as pilgrims of hope. Today’s second reading reminds us that none of us is perfect. But like St Paul, we are still running, still trying to achieve ‘the perfection that comes through faith in Christ.’ This does not mean judging others as the scribes and Pharisees did. It means challenging ourselves to bring the world closer together as Jesus prayed ‘may they all be one.’

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.



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 anguished, 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

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.



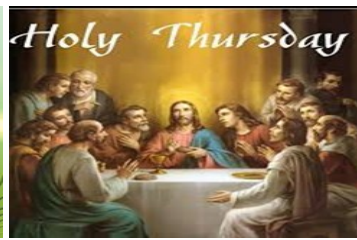
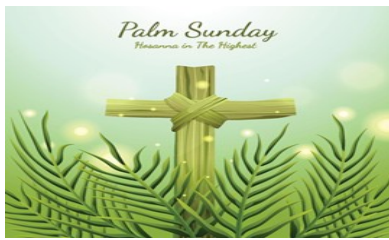
Event Date: Saturday 3 May 2025 10.00am–11.30am
Venue: Catholic Theological College 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish.

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER PROGRAM 2025

Mon/Tue/Wed
07, 08 & 09 April

06.30 -
09.00pm

Lenten Retreat led by **Father Sam Samuel VC**
(**Director, Divine Retreat Centre, Sydney**
Stations of the Cross, Mass, Adoration & Confession)

PALM SUNDAY

Sat & Sunday
12th & 13th April

06.00pm
08.00am
09.30am
11.00am

Blessing of the Palms, Procession
Mass in the Church

EASTER TRIDUUM – in School Hall

Holy Thursday
17th April

07.30pm

NO MORNING MASS

Mass of the Lord's Supper in the school hall followed by Re-
pose of the Altar in the Church.
Silent Adoration until midnight in the Church

Good Friday
18th April

10.00am
03.00pm

Stations of the Cross – Bald Hill Park
Commemoration of the Passion & Death of our Lord Jesus
Christ in the School Hall

Holy Saturday
19th April

07.30pm

Easter Vigil Mass in the School Hall

Easter Sunday
20th April

08.30am
10.30am

Mass in the Church
Mass in the Church

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

**Divine Mercy
Feast**
27th April

1pm – 3pm
3.15pm

Confessions / Holy Rosary / Exposition of the Blessed Sac-
rament. **Celebrant:** Fr. Huy Nguyen (Mordialloc)

Divine Mercy Mass followed by afternoon tea.

