



St Andrew's Parish News

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C - 03 & 04 MAY 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



CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA APPEAL 3 / 4 MAY

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families & communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your generous donation will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing homelessness, those experiencing mental health challenges, families struggling with relationship problems, newly arrived refugees and asylum seekers, and those experiencing grief and trauma. You can donate using the appeal envelope, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.

IT IS TIME TO VOTE - SATURDAY 3RD MAY

Prayer for the Election. Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that as the Cross shines in our Southern skies, so may Christ bring light to our Nation, to its peoples old and new, and by saving grace, transform our lives. Through Christ Our Lord. Amen



THANK YOU - DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Our **SINCERE THANKS AND APPRECIATION** to everyone who helped us organize and celebrate **DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**. It was a very well attended and well organized day. A special word of thanks to **Edwin and Pearl Braganza and Team**. Your time, dedication and love made the celebration a beautiful expression of our trust in God's endless mercy. From the liturgy and music to the prayers and fellowship - it was truly a grace filled afternoon. May the message of Divine Mercy continue to inspire and strengthen us all.

Fr. Shibu Joseph SAC



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PARISH VISION STATEMENT

“A COMMUNITY THAT EMBRACES, CELEBRATES AND EMPOWERS ALL TO LIVE AS DISCIPLES OF JESUS”

PARISH NEWS



My Dear Friends,
With a heart full of gratitude, I extend my sincere thanks to all who joined in the celebration of the Silver Jubilee of my priesthood. Your presence, prayers, kind words, and warm support made this milestone deeply meaningful.

As I reflect on these 25 years of service, I am humbled by the grace of God and the encouragement of so many generous souls – St. Andrew’s parish family, family, friends, fellow priests, and faithful companions on the journey. Your participation has been a true blessing, and I hold it dearly in my heart.

May the Lord bless you abundantly, and may we continue to walk together in faith, love, and service. With gratitude,
Fr. Shibu Joseph SAC



WARM WELCOME TO YEAR 1 & 2 MASS

A warm welcome to the Year 1 and 2 children, their families, friends and the school staff to the Class Mass on Sunday 4th May at 11am.

BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

The next Baptism Preparation Night will be held on Wednesday 7th May at 7.30pm in the parish house. To register, please contact the parish office via phone or email.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES

The Project Compassion boxes are now due for collection. Please place the box in the container kept in the foyer. Thank you.

HOLY WATER Will be available throughout Eastertide from the Church foyer. If you would like some, kindly bring a bottle along and collect it.

EASTER HOUSE BLESSING

It is a beautiful tradition that the Holy Water, blessed on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil Mass and used for the baptism of new Catholics, is used to bless the Catholic homes during the Easter season.

Would you like to invite Fr. Joe to have your home blessed? Do you have a new home that has never been blessed? Kindly fill in your details in the clipboard kept at the foyer or please call the parish office on 9551 5666.

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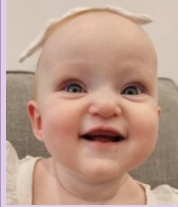


NEWSLETTER

Happy Birthday Anne La Fontaine, Stanly Singh, Justin De Souza, Rodney Green, Anna Green, Stanley Singh, Veronica Del Castillo, Goyel Rodis, Lachlan McKernan. *Have a nice day!*



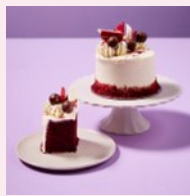
Happy Birthday
Wishing you a beautiful day full of love and happiness.



BAPTISM ON SUNDAY 4TH MAY 2025

We warmly welcome **Lucy Alexandra Chapman** as she will be baptised in our community on Sunday. We welcome her, her parents & Godparents.

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 D’Souza 0415 546 114, Cheryl Rodriques 0490 659 344, Cheryl Lansakara on 0407 435 267 or Karen 0408 606 953.**

Thank you for your ongoing support.



MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with the Jubilee of Families.



Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate.

Please register for your spot by Sunday 25 May. For any queries, please contact the Proclaim team on 9926 5761 or at proclaim@cam.org.au.



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WEEKLY CALENDAR 5 MAY 2025

Monday 5 May

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

Tuesday 6 May

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

Wednesday 7 May

09.15am Mass - Gr 3 & 4 W
07.00pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)
07.30pm Baptism Preparation Night

Thursday 8 May

09.15am Mass —Gr 5/6 DW
07.00om Choir Practice (8am Choir)
07.00pm Bible Study Group

Friday 9 May

09.15am Mass

Saturday 10 May

09.15am Mass
10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)
03.00pm Youth Choir Practice
06.00pm Mass - **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**
07.30pm P&W Good Shepherd Servant Comm

Sunday 11 May - 4th Sunday of Easter

08.00am Mass - **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**
09.30am Mass - **Welcome Rite**
11.00am Mass - **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**

REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

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

Recently Deceased: Stephen Simioni.

Birthday Remembrance: Egerton Trevor Fernando, Vivienne Byrnes, Hugo Rozario.

Death Anniversaries: Leo Manongdo, Louis Ah Kan, Michel Lai-Cheong, Keith Balasoobramanien, Joseph & Rosamma, Thomas & Annamma, Antony & Annamma, Joseph & Rosamma, Maria Vong, Vincent Dang Bui, Carmelo Fiorello, Antonina Fiorello, Maria Fiorello, Sarina Vinaccia, Ruth Braganza, Sr Andrea D'Cruz, Bernard Lazarus & James Lazarus, Anthony D'Cruz & Oswin D'Cruz, Amresh Triveni, Gaudiosa Caballero & Alan Ross Best, Mihouil & Ivan Smoljo, Antonio Antonuccio, Forgotten Souls, All Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

03 & 04 MAY 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Alexia		Alivia Joshua Esther T Rachel T	
Comm	Cheryl R	Lynette F	David G	Linda K
Readers	Pearl B Ado F	Tanasha S Tricia S	Adam D Allen S	Rohini T Arputha V
Special Ministers	Oreen T Cheryl L Xavier F Edwin B	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	Xavier F	Santosh S	Laurence B	Joanna D
Children's Liturgy	Oreen T Dona P	No C. L.	Lota F Ishdha P	No C. L.
Altar L.	Laurence Bernard			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, George V, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L			

THE 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR C

10 & 11 MAY 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Alexia	Noah	Alivia Joshua	
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	Phillippe N Carol N Hanna T Joyce S	Pat I Linda K Erlinda D Ean B
Welcomers	Pearl B	Riekie V	Carol N	Betty C
Children's Liturgy	Genevieve Joanna D	No C. L.	Annette S Romain S	No C. L.
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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**03RD SUNDAY
OF EASTER - YR C
04TH MAY 2025**



FIRST READING Acts 5:27-32. 40-41

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The high priest demanded an explanation of the apostles. 'We gave you a formal warning,' he said 'not to preach in this name, and what have you done? You have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and seem determined to fix the guilt of this man's death on us.' In reply Peter and the apostles said, 'Obedience to God comes before obedience to men; it was the God of our ancestors who raised up Jesus, but it was you who had him executed by hanging on a tree. By his own right hand God has now raised him up to be leader and saviour, to give repentance and forgiveness of sins through him to Israel. We are witnesses to all this, we and the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.' They warned the apostles not to speak in the name of Jesus and released them. And so they left the presence of the Sanhedrin glad to have had the honour of suffering humiliation for the sake of the name.

RESP PSALM Ps 29:2. 4-6. 11-13.

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, for you have rescued me.

1. I will praise you, Lord, you have rescued me and have not let my enemies rejoice over me. O Lord, you have raised my soul from the dead, restored me to life from those who sink into the grave. **(R.)**
2. Sing psalms to the Lord, you who love him, give thanks to his holy name. His anger lasts but a moment; his favour through life. At night there are tears, but joy comes with dawn. **(R.)**
3. The Lord listened and had pity. The Lord came to my help. For me you have changed my mourning into dancing; O Lord my God, I will thank you for ever. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Rev 5:11-14

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

In my vision, I, John, heard the sound of an immense number of angels gathered round the throne and the animals and the elders; there were ten thousand times ten thousand of them and thousands upon thousands, shouting, 'The Lamb that was sacrificed is worthy to be given power, riches, wisdom, strength, honour, glory and blessing.' Then I heard all the living things in

creation – everything that lives in the air, and on the ground, and under the ground, and in the sea, crying, 'To the One who is sitting on the throne and to the Lamb, be all praise, honour, glory and power, for ever and ever.' And the four animals said, 'Amen'; and the elders prostrated themselves to worship.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Christ is risen, the Lord of all creation;
he has shown pity on all people.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL JOHN 21:1-14

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Jesus showed himself again to the disciples. It was by the Sea of Tiberias, and it happened like this: Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael from Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee and two more of his disciples were together. Simon Peter said, 'I'm going fishing.' They replied, 'We'll come with you.' They went out and got into the boat but caught nothing that night.

It was light by now and there stood Jesus on the shore, though the disciples did not realise that it was Jesus. Jesus called out, 'Have you caught anything, friends?' And when they answered, 'No', he said, 'Throw the net out to starboard and you'll find something.' So they dropped the net, and there were so many fish that they could not haul it in. The disciple Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord.' At these words 'It is the Lord,' Simon Peter, who had practically nothing on, wrapped his cloak round him and jumped into the water. The other disciples came on in the boat, towing the net and the fish; they were only about a hundred yards from land.

As soon as they came ashore they saw that there was some bread there, and a charcoal fire with fish cooking on it. Jesus said, 'Bring some of the fish you have just caught.' Simon Peter went aboard and dragged the net to the shore, full of big fish, one hundred and fifty-three of them; and in spite of there being so many the net was not broken. Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' None of the disciples was bold enough to ask, 'Who are you?'; they knew quite well it was the Lord. Jesus then stepped forward, took the bread and gave it to them, and the same with the fish. This was the third time that Jesus showed himself to the disciples after rising from the dead.

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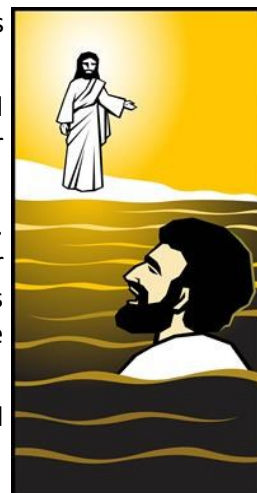
You Know I love you: You and I, like Peter, are enabled by grace to repent of our betrayals of Our Lord, some major, most minor, and to claim: “Lord, you know that I love you.”

But, this claim has to be evidenced by concrete action. In the case of Peter it was to feed and shepherd “my lambs, my sheep.” What will manifest our professed love? In the words of Father Richard Rohr, it is *to love what God loves*.

Of course, we have to love our fellow human beings, but leaving it there would be inadequate. “For God so *loved the cosmos* as to give the Son.” (Jn 3:16,17) So what must we do? Recall, Our Lord says elsewhere, “You are the Salt of the Earth.” You must preserve the Earth so that it does not decay and so that it is a suitable habitation for all the creatures, including us, for whom the Earth is a common home.

He went on: “You are the Light of the Cosmos.” You are the enlightened mind and the enflamed heart of the whole cosmos, enabling it to understand its existence and to love God for it.

We could pause for a moment to reflect on the words of Pope Francis: “We, the women and men of the Church, we are in the middle of a love story and each of us is a link in this chain of love. And if we do not understand this, we have understood nothing of what the Church is.”



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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

2025 YOUTH MASSES

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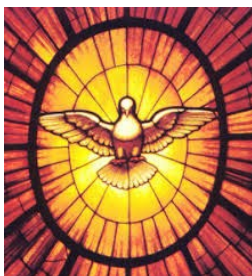
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**NEXT YOUTH
MASS ON 24TH
MAY AT 6PM**

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

It's about time to enroll for the Sacrament of Confirmation now! The program will be held during School Term 3, starting July 15, on every Tuesday from 4 to 5pm. If you would like to arrange for your child of Year 6 and above to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation, please fill in the enrolment form and return it to us at your earliest convenience.

For further details, kindly contact the Parish Office during office hours, Tuesday to Friday, 10am to 3pm on 95515666 / email: claytonsouth@cam.org.au or contact Mable Tsang, the Pastoral Worker at email: mable.tsang@cam.org.au.



Good Shepherd Sunday 2025

Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday – the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

Let us continue to pray for more vocations to priesthood and religious life.



CONCLAVE TO ELECT NEW POPE

The conclave to elect the 267th Pope will begin on May 7th, following the conclusion of the Novendiales Masses to pray for the eternal repose of the late Pope Francis. Let us pray for an outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the conclave that through intense prayer and genuine discernment, the Cardinals may listen to the Spirit's guidance.

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