



St Andrew's Parish News

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

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A - 13 & 14 DECEMBER 2025

OUR PARISH

Parish Office

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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

PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest

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Parish Team Leader

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Smita Pinto (Tue/Wed)
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Youth Co-ordinator

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School R.E. Co-ordinator

Emma Strom

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ADVENT RETREAT

thema
We have held His glory (John 1: 14)

Monday December 15th
7pm Mass, Advent Reflection
& Eucharistic Adoration

Tuesday December 16th
7pm Mass, Advent Reflection &
Confession

LED BY FR. JOBY GEORGE VC

THANK YOU CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

What a beautiful celebration we shared at this year's Carols by Candlelight! Heartfelt thanks to everyone who contributed to its success specially the talented choirs, dedicated volunteers, our school community, generous supporters, and of course, Santa for his delightful visit. The evening truly reflected the spirit of Christmas, bringing us together as one Parish family in joy, fellowship, and generosity. Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to sharing many more special moments in the coming year.



Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a blessed, peaceful New Year.

– **St Andrew's Social Committee and Choir Groups**

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

	06.30pm	Carols
Wednesday 24 December	07.00pm	Children's & Family Mass With Nativity Play
	11.30pm	Carols Followed by Midnight Mass
Thursday 25th December	08.00am	Carols
Christmas day	08.30am	Christmas Mass
	10.00am	Carols
	10.30am	Christmas Mass

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PARISH NEWS

Happy Birthday to David Gayen, Prospero Aguilar, Danilo Calingasan, Greg Attard, Tina Rana, Aidan Fraser, Charles Cooke. **Have a nice day!**

Happy 50th Wedding Anniversary to
Dennis and Valarie Lucas (50)
Pierre and Marilyne Wong



St Vincent de Paul Society
good works

Christmas Giving Tree!

St. Vincent de Paul Society members are reaching out to deserved families with food assistance for a decent meal at this Christmas. Some of the students in our School will also be given special Christmas hampers. Increased cost of living continues to put pressure on many families. The Christmas giving tree is up at the narthex this year again. Please contribute in the blue box kept next to the tree. All donations at the giving tree will go directly to support the deserved people in our community.

We encourage you to make donations using the QR code attached to the box. Alternatively, you may go to the web page too for your valuable contribution, however small it might be. <https://fundraising.svdv-vic.org.au/claytonsouthconference> Vincentians of St. Andrews Conference and our companions from the society, wishing all of you a Merry Christmas!

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St Vincent de Paul Society
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ENROL NOW! SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

It's time to enrol for St. Andrew's Parish Religious Education Program 2026. This program is designed for children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation in 2025. Classes are held on Tuesdays during school terms from 4:00pm to 5:00pm and are intended for children who do not attend a Catholic school. The program provides both general religious education and specific preparation for the Sacraments of Reconciliation in Year 3, First Eucharist in Year 4, and Confirmation in Year 6. These are the minimum age requirements for each Sacrament; however, older children who need to prepare are most welcome to join. For more details or to enrol, please contact the Parish Office on 03 9551 5666 or email claytonsouth@cam.org.au.



DONATION FOR CHRISTMAS CELEBRATIONS

We kindly welcome any donations towards our wonderful Christmas and New Year celebrations. Contributions can be made either in cash through the Parish Office or via bank transfer to the church account. To help us issue a receipt promptly, please send us an email notifying us of your donation. Thank you for your generosity.

ACCOUNT NAME: ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

BSB: 083 347

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Reference: CHRISTMAS & Your Name

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH PRESENTS
NEW YEARS EVE DANCE

TICKETS SOLD OUT

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
2025 NEW YEARS EVE DANCE
31 DECEMBER 2025, 7:30 PM - 12:30 AM

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1 ST PRIZE	\$250
2 ND PRIZE	\$150
3 RD PRIZE	\$100

& many more prizes!!

Don't miss this opportunity to take home a prize.

ADVENT RELECTION PROGRAM 2025

You are warmly invited to join our **Parish Advent Reflection Program**. On every Wednesday after Mass from **10:00am to 11:00am** in the Church followed by morning tea and fellowship. (Dec 17) **OR** On every Thursday at **7pm** in the parish house with the Bible Study Group. (Dec 18). Take this opportunity to pause, pray, and prepare your heart for the coming of Christ. All are welcome!

WELCOME TO ST. ANDREW'S PARISH : Are you new to St. Andrew's? We welcome you! Please take a moment to look at our welcome kit which is available in the church foyer. You are invited to complete the registration form and return it to the Parish office. THANKS.



CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



WEEKLY CALENDAR 15 DEC 2025

Monday 15 December

09.15am Mass
06.30pm Social Committee Meeting
07.00pm Advent Retreat—Day 1

Tuesday 16 December

09.00am End of Year School Mass
07.00pm Advent Retreat—Day 2 **CONFESSIONS**

Wednesday 17 December

09.15am Mass
10.00am Advent Program
07.00pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)

Thursday 18 December

09.15am Mass
06.00pm Altar Servers Training
07.00pm Advent Program

Friday 19 December

09.15am Mass

Saturday 20 December

04.30am Filipino Christmas Dawn Mass
09.15am Mass
10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)
06.00pm Mass
08.00pm Good Shepherd Servant Comm—P & W

Sunday 21 December - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

08.00am Mass
09.30am Mass
11.00am Mass

REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

Pray For Healing: Candice Walker, Alexander, Felipe & Anne, Dom Carlos Ximenes Belo, Oemoe Jong, Eugene Roberts, Alyson, Uttam Sharma, Alex D'Cruz, Julie Kanta.

Recently Deceased: Derick Fernandez, Vidal Corte -Real.

Birthday Remembrance: Ursula D'Silva, Gail Akers, Evelyn Misquith, Lillian Rodrigues, Ruth Braganza,

Death Anniversaries: Carla Steiner, Pietro Vena, Luigi Angelico, Stephen, Connie Abraham, John Ferdinand, Tony Bastian, Mary Hickman, Achille Santuro, Vincent Dang, Maria Vong, Christine Masset, Barbara Clarke, Mildred Seixas, Marlene Fernandez, Agnes & Joseph, Joseph Anthony, Aloysius and Ruth Braganza, Rosy Furtado, All Forgotten & Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

13 & 14 DEC 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers				
Comm	Janet D	George V	Angela H	Beatriz C
Readers	Tiyah S Jenny C	Rima J Atanasio J	Geneveive Dewi M	Colette D Maria B
Special Ministers	Pearl B Edwin B Jenny Janet	Marcelle J Victor T James M Maureen H	Phillipe N Rudolfo G Hanna T Joyce S	Beata G Pat I Linda K Erlinda D
Welcomers	Pearl B	Riekie V	Anna W	Peter F
Altar L.	Tina Rana			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L, Laurence Bernard, Pearl Braganza			

4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT - YEAR A

20 & 21 DEC 2025	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers				
Comm	Jenny C	Volunteer	Terry M	Maria B
Readers	Cheryl L Cheryl R	Marcelle J Neddie A	Angela H Oka G	Beatriz C Volunteer
Special Ministers	Michael Xavier F Cora D Julianne	Volunteer Volunteer Rebecca G Marguerita	Angela H Rodolfo G Jan Van R Linda M	Ean B Rodney N Rada P Erlinda D
Welcomers	Xavier F	Santosh S	Laurence B	Claire R
Altar L.	Winnie Miranda			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L, Laurence Bernard, Pearl Braganza			

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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Parish Office Christmas Break: Please note that the Parish Office will be closed for the Christmas break **from 24 December to 12 January**, both dates inclusive. Normal office hours will resume on **13 Jan 2026**.



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 OF ST. ANDREW'S**

From the depths of my nothing-
 ness I prostrate myself before
 you O most Sacred Divine Ador-
 able Heart of Jesus to pay to
 you all the homage of love praise
 and adoration in my power.
 Amen

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**THE 03RD SUNDAY
OF ADVENT - YR A
14TH DECEMBER 2025**



FIRST READING Isaiah 35:1-16,10

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Let the wilderness and the dry-lands exult, let the wasteland rejoice and bloom, let it bring forth flowers like the jonquil, Let it rejoice and sing for joy. The glory of Lebanon is bestowed on it, the splendour of Carmel and Sharon; they shall see the glory of the Lord, the splendour of our God. Strengthen all weary hands, steady all trembling knees and say to all faint hearts, 'Courage! Do not be afraid. 'Look, your God is coming, vengeance is coming, the retribution of God; he is coming to save you.' Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, the ears of the deaf unsealed, then the lame shall leap like a deer and the tongues of the dumb sing for joy, for those the Lord has ransomed shall return. They will come to Zion shouting for joy, everlasting joy on their faces; joy and gladness will go with them and sorrow and lament be ended.

RESP PSALM Ps 145:6-10.

(R.) Lord, come and save us.

1. It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)
2. It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the stranger and upholds the widow and orphan. (R.)
3. It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

SECOND READING James 5:7-10

A reading from the letter of St James

Be patient, brothers, until the Lord's coming. Think of a farmer: how patiently he waits for the precious fruit of the ground until it has had the autumn rains and the spring rains! You too have to be

patient; do not lose heart, because the Lord's coming will be soon. Do not make complaints against one another, brothers, so as not to be brought to judgement yourselves; the Judge is already to be seen waiting at the gates. For your example, brothers, in submitting with patience, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION ISAIAH 61: 1
(LK 4:18)**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me;
he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 11:2-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

John in his prison had heard what Christ was doing and he sent his disciples to ask him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or have we got to wait for someone else?' Jesus answered, 'Go back and tell John what you hear and see; the blind see again, and the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, and the deaf hear, and the dead are raised to life and the Good News is proclaimed to the poor; and happy is the man who does not lose faith in me.'

As the messengers were leaving, Jesus began to talk to the people about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to see? A reed swaying in the breeze? No? Then what did you go out to see? A man wearing fine clothes? Oh no, those who wear fine clothes are to be found in palaces. Then what did you go out for? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and much more than a prophet: he is the one of whom scripture says: Look, I am going to send my messenger before you; he will prepare your way before you. I tell you solemnly, of all the children born of women, a greater than John the Baptist has never been seen; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he is.'



SUNDAY REFLECTION

The Right Question: John was languishing in prison, held captive by the local agent of the Roman Empire. Perhaps he was looking for evidence that Jesus was the One who would throw off Roman despotism. In answer to his questing, Jesus replied that John should rather look at what was happening on the ground in His healing ministry and orientation to the poor. *Those* are the signs that the reign of God has begun.

I admire John the Baptist because he was prepared to seek and accept the answer to the question which was crucial to him, even though the answer might upset his preconceptions. He was a true seeker after Truth. All our activities as a parish in building community, forming faith, serving the poor, participating in the liturgy, should be undertaken so that a seeker after Truth might see and hear the evidence of the presence and mission of the risen Lord Jesus Christ amongst us.

We could pause for a moment to simply pray in the spirit of Advent: ‘Come, Lord Jesus’ to satisfy the restlessness of the questing heart.



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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR ROSTERS

	CHRISTMAS EVE		CHRISTMAS DAY		NEW YEAR EVE	NEW YEAR DAY
	Wed 24.12.25 07.00pm	Wed 24.12.25 11.30pm	Thurs 25.12.25 8.30am	Thurs 25.12.25 10.30am	Wed 31.12.25 5.00pm Adoration 6.00pm Mass	Thurs 01.01.26 10.00am
 Altar Servers	Ryan G Gavin	Sophia Chanelle Alexia, Esther, Rachel		Alexia Eva		Sophia
Comm	Janet D	Angela H	Volunteer	Maria B	Jenny Conyers	Edwin B
Readers	Cheryl L Kim D	David G Gabrielle N	Felecia F Patricia C	Colette D Betty C	Cora D David G	Betty C Janet D
Special Ministers	Corazon J Xavier F Marguerita S Marcelle J	Cheryl R Michael M Oreen T Marilyne W	George V Riekie V Marlene E	Betty C Rodolfo G Ean B Beata G	Oreen T Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer	Felicia F Cheryl R Ean B Pearl B
Welcomers	Anna W	Volunteer	Rieki V	Treasure	Volunteer	Treasure
Collection	Rodney P	Peter F	Peter F	Peter F	Peter F	Peter F

If you can assist where you see volunteer, please email: claytonsouth@cam.org.au. Thank you.

PIETY STALL AT ST ANDREW'S

Come visit our Parish Piety Stall after Mass and explore our new arrivals! It includes beautiful religious items, rosaries, medals, prayer cards, Bibles, and gifts for all occasions. We have a lovely selection perfect for First Holy Communion, Confirmation, Baptisms, or simply to enrich your personal prayer life. Your purchase supports the par-

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CHRISTMAS PROGRAM 2025

DAY	TIME	PROGRAM
Saturday 06 December Carols by Candlelight	06.30 - 09.30pm	Carols by Candlelight School Hall
Wednesday 10 December	09.15am	Anointing within Mass
Monday 15 December	07.00pm	Advent Retreat - Day 1 Fr. Joby George VC <i>Mass, Talk and Adoration</i>
Tuesday 16 December	07.00pm	Advent Retreat - Day 2 Fr. Joby George VC <i>Mass, Talk, Confession and Adoration</i>
Wednesday 24 December	06.30pm 07.00pm 11.30pm	Carols Children's & Family Mass With Nativity Play Carols Followed by Midnight Mass
Thursday 25th December Christmas day	08.00am 08.30am 10.00am 10.30am	Carols Christmas Mass Carols Christmas Mass
NEW YEAR 2026		
New Year Eve Wednesday 31 December	05.00pm 06.00 pm	Eucharistic Adoration Thanksgiving/Mary Mother of God
Thursday 1st January 2026	10.00am	Mary, Mother of God



St. Andrew's Parish

Advent Retreat 2025

MONDAY

DECEMBER 15TH 7PM

MASS, SPIRITUAL TALK & ADORATION

TUESDAY

DECEMBER 16TH 7PM

MASS, SPIRITUAL TALK &
CONFESSION



Led by: FR. JOBY GEORGE VC

We have held his glory...
John 1:14



TICKETS SOLD OUT

COUNTDOWN TO
2026

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH PRESENTS
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