



St Andrew's Parish News

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

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD - YEAR A - 03 & 04 JANUARY 2026

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

PARISH TEAM

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THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY - 2026



The Feast of the Epiphany celebrates the manifestation of Christ to all nations. In the visit of the Magi, guided by the light of a star, we see that Jesus is not only for a chosen few, but for every people, culture, and generation. The child of Bethlehem is revealed as the Sav-

our of the whole world.

Pope Francis has often reminded us that the Magi teach us how to journey in faith: they set out courageously, they search with open hearts, and when they encounter Christ, they are changed and return home by a different path. Their encounter with Jesus moves them from curiosity to worship, from searching to surrender.

Epiphany invites us to ask ourselves: what stars guide our lives today? Are we attentive to God's quiet invitations that lead us closer to Christ and, through Him, closer to one another? As disciples, we are also called to become "stars" for others—bearing the light of Christ through our words, actions, and love. May this feast renew our joy in sharing the Gospel, so that the light of Christ may shine through us and be revealed to the world.

NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS - THANK YOU



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



20 January, Tuesday
7:00 PM - Healing Mass
St. Andrew's Church
76 Springs Road
Clarinda

HAPPY BIRTHDAY: Joseph (60), Zinda Fernes (96), Lota Fantonial, Linda Koo, Tanya Vaz, Philomina Lynch, Cora Deanne, Lucy Furtado, Glenda Lynch, Fiona, Jan Michael Calingasan, Norma Dalumpines., Svetlana.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY: Doughlas & Barbara McGuinness, David & Helen NG

THANK YOU: On behalf of St. Andrew's Parish, I extend my heartfelt thanks and deep appreciation to all who generously offered their time, talents, and support in making our New Year Celebrations truly meaningful. My sincere thanks to **Eugene Simon, Pam Fernandez, Meilanny and the choir**, and to everyone who helped with our Year-End Eucharistic Adoration and New Year Masses. These celebrations were well attended, prayerful, and truly inspirational. A special word of thanks to the **New Year Dance 2026 Committee—Cheryl Lansakara, Janet D'Mello, Savio Dias, Laurence Bernard, Cheryl Rodrigues, Clare Roussety, Jenny Conyers, Rodney Paul**, and all others who assisted with the event. Your dedication and hard work in planning, preparing, decorating, serving, coordinating, and participating made the celebration truly joyful and meaningful for our parish community. Through your selfless service, many were helped to begin the New Year in faith, unity, and joy. May the Lord, who sees all your good works, bless you abundantly, reward your generosity, and fill your homes with peace and happiness throughout the New Year.

Fr. Shibu Joseph SAC

UNCLAIMED PRIZES

- 4th Prize - Mary - Green E96
- 5th Prize - Sabrina D'Cruze - Blue D80
- 10th Prize - Purple F06



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WEEKLY CALENDAR 05 JAN 2026

Monday 05 January

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

Tuesday 06 January

07.00pm Mass / Novena to St Jude

Wednesday 07 January

09.15am Mass

Thursday 08 January

09.15am Mass

Friday 09 January

09.15am Mass

Saturday 10 January

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

Sunday 11 January - The Baptism of the Lord

08.00am Mass
09.30am Mass
11.00am Mass

Feast of the Santo Niño

Join us in celebrating the Feast of the Santo Niño, a joyful reminder of God's love revealed through the Child Jesus. May this feast renew our faith, bring blessings to our families, and fill our hearts with hope and joy. Mass: 18th Sunday at 1:00 pm. Viva Santo Niño!



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: Patricia Lewis, Laura King, Noeline Vassou,

Birthday Remembrance: Sydney Miranda, Albert Dowly, Sonia Singh, Sabina & Emanuel D'Souza, Irene & James Brewty, Ivor Steiner, Ann Ward.

Death Anniversaries: Rita Jansz, Freddy Martin, Rony D'Cruz, Charles Martin, Desmond Conyers, Florian, Barbara Clarke, PJ Chinnappa, Oscar & Rita Geer, Bevis & Iona Fernandez, Beverley Geer, Dorothy & Albert Taylor, Daphne Conyers, George & Birdie Nation, Connie & Terry Brewty, Leo & Donica D'Cruz, Vivian Fernandes, Benny Rebello, Nugent & Georgina Geer, Eric & Kate Conyers, Gerry Davis, Berty Stone, Henry Bacongco, All Forgotten & Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

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3 & 4 JAN 2026	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers				
Comm	Cheryl R	Lynette F	David G	Linda K
Readers	Marilyn Ado F	Tanasha S Tricia S	Adam D Allen S	Rohini T Arputha V
Special Ministers	Oreen T Cheryl L Marilyn Pierre W	George V Riekie V Rebecca G Margurita	Angela H Jan Van R Linda M Rodolfo G	Ean B Beatriz C Rada P Rodney N
Welcomers	Francis D	Santosh S	Laurence B	Beatriz C
Altar L.	Laurence Bernard			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L, Laurence Bernard, Pearl Braganza			

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD - YEAR A

10 & 11 JAN 2026	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers				
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 James M Riekie V George	Phillipe N Hanna T Joyce S Volunteer	Beata G Pat I Linda K Erlinda D
Welcomers	Pearl B	George V	Anna W	Claire R
Altar L.	Tina Rana			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L, Laurence Bernard, Pearl Braganza			

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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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.
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FIRST READING Isaiah 60:1-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Arise, shine out, Jerusalem, for your light has come, the glory of the Lord is rising on you, though night still covers the earth and darkness the peoples. Above you the Lord now rises and above you his glory appears. The nations come to your light and kings to your dawning brightness. Lift up your eyes and look round: all are assembling and coming towards you, your sons from far away and your daughters being tenderly carried. At this sight you will grow radiant, your heart throbbing and full; since the riches of the sea will flow to you; the wealth of the nations come to you; camels in throngs will cover you, and dromedaries of Midian and Ephah; everyone in Sheba will come, bringing gold and incense and singing the praise of the Lord.

RESP PSALM Ps 71:1-2. 7-8. 10-13

(R.) Lord, every nation on earth will adore you.

1. O God, give your judgement to the king,
to a king's son your justice,
that he may judge your people in justice
and your poor in right judgement. (R.)
2. In his days justice shall flourish
and peace till the moon fails.
He shall rule from sea to sea,
from the Great River to earth's bounds. (R.)
3. The kings of Tarshish and the sea coasts
shall pay him tribute.
The kings of Sheba and Seba
shall bring him gifts.
Before him all kings shall fall prostrate,
all nations shall serve him. (R.)
4. For he shall save the poor when they cry
and the needy who are helpless.
He will have pity on the weak
and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

SECOND READING Eph 3:2-3. 5-6

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians

You have probably heard how I have been entrusted by God with the grace he meant for you, and that it was by a revelation that I was given the knowledge of the mystery. This mystery that has now been revealed through the Spirit to his holy apostles and prophets was

unknown to any men in past generations; it means that pagans now share the same inheritance, that they are parts of the same body, and that the same promise has been made to them, in Christ Jesus, through the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MATT 2:2

Alleluia, alleluia!

We have seen his star in the East;
and have come to adore the Lord.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 2:1-12

After Jesus had been born at Bethlehem in Judaea during the reign of King Herod, some wise men came to Jerusalem from the east. 'Where is the infant king of the Jews?' they asked. 'We saw his star as it rose and have come to do him homage.' When King Herod heard this he was perturbed, and so was the whole of Jerusalem. He called together all the chief priests and the scribes of the people, and enquired of them where the Christ was to be born. 'At Bethlehem in Judaea,' they told him, 'for this is what the prophet wrote:

And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
you are by no means least among the leaders of
Judah, for out of you will come a leader
who will shepherd my people Israel.'

Then Herod summoned the wise men to see him privately. He asked them the exact date on which the star had appeared, and sent them on to Bethlehem. 'Go and find out all about the child,' he said 'and when you have found him, let me know, so that I too may go and do him homage.' Having listened to what the king had to say, they set out. And there in front of them was the star they had seen rising; it went forward and halted over the place where the child was. The sight of the star filled them with delight, and going into the house they saw the child with his mother Mary, and falling to their knees they did him homage. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts of gold and frankincense and myrrh. But they were warned in a dream not to go back to Herod, and returned to their own country by a different way.

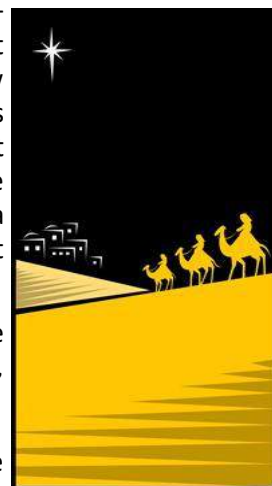


SUNDAY REFLECTION

Stars and Seekers after Truth: Unlike the writers of the horoscope columns in our newspapers, these Wise Men were scholar astrologers, probably from Syria or Iraq. They believed that the stars controlled the destiny of human beings, but they were open enough to the Hebrew scriptures to be led to the amazing discovery of a star-child in Bethlehem. They knelt before this baby, doing homage, because they realised that the stars did not control this infant, but that there was something of this baby which caused the night sky to respond! They preserved the child from the deadly schemes of Herod, and then they returned to their home country, 'by a different way'. They were on a different journey after encountering the Child. Who can doubt that the Holy Spirit led these wise men from the East to the manger?

In fact, the Holy Spirit is at work in every human being, prompting each and every one to become seekers after Truth. As a person responds to this prompting and tries to lead a good humane life, then the Church teaches that the Holy Spirit can draw them into the saving life of God.

We can take a moment to affirm our faith in the baby in the manger as the One of whom Dante spoke: 'the Love which moves the sun and other stars'. Come, let us adore him.



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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 parish and helps spread the faith in simple ways!!



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.

ONE STEP FROM BEATIFICATION

The cause for sainthood of Australian-born medical missionary Dr Mary Glowrey advanced when Pope Leo XIV recognized her heroic virtues on 21 November 2025, granting her the title Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey and making her only the second Australian to receive this honour. Archbishop Peter



A Comensoli of Melbourne expressed deep joy, praising her as a trailblazing doctor whose compassionate service in India revealed God's tenderness. Born in Birregurra, Victoria, in 1887, Mary Glowrey was an accomplished Melbourne doctor before travelling to India in 1920 at the age of 32. In Guntur, in present-day Andhra Pradesh, she joined the Society of Jesus Mary Joseph and became known as Sr Mary of the Sacred Heart JMJ. She spent 37 years providing medical care to hundreds of thousands of marginalized people, especially women and children. In addition to her clinical work, she established medical facilities and founded the Catholic Health Association of India in 1943, now the country's largest non-government healthcare network. Her cause for canonization continues as the faithful pray for her intercession and await the verification of miracles.

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.

