



St Andrew's Parish News

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THE 02ND SUNDAY IN ORINARY TIME - YEAR A - 17 & 18 JANUARY 2026

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

Linda De Souza (Tues/ Thurs/Fri)
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Parish Secretary

Smita Pinto (Tue/Wed)
Luisa May - Bookkeeper (Thu)

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School R.E. Co-ordinator

Ange Walsh

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HEALING MASS AND RETREAT - TUE 20TH JAN

All are warmly invited to attend a Healing Mass and Retreat conducted by **Fr. Antony Parankimalil VC** on **Tuesday, 20th January, beginning at 6.30 pm.** This will be a special time of prayer, worship, and deep reflection, offering participants an opportunity to encounter God's healing presence and abundant grace. Through the celebration of the Holy Mass, prayer, and reflection, we seek the Lord's healing, peace, and renewal in every aspect of our lives—spiritual, emotional, and physical.



All are encouraged to come with faith and an open heart, trusting in God's mercy and love. Please feel free to invite your family members, friends, and anyone in need of prayer and healing to share in this grace-filled and hope-renewing experience.

ENROL NOW! SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026

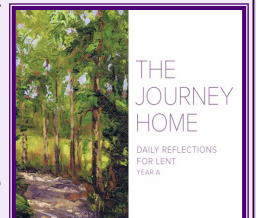


It's time to enrol for St. Andrew's Parish Religious Education Program 2026. This program is designed for children who will be receiving the Sacraments of Reconciliation, First Eucharist, and Confirmation in 2025. Classes are held on Tuesdays during school terms from 4:00pm to 5:00pm and are intended 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.

THE JOURNEY HOME - DAILY REFLECTONS FOR LENT

Now available at St. Andrew's Piety Stall @ \$7

The Journey Home reminds us that Lent is not merely a period of sacrifice or reflection; it is a pilgrimage. This resource aims to draw us together as companions on the road, renewed in faith and strengthened in love, as we follow Jesus towards the promise of our true home. We are delighted to have had **Archbishop Emeritus Mark Coleridge** write the thoughtful and insightful daily reflections that you'll find in this year's resource.



This 2026 Lenten resource has been developed for both individual prayer and small groups. Lenten small groups are an opportunity to gather together to share life, faith and to pray with one another.

- A small book that is easy to carry and read. Designed for individual reflection .

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

NEW YEAR DANCE - THANK YOU



A heartfelt thank you 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**

who assisted. Your dedication in planning, preparing, decorating, serving, coordinating, and participating made the celebration joyful and meaningful for our parish community. Through your selfless service, many began the New Year in faith, unity, and joy. The event successfully raised a **net profit of \$10,312.45.** 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 year.



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.

THANK YOU!

KEEP US UP TO DATE! Have you changed address recently? Has your mobile number changed? Do we have your email? It's important that we have your up-to-date contact information details. Please email any changes to claytonsouth@cam.org.au

VOLUNTEER REQUIREMENTS A gentle reminder for all volunteers in the parish, to please check if your Working With Children's Check is valid or need renewal. If you need assistance with to complete any documentation, please contact the parish office.

LOURDES DAY MASS—SATURDAY 14 FEB 10.30AM

The Order of Malta invites you to the annual Lourdes Day Mass—an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm, particularly those who are not able to visit Lourdes. The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant.

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION



NEWSLETTER

If you are not on the parish mailing list and would like to receive the newsletter every week, please click [HERE](#) to subscribe or scan the QR code. Just follow the prompts to complete the process. Thank you.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Jessie Guzman, Cheryl Lancelot, Lucy Hickman, Georgina Geer, Charmain Gunatlika,

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY:

Rodolfo and Regina Garduce, Mario and Pauline Rodrigo

BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT

The next Baptism Preparation Night will be held on Wednesday 4th February 2026 at 7.30pm in the parish house. To register, please contact the parish office via email: claytonsouth@cam.org.au or Tel: 9551 5666.

BIRTHDAYS & WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES DIARY

A diary has been placed in the foyer of the church for you to note your birthdays and wedding anniversaries. Please record the date clearly and kindly do not include the birthdays of deceased members. Simply follow the dates in the diary not the year. This will help us remember and acknowledge these special occasions within our parish community.

NEWSLETTER ADVERTISEMENTS

Advertisements in the Parish Newsletter provide a convenient way for parishioners to access a network of service providers. They also generate income that assists with the publishing and printing costs of the Newsletter throughout the year. However, it is important to note that:

- Advertisers are not required to be members of St. Andrew's Parish community.
- The Parish does not endorse or recommend any advertiser as a preferred service provider.
- Advertisements and graphics are published as supplied by the advertiser, and the Parish assumes they are accurate and current.
- Parishioners are encouraged to satisfy themselves that an advertised service provider is suitable for the work they require before engaging their services.
- Any engagement is strictly between the parties concerned, and the Parish will not intervene or mediate in the event of a dispute.

In dispute situations, differing perspectives are common, and responsibility may rest with one or both parties. The Parish will only take the serious step of cancelling an advertisement if there is overwhelming evidence of incompetence, misleading conduct, or fraudulent behavior.

Fr. Shibu Joseph



CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



WEEKLY CALENDAR 19 JAN 2026

Monday 19 January

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

Tuesday 20 January

06.30pm Healing Mass / Retreat

Wednesday 21 January

09.15am Mass
07.00pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)

Thursday 22 January

09.15am Mass
07.00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)

Friday 23 January

09.15am Mass

Saturday 24 January

09.15am Mass
10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)
02.00pm Wedding Anniversary Mass
06.00pm Mass
08.00pm Good Shepherd Servant Comm—P & W

Sunday 25 January - 3RD SUN IN ORD TIME

08.00am Mass
09.30am Mass
11.00am Mass
12.30pm Baptism

REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

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

Birthday Remembrance: Leslie Baldrey, Vincent Cleur, Rita Pereira, Terrance Fernandes, Eunice Sturt, Veera Correya, Joseph Rodrigues.

Monthly Remembrance: Mildred Seixas,

Death Anniversaries: Luigi Angelico, Charles Demicoli, Lindsay Basset, Alex Ebell, Darrel Geer, Ashley D'Netto, Ainsey Clarke, Vivian Tadros & Alex Haddad, Francis Chung Kok Lun, Shinta Purnama, Fredic Luchow, Feliciana Caballero, Mary C. Best, Marietta Cejudo, Cynthia Shafton & Jenny Menon, Adly Giurguis, Aloysius Braganza, Pat Armstrong, Doreen & Alexander Stevens, Aloysius Branganza, Jack Lopes All Forgotten Souls & Souls in Purgatory.



ROSTERS

THE 2ND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

17 & 18 JAN 2026	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers				
Comm	Jenny C	Victor T	Rosemary	Maria B
Readers	Janet D Pearl B	Rebecca G Neddie A	Daniel G Rodolfo G	Joanna D Beatriz C
Special Ministers	Michael Xavier F Cora D Cheryl R	Riekie V George V Atanasio J Rebecca G	Angela H Rodolfo G Jan Van R Joyce S	Ean B Rodney N Rada P Erlinda D
Welcomers	Edwin B	Riekie V	Laurence B	Beatriz C
Altar L.	Winnie Miranda			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L, Laurence Bernard, Pearl Braganza			

THE 3RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - YEAR A

24 & 25 JAN 2026	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers				
Comm	Edwin B	Jennie D	Oka G	Beatriz C
Readers	Esther T Lota F	Patricia C Victor T	Jan Van R Volunteer	Volunteer Volunteer
Special Ministers	Cheryl R Anne L F Jenny C Volunteer	Marguerita Marlene E Marcelle J Victor T	Hanna T Volunteer Volunteer Rodolfo G	Volunteer Pat I Linda K Gloria A
Welcomers	Pearl B	Peter F	Anna W	Joanna D
Altar L.	Claudette Chung			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L, Laurence Bernard, Pearl Braganza			



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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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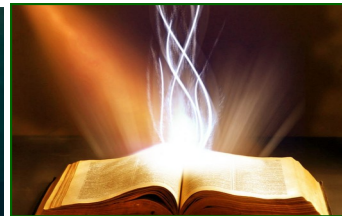
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IN ORD TIME - YR A
18TH JANUARY 2026**



FIRST READING Isaiah 49:3. 5-6

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord said to me, 'You are my servant, Israel, in whom I shall be glorified'; I was honoured in the eyes of the Lord, my God was my strength. And now the Lord has spoken, he who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him,

to gather Israel to him:

'It is not enough for you to be my servant,
to restore the tribes of Jacob and bring back
the survivors of Israel;
I will make you the light of the nations
so that my salvation may reach to the ends of
the earth.'

RESP PSALM Ps 39:2. 4. 7-10.

(R.) Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

1. I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God. **(R.)**
2. You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I. **(R.)**
3. In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.
My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart. **(R.)**
4. Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.
My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

SECOND READING 1 COR 1:1-3

**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the
Corinthians**

I, Paul, appointed by God to be an apostle, together with brother Sosthenes, send greetings to the church of God in Corinth, to the holy people of Jesus Christ, who are called to take their place among all the saints everywhere who pray to our Lord Jesus Christ; for he is their Lord no less than ours. May God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send you grace and peace.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 1:14. 12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Word of God became flesh and
dwelt among us.

He enabled those who accepted him
to become the children of God.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 1:29-34

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

Seeing Jesus coming towards him, John said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God that takes away the sin of the world. This is the one I spoke of when I said: A man is coming after me who ranks before me because he existed before me. I did not know him myself, and yet it was to reveal him to Israel that I came baptising with water.' John also declared, 'I saw the Spirit coming down on him from heaven like a dove and resting on him. I did not know him myself, but he who sent me to baptise with water had said to me, "The man on whom you see the Spirit come down and rest is the one who is going to baptise with the Holy Spirit." Yes, I have seen and I am the witness that he is the Chosen One of God.'



SUNDAY REFLECTION

The Perfume of Holiness: What does it mean to be 'holy'? It does not mean 100% morally correct, or separate from the great mass of people: 'Holier than thou'! It means being so close to God that God's holiness rubs off.

We are adopted members of the Holy Family, and something rubs off. Each one of us has heard at our baptism 'You are my beloved son/daughter'. We have been adopted into God's family and that brings us into close proximity to God. So, if St Paul were writing to us today, as he did to the Corinthians, this is how it would run: '... to the church of God that is in [your town], made up of those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, called holy.'

But, we are not alone. In a multitude of places there are people who have also been baptised and therefore share a certain family resemblance. How is the 'togetherness' held together? By being in communion with the Bishop of Rome, the official role of the Pope.

We might pause for a moment to thank God that we are amongst the baptised who can receive St Paul's greeting: 'Grace and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.'

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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!!



SAINTS OF THE WEEK

St. Agnes - Virgin, Martyr - 21 January

St. Agnes is one of the most beloved early Christian martyrs, remembered for her courage, purity, and unwavering faith in Christ. Living in Rome in the early 4th century, Agnes chose fidelity to Jesus over wealth, status, and even her own life. Though very young, she boldly professed her faith and suffered martyrdom rather than deny Christ. Her name, meaning "lamb," symbolizes innocence and total trust in God. St. Agnes reminds us that holiness is possible at every age and calls us to live with courage, integrity, and love for Christ in our daily lives.



St. Francis De Sales - 24 January



Francis de Sales, was a Catholic prelate who served as Bishop of Geneva and is a saint of the Catholic Church.

He became noted for his deep faith and his gentle approach to the religious divisions in his land resulting from the Protestant Reformation.

He is known also for his writings on the topic of spiritual direction and spiritual formation, particularly the Introduction to the Devout Life and the Treatise on the Love of God .



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