



St Andrew's Parish News

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THE FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A - 21 & 22 FEBRUARY 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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Lenten Reflections



Lent is an important season in the Church's liturgical year. This beautiful time of penance and prayer invites us to look at the areas of our lives where we struggle and return our gaze to Jesus Christ and his sacrificial love.

The Bible Study group of St. Andrew's Parish has commenced the Lenten Program this year, from **Thursday the 19th of February 2026**. We plan to meet every Thursday at 7.00 p.m. in the Parish House, to reflect on the Readings and prepare ourselves for Jesus' death and resurrection and experience true transformation in our lives during this powerful season.

You are all most welcome to join us. Should you have further queries, please contact Ean Brewty on 0457 527 633 or ebrewty@hotmail.com.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ON FRIDAYS IN LENT AFTER 9.15AM MASS & AT 6.30 PM FOLLOWED BY MASS

LENTEN RETREAT led by MGL FATHERS - BURWOOD

Date: March 11,12,13 - Mass, Lenten Talk & Adoration 6.30- 9.00 PM
CONFESSION on Friday 13th March from 7pm

PANCAKE WEEKEND - THANK YOU

On behalf of the parish, sincere thanks to Sheryl Mahony, Cheryl Lansakara and all who were involved in organizing the Pancake Weekend. Your time, effort, and generous spirit made it a truly enjoyable and successful event for our parish community. Total amount of donation was **\$305** which will go the Project Compassion.



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



ST.ANDREW'S SCHOOL – TERM 1 OPEN DAYS

We warmly invite families to explore St. Andrew's School during our Term 1 Open Days.

Come and discover our welcoming community, vibrant learning environment, and the opportunities that await your child. Open Day Dates & Tour Times:

Saturday, 28th February: 9:00 am | 9:45 am | 10:30 am

Tuesday, 31st March: 9:00 am | 10:00 am | 4:00 pm | 5:00 pm

Tours run on the hour, giving you a chance to meet our staff, see our facilities, and experience a typical school day.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Rada Perfetto, Carmen Williams,
 Marian Johnstone, Philippe Nadal, Zaina Kalify,
 Julie Kanta.



A CELEBRATION OF VENERABLE MARY OF THE SACRED HEART GLOWREY

The Cause for sainthood for Australian-born medical missionary Dr Mary

Glowrey has advanced after Pope Leo XIV [recognised her 'heroic virtues' on 21 November 2025](#). Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey, as she will now be titled, is only

the second Australian to be accorded this status.

Catholic Archbishop of Melbourne Archbishop Peter A Comensoli expressed 'deep joy' at the news.

'A proud daughter of Melbourne, Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey was a trailblazer—one of our early female doctors—before answering the call to serve in India,' he said. 'Her healing hands, her compassion and her bold spirit were a living sign of God's tenderness. May her example and intercession continue to inspire Aussies and people everywhere to live lives of service and holiness.'

Once a person's heroic virtue is established and they receive the title 'Venerable', the faithful are encouraged to pray for their intercession. A cause for canonisation continues after this as claims of miracles are documented and investigated. When a miracle is verified, the person may be beatified and granted the title 'Blessed'. A second verified miracle is then required for canonisation (sainthood). Read more [HERE](#)



**St Andrew's Parish Church Clayton South
 Lenten Pilgrimage to Bacchus Marsh**

On
Saturday 14th March 2026

Leaving from 96 Bunny rd, Clayton South, Vic 3169

Departing at 7am (sharp) – Returning approx. 1.00pm

Cost only \$25 – Includes, Transportation, breakfast and Drink

AGENDA

- Reach Ta Pinu Shrine at 8.15am
- Refresh and use of Restroom
- 8.30 – 9.15am- Mass in church – Fr Shibu Joseph
- 9.15 – 10.00 am – Snacks and Refreshments
- 10. 00 – 11.00am – Stations of the cross on the hill
- 11.00 – 11.30am - Free Time
- 11.30am – Depart from Bacchus Marsh for Clayton south



We Have 2 Buses

Booking will be on a first come, first paid basis

Payment to be made latest by Saturday 7th March

For Bookings

Contact: Edwin Braganza 0403 005 962

Pearl Braganza 0425 816 942



BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT The next Baptism Preparation night will be held on Wed 4th March at 7.30pm in the parish house. To register, please contact the parish office.

A MEMORIAL MASS FOR RICARDO GOMEZ WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 28 FEBRUARY AT 2PM IN THE CHURCH.



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CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



WEEKLY CALENDAR 23 FEB 2026

Monday 23 February - St Polycarp

09.15am Mass

07.00pm Choir Practice (11am Choir)

Tuesday 24 February

10.30am Friendship Group—Bingo

04.00pm Sacramental Program

07.00pm Mass / Novena to St Jude

Wednesday 25 February

09.15am Mass

07.00pm Mass

Thursday 26 February

09.15am Mass

07.00pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)

07.00pm Lenten Program

Friday 27 February

09.15am Mass / Stations of the Cross

06.30pm Stations of the Cross / Mass

Saturday 28 February

09.15am Mass

10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)

02.00pm Memorial Mass—Ricardo Gomez

06.00pm Mass - 1st Reconciliation Commitment

07.15pm Good Shepherd Servant Comm—P & W

Sunday 01 March - 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

08.00am Mass - 1st Reconciliation Commitment

09.30am Mass - 1st Reconciliation Commitment

11.00am Mass / Prep Welcome / 1st Reco Comm

01.00pm Filipino Mass

REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

Pray For Healing: Candice Walker, Alexander, Felipe & Anne, Dom Carlos Ximenes Belo, Oe Moe Jong, Eugene Roberts, Alyson, Alex D'Cruz, Julie Kanta, Ting Chung Sing, Lucy Lena Sing.

Recently Deceased: Agnes Fletcher.

Birthday Remembrance: Teresa D'Lazarus, Christiane Marjorie Masset.

Monthly Remembrance: Ricardo Gomez.

Death Anniversaries: Pedro Sr., Yves Fok, Collen Foran, Francis & Jenny De Souza, George Antoney, Clarence D'Lazarus, Jose Salvador De Souza, Maria Antonia Gomes, David Robertson, Stephanie Lam Loong In, Matthew Fernandes, Frank D'Cruz, Lawrence D'Mello, Alice Pereira, Ronald Pereira, Andrew Saunders, Sybil Parisienne, All Forgotten Souls & Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

THE 1ST SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

21 & 22 FEB 2026	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers			Esther T Rachel T	
Comm	Edwin B	Philippe D	Oka G	Beatriz C
Readers	Esther T Lota F	Lynette F Rebecca G	Jan Van R Angela H	Anna L Rohini T
Special Ministers	Cheryl R Anne L F Jenny C Pearl B	Marguerita Marlene E Marcelle J Victor T	Hanna T Carol N Linda M Rodolfo G	Beata G Pat I Linda K Gloria A
Welcomers	Pearl B	George V	Laurence	Claire R
Children's Liturgy	Joanna D Robin A	No C. L.	Annette S Antigit T	No C. L.
Altar L.	Claudette Chung			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L, Laurence Bernard, Pearl Braganza			

THE 2ND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

28 FEB & 01 MAR 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 W Xavier F	Tanasha S Tricia S	Adam D Allen S	Rohini T Volunteer
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	Xavier F	Peter F	Anna W	Joanna D
Children's Liturgy	No C. L.	No C. L.	No C. L.	No C. L.
Altar L.	Laurence Bernard			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L, Laurence Bernard, Pearl Braganza			

ROSTERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026 An expression of interest is extended to all Mass Volunteers to put your name down on the list kept in the foyer, if you wish to be a reader, commentator, special minister, passion narrator or welcomer for the Holy Week and Easter services. To give everyone an opportunity, you will be informed about your respective role when the names are finalised. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



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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 Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord God fashioned man of dust from the soil. Then he breathed into his nostrils a breath of life, and thus man became a living being.

The Lord God planted a garden in Eden which is in the east, and there he put the man he had fashioned. The Lord God caused to spring up from the soil every kind of tree, enticing to look at and good to eat, with the tree of life and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil in the middle of the garden.

The serpent was the most subtle of all the wild beasts that the Lord God had made. It asked the woman, 'Did God really say you were not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?' The woman answered the serpent, 'We may eat the fruit of the trees in the garden. But of the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden God said, "You must not eat it, nor touch it, under pain of death".' Then the serpent said to the woman, 'No! You will not die! God knows in fact that on the day you eat it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil.' The woman saw that the tree was good to eat and pleasing to the eye, and that it was desirable for the knowledge that it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to her husband who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened and they realised that they were naked. So they sewed fig-leaves together to make themselves loin-cloths.

RESP PSALM Ps 50:3-6. 12-14. 17.

(R.) Be merciful, O Lord, for we have sinned.

1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. **(R.)**
2. My offences truly I know them;
my sin is always before me.
Against you, you alone, have I sinned;
what is evil in your sight I have done. **(R.)**
3. A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. **(R.)**
4. Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me.
O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise. **(R.)**

SECOND READING Romans 5:12, 17-19

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. If it is certain that death reigned over everyone as the consequence of one man's fall, it is even more certain that one man, Jesus Christ, will cause everyone to reign in life who receives the free gift that he does not deserve, of being made righteous. Again, as one man's fall brought condemnation on everyone, so the good act of one man brings everyone life and makes them justified. As by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by one man's obedience many will be made righteous.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MT 4:4

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

No one lives on bread alone,

but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

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GOSPEL Matthew 4:1-11

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus was led by the Spirit out into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, after which he was very hungry, and the tempter came and said to him, 'If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to turn into loaves.' But he replied, 'Scripture says:

Man does not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'

The devil then took him to the holy city and made him stand on the parapet of the Temple. 'If you are the Son of God,' he said, 'throw yourself down; for scripture says:

He will put you in his angels' charge, and they will support you on their hands in case you hurt your foot against a stone.'

Jesus said to him, 'Scripture also says:

You must not put the Lord your God to the test.'

Next, taking him to a very high mountain, the devil showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor. 'I will give you all these', he said, 'if you fall at my feet and worship me.' Then Jesus replied, 'Be off, Satan! For scripture says:

You must worship the Lord your God, and serve him alone.'

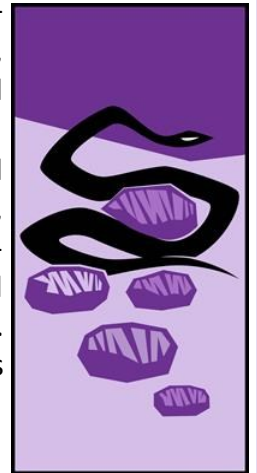
Then the devil left him, and angels appeared and looked after him.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

IT IS WRITTEN: Jesus was offered three shortcuts for his ministry. Firstly, exceptional powers to satisfy his own needs (bread out of stones). Secondly, when he needed to take risks, angels to keep him safe. Thirdly, when he wanted to change the world, absolute political power.

These were the Temptations of Christ, but also for us. If you or I are tempted to sin, we will find the marks of this threefold pattern. We want the whole world to change to satisfy us, or we want to take stupid risks and come out unscathed, or we want to exercise total power over others. How can we try to follow Jesus without the shortcuts of the fantasy world which the Devil may offer? Note that Jesus resisted each temptation with: 'It is written'. The forty days of Lent are a perfect opportunity to read what 'is written' in the Gospels about the episodes and pattern of the life of Jesus Christ.

We could pause for a moment to find what is written and to imitate what we find. That is how the Devil is defeated.



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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – 22 FEB

This Lent, our parish community is called to *Unite Against Poverty* with Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Each year, Project Compassion invites us to encounter stories of courage and hope from people around the world who are striving for a brighter future.

In 2026, Project Compassion shares four stories of resilience and strength. We'll meet Sisilia, a young student from Tanzania, whose education was being disrupted by long daily walks to collect water for her family. With the support of Caritas Australia and people like you, Sisilia now has access to clean water from taps installed in her school and village.

We'll get to know Monoranjon from Bangladesh, where communities are heavily impacted by natural disasters and climate change. Caritas Australia, together with supporters across Australia, has helped Monoranjon to learn climate-resilient farming skills.

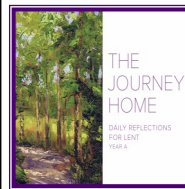
We'll be introduced to Manaini from Fiji, who struggled with poverty and food insecurity. With support, she gained training in food processing and gardening, improving nutrition and creating income to support her children's education.

And we'll hear the story of Ahmad, a Caritas Jerusalem worker from Gaza who was displaced many times due to ongoing conflict. Despite this hardship, he continues to serve families in need through Caritas' emergency response.

You can support Project Compassion through the donation boxes OR If you wish to donate online to Project Compassion 2026 this year, St Andrew's Parish has a parish fundraising platform: <https://www.projectcompassion.org.au/fundraisers/claytonsouthcatholicparish> or use the QR code (using your mobile), which takes you directly to Clayton South Catholic Parish donate page. Thank you.



THE JOURNEY HOME - DAILY REFLECTIONS 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. 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.

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Sign up for 'the Long Walk for Water' to support Project Compassion this Lent

Caritas Australia is calling on individuals, schools, parishes and community groups across the country to sign up for the Long Walk for Water challenge ahead of Lent and to walk in solidarity with the 703 million people worldwide who still live without safe drinking water. Continue reading: [Sign up for 'the Long Walk for Water' to support Project Compassion this Lent.](#)

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FINANCE



"SO IF THE SON SETS YOU FREE,
YOU WILL BE FREE INDEED."

John 8:36

LENTEN RETREAT

Led by MGL Fathers

Date: 11, 12 and 13 March

Time: 6:30pm to 9:30pm

*Praise and Worship • Stations of the Cross • Confession,
Preaching • Healing Holy Mass & Adoration*

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