



St Andrew's Parish News

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THE SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A - 28 FEBRUARY & 01 MARCH 2026

OUR PARISH

Parish Office

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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

ST ANDREW'S PARISH FIRST TWO SOCIAL EVENTS 2026



INVITATION OPEN TO ALL VOLUNTEERS

We invite volunteers to assist in any small or big tasks with our first two social events for 2026. You can assist with any one - Mother's Day Bake Sale **OR** the Parish Luncheon.

Everyone is welcome to put your name down on the respective list kept in the church foyer.

This is a great opportunity to offer your talents, meet other volunteers, learn new skills and work together as a team for a common parish goal to serve our community! Great support and guidance will be provided.

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:

Giselle Masset, Erlinda Deal, Gerry Mahony
 Anne Simon, Marc Allam Peuas,
 John Chung, Liezl Del Castillo

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.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS – 6TH MARCH

You are most welcome to join Rosary, 9.15am Mass, followed by adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, Confession, Divine Mercy Prayers and Benediction.

ALTAR SERVER'S MEETING—MARCH 15TH AT 2PM



**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 – only 8 seats left

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



"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*

St. Andrew's Church,
 76 Springs Road, Clayton South, VIC 3169

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**CHILDREN MUST HAVE
 ADULT SUPERVISION
 AT ALL TIMES**



WEEKLY CALENDAR 02 MAR 2026

Monday 02 March

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

Tuesday 03 March

10.30am Friendship Group—BBQ
04.00pm Sacramental Program
07.00pm Mass / Novena to St Jude

Wednesday 04 March - St Casimir

09.15am Mass
07.00pm Mass
07.30pm Baptism Preparation Night

Thursday 05 March

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

Friday 06 March

09.15am Mass / Stations of the Cross
06.30pm Stations of the Cross / Mass

Saturday 07 March - Sts Perpetua & Felicity

09.15am Mass
10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)
06.00pm Mass
07.15pm Good Shepherd Servant Comm—P & W

Sunday 08 March - 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT

08.00am Mass
09.30am Mass
11.00am Mass
12.30pm Baptisms

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, Mary D'souza.

Recently Deceased: Ivy D'Souza, Fabienne Morel.

Monthly Remembrance: Yvonne Pimenta, Ricardo Gomez

Death Anniversaries: Yvonne Pimenta, Santan D'souza, Aaron Rose, Mary Wong, All Forgotten Souls & Souls in Purgatory.

A FUNERAL MASS FOR IVY D'SOUZA
WILL BE HELD ON SATURDAY 28TH FEB
AT 11.30AM IN THE CHURCH.



ROSTERS

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	Eva Spohia		Alivia Evan	Ryan Gavin
Comm	Janet D	Lynette F	David G	Linda K
Readers	Cheryl L Xavier F	Tanasha S Tricia S	Adam D Allen S	Rohini T Joanna D
Special Ministers	Oreen T Cheryl L Pearl B 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	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.			

THE 3RD SUNDAY OF LENT - YEAR A

07 & 08 MARCH 2026	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Alexia Eva Sophia		Esther T Rachel T Alivia Evan	Ryan Gavin
Comm	Cheryl R	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 George V	Phillipe N Carol N Hanna T Joyce S	Beata G Pat I Linda K Erlinda D
Welcomers	Pearl B	Riekie V	Carol N	Claire R
Children's Liturgy	Joanna D Oreen T	No C. L.	Helena N Antigit T	No C. L.
Altar L.	Candy Allen			
Counters Team	Marian J, Maureen H, Eugene G, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L, Laurence Bernard.			

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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 OF ST. ANDREW'S**

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 you O most Sacred Divine Ador-
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 you all the homage of love praise
 and adoration in my power.
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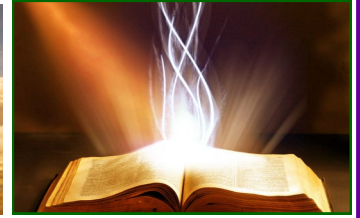
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**THE SECOND SUNDAY
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FIRST READING Genesis 12:1-4

A reading from the book of Genesis

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing.

'I will bless those who bless you:
I will curse those who slight you.
All the tribes of the earth
shall bless themselves by you.'

So Abram went as the Lord told him

RESP PSALM Ps 32:4-5.18-20.22

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

1. The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)
2. The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)
3. Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

SECOND READING 2 TIMOTHY 1:8-10

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has

only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION MT 17:5

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL Matthew 17:1-9

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.'



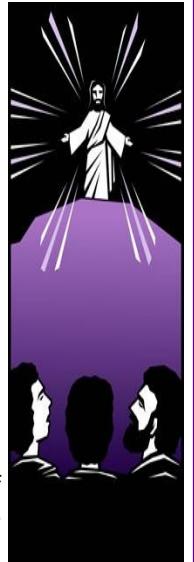
SUNDAY REFLECTION

Transfigured Bodysouls: We have to get rid of the idea that the soul is a dot of energy in some hidden core of our body. In fact, the body is in the soul. There is no part of my body which is not immersed in my soul. It is my whole person, bodysoul, which needs to be saved. As Thomas Aquinas says: 'If only my soul is saved, I am not saved.'

Today's Gospel does not portray an out-of-body experience of religious ecstasy. Jesus' body was translucent, totally radiant with Divine Light. Further, this transfiguration was not a solitary experience for Jesus. Peter, James and John witnessed it precisely because it told them what our Heavenly Father desired as their destiny beyond martyrdom, if only they would listen to Jesus.

Heavenly salvation will involve my whole person, body soul, being transformed. But could a person, during their earthly existence, share in the transfiguration experience of Christ?

We could pause for a moment to 'Google' or otherwise get hold of my favourite story of a saint – St Seraphim of Sarov – and pray that we may share with his disciple the bodily experience of 'immeasurable wellbeing' – 'infinite joy in our hearts'.



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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – 01 MAR

SISILIA from TANZANIA Sisilia, aged 13, lives with her mother and siblings in a remote village in northern Tanzania. Life has been difficult since her father passed away when she was a

baby. "My mother does small farming and sometimes sells vegetables to get money. She supports the family on her own. We don't have a regular income because my father passed away many years ago. Life is hard, but we try our best," Sisilia said.

She had to walk up to 30 minutes, three times a day, to fetch water from a dirty canal. The water was unsafe, causing frequent illness, and the long walks left Sisilia exhausted, fearful of wild animals and struggling to focus on her studies. "I get very tired. Carrying heavy water containers every day after walking long distances is not easy. I was also getting piercing back pains. Sometimes I get home late and tired, and it's hard to focus on my homework or revise for exams." she said.

Lack of clean water is a major issue in Tanzania, where nearly 40% of people don't have access to basic drinking water services and 75% don't have access to basic sanitation services. (World Bank 2022).

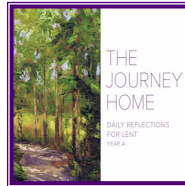
With support from the A+ Successor Project, her school and village now have clean water taps. This means it takes Sisilia just two minutes to collect water from her house, reducing the risks she faced and giving her more time for learning. Access to safe water has also improved health, hygiene and nutrition for her school community. Teachers and students can drink clean water, maintain hygiene, and grow food in the school garden.

With the support of Caritas Australia, local communities are finding ways to respond to challenges with resilience and courage. Your generosity makes it possible to stand with them on this journey.

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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