



St Andrew's Parish News

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THE PALM SUNDAY - YEAR A - 28 & 29 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

Parish Priest

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Parish Team Leader

Linda De Souza (Tues to Fri)
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Parish Secretary

Smita Pinto (Tue/Wed)
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Youth Co-ordinator

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St. Andrew's Primary School

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ONLINE SERVICES

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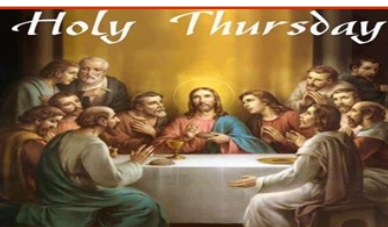
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HOLY week

**'Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!'**



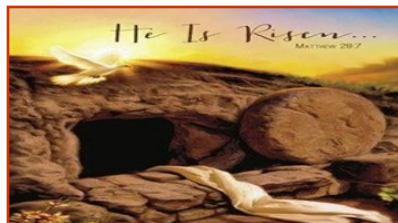
**"Take; this is my body...
"This is my blood of the covenant,
which is poured out for many...
Do this in remembrance of me.**

**"Father, into your hands
I commend my spirit."
Having said this,
he breathed his last.**

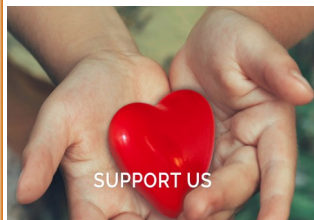
Good Friday



**"Do not be alarmed;
you are looking for Jesus of
Nazareth, who was crucified.
He has been raised; he is not here.**



GOOD FRIDAY APPEAL - APRIL 03



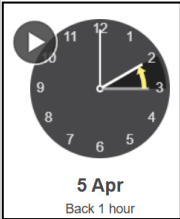
The annual collection for the support of the church in the Holy Land will take place on Good Friday, April 3rd. This collection promotes the missionary work of the Church in the Holy Land by providing welfare assistance to local Christians in areas such as health, education, employment, housing. It is also used to maintain over 70 churches and shrines associated with the life of Jesus. This year, the Holy Land continues facing an income shortfall in funds due to the ongoing effects of the Pandemic, the war in Gaza, and now the war with Iran, all of which discourage or totally prevent pilgrims coming to the Holy Land. And so, we again urge Catholics around the world to be as generous as possible. Please remember the Christians of the Holy Land on Good Friday and please keep them in your prayers. Thank you. You can [DONATE ONLINE](#) here.

**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

CHRISM MASS 2026 You are warmly invited to join the Chrism Mass on **Tuesday, 31st March at 10:00 am** at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Presided over by the Archbishop, this special celebration is a wonderful opportunity to come together in prayer. During the Mass, the holy oils are used throughout the year for sacraments such as Baptism, Confirmation, and Anointing of the Sick will be blessed. It is also a meaningful moment for priests, religious, and the faithful to renew their commitment to service and faith.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS ENDS—SUN APRIL 5TH
 When local daylight time is about to reach Sunday, 5 April 2026, 3.00 am, clocks are turned backward 1 hour to Sunday, 5 April 2026, 2:00 am local standard time instead.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Meryl Hickman, Burl Davey, Joyce Gayen,
 Fr. Shanthaiah, Fabiola Narcis

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO SET UP THE HALL FOR HOLY WEEK SERVICES We need lots of volunteers on Thursday 2nd April from 3.30pm onwards to set up the hall for our Holy Week Services. If you can lend a helping hand, please come to the hall between 3.30pm to 6pm. Thank you.

PROJECT COMPASSION BOXES The Project Compassion boxes are now due for collection. Please place the box in the container kept in the foyer. Thank you.

BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT - WED 1ST APRIL 7.30PM

MASS ROSTERS FOR HOLY WEEK AND EASTER 2026

MASS DATES AND TIMES	ALTAR SERVERS	PASSION NARRATOR	READERS	COMMENTATOR	SPECIAL MINISTERS	WELCOMERS	COLLECTORS
HOLY THURSDAY 02 APRIL 7.30PM	Rachel T Esther T Alivia S Eva S Ryan S Sophia F Andrew D Justin D Ryan G Gavin S Lachlan K Katie K	David G	Rodolfo G Angela H	Jenny C	Janet D George V Riekie V Edwin B Pearl B Cheryl R Cheryl L Rodney N	Treasure R	Peter F
GOOD FRIDAY 03 APRIL 3PM	Alivia S Sophia K Eva S Evan F Katie K Lachlan K Andrew D Ryan G Gavin Brandon	Crystal D	Pearl B Cheryl L	Lynette F	Ean B Rodney N Edwin B Pearl B Cheryl R Cheryl L Carol N George V (Ch) Riekie V (Ch)	Shiral F	Peter F Shiral F
EASTER VIGIL 04 APRIL 7.30PM	Esther T Rachel T Noah M Andrew D Justin D Brandon Ryan S		Cheryl R Joanna D Kim D Janet D	Edwin B	Rodney N Cheryl R Victor T Rima J Atanasio J Oreen T Xavier F Burle D	Volunteer	Peter F

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR: 1) EASTER VIGIL 4 APRIL 7.30PM – WELCOMER 2) EASTER SUN 5 APRIL 8.30AM – COMMENTATOR (PLEASE EMAIL THE PARISH OFFICE IF YOU CAN HELP. THANK YOU)



CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



WEEKLY CALENDAR 30 MAR 2026

Monday 30 March

09.15am Mass
07.00pm Choir Practice—8am Choir (Parish House)

Tuesday 31 March

10.30am Friendship Group - Hot Cross Buns
07.00pm Mass / Novena to St Jude
07.45pm Choir Practice—9.30am Choir

Wednesday 01 April

09.15am Mass
07.00pm Choir Practice (6pm Choir)
07.30pm Baptism Preparation Night
08.00pm Rehearsal for 12 Apostles - school hall

Thursday 02 April - Holy Thursday

03.30pm School Hall set up
07.30pm Mass of the Lord's Supper—School hall
09.00pm Adoration until midnight—Church

Friday 03 April - Good Friday

10.00am Stations of the Cross—Bald Hill Park
03.00pm Celebration of The Lord's Passion - Hall

Saturday 04 April - Easter Vigil

10.30am Choir Practice (9.30am Choir)
07.30pm Easter Vigil Mass—School Hall

Sunday 05 April - Easter Sunday

08.30am Mass in the Church
10.30am Mass in the Church

REMEMBERING OUR COMMUNITY

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

Recently Deceased: Nigel Fernandez, Fidelis Rebello.

Birthday Remembrance: Richardo Pereira, Rodney Murrian.

Death Anniversaries: George Imbert, Vincent Crasto, Heather Crasto, Moira Ramamurthy, Lionel Henderson, Martin Anthony, Alfred Anthony, Dulcine Dmello, Graham Woodhouse, Rosy Ouseph, Connie Abraham, Mable Valles, Pierre Denis, George Imbert, Humphrey Pinto, Moira Ramamurthy, Jeffery Hendricks, Michel Khoury, Claria Luchow, Clement Van Cuylenberg, John Crasto, Jenny Menon, Barbara Clarke, Joseph D'Cruz, Giuseppi Nittoli, Dennis Fredericks, Haneefa, All Forgotten Souls & Souls in Purgatory.

ROSTERS

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD - YEAR A

28 & 29 MARCH 2026	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers	Eva Ryan S		Brandon	Ryan Gavin
Comm	Cheryl R	Santosh S	Dewi M	Anna L
Readers	Cora D Xavier F	Victor T Rubina R	Allen S Angela H	Linda K Rohini T
Passion Narrator	Kim D	Tricia S	Esther T	Colette D
Special Ministers	Kim D Burle D Pearl B Xavier F	George V Riekie V Atanasio J Rima J	Philip N Angela H Jan Van R Charles C	Ean B Beatriz C Rada P Gloria A
Welcomers	Veronica D	Peter F	Anna W	Claire R
Children's Liturgy	Laurence B Dona P	No C. L.	Romain S Lota F	No C. L.
Altar L.	Candy Allen			
Counters Team	Marian J, Eugene G, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L, Laurence Bernard.			

EASTER SUNDAY - YEAR A

05TH APRIL 2026	MASS TIMES	
	Sunday	
	8.30am	10.30am
Altar Servers		Alivia, Sophia, Eva
Comm	Volunteer	Maria Brewty
Readers	Lynette Fernandes Rima Johnson	Anna Lee Colette D'Costa
Special Ministers	George Verbeek Riekie Verbeek Marguerite Singh Marcelle Joseph	Rodolfo Garduce Angela Ho Beata Gomez Joyce Setiawan
Welcomers	Shiral Fernando	Treasure Ringrow
Altar L.	Laurence Bernard	
Counters Team	Marian J, Eugene G, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L, Laurence Bernard.	



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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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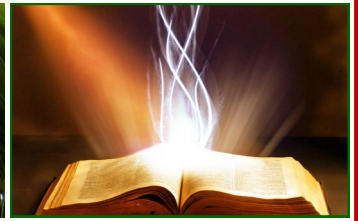
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**THE PALM SUNDAY
YEAR A
29TH MARCH 2026**



FIRST READING Isaiah 50:4-7

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The Lord has given me
a disciple's tongue.
So that I may know how to reply to the wearied
he provides me with speech.
Each morning he wakes me to hear,
to listen like a disciple.
The Lord has opened my ear.
For my part, I made no resistance,
neither did I turn away.
I offered my back to those who struck me,
my cheeks to those who tore at my beard;
I did not cover my face
against insult and spittle.
The Lord comes to my help,
so that I am untouched by the insults.
So, too, I set my face like flint;
I know I shall not be shamed.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24.

**(R.) My God, my God,
why have you abandoned me?**

1. All who see me deride me.
They curl their lips, they toss their heads.
'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him;
let him release him if this is his friend.' (R.)
2. Many dogs have surrounded me,
a band of the wicked beset me.
They tear holes in my hands and my feet.
I can count every one of my bones. (R.)
3. They divide my clothing among them.
They cast lots for my robe.
O Lord, do not leave me alone,
my strength, make haste to help me! (R.)
4. I will tell of your name to my brethren
and praise you where they are assembled.
'You who fear the Lord give him praise;
all sons of Jacob, give him glory.
Revere him, Israel's sons.' (R.)

SECOND READING Phil 2:6-11

**A reading from the letter of St Paul to the
Philippians**

His state was divine,
yet Christ Jesus did not cling
to his equality with God
but emptied himself
to assume the condition of a slave,
and became as men are,
and being as all men are,
he was humbler yet,
even to accepting death,
death on a cross.
But God raised him high
and gave him the name
which is above all other names
so that all beings
in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld,
should bend the knee at the name of Jesus
and that every tongue should acclaim
Jesus Christ as Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Philip 2:8-9

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on
the cross. Therefore God raised him on high and gave
him a name above all other names.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL Matthew 26:14 – 27:66



PASSION NARRATIVE

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Lowly Prince of Peace: Jesus entered Jerusalem, not as a warrior in the tradition of King David as many had hoped for, but riding simply on a donkey. The disciples and the crowd applauded him, but they proved fickle in their support.

On the other hand, Jesus remained steadfast in his commitment to non-violent revolutionary change of the religious and political systems so as to establish the reign of God. Why did he renounce marshalling human and angelic warriors to further his cause?

First, Jesus embodied God-for-us, and God does not want the destruction of those he has created out of love. Second, Jesus had a premonition that an armed revolt would lead to the destruction of Jerusalem and the dispersal of the Jewish people (as occurred in 70AD). Third, another Gospel (Luke) recounts that as Jesus laboured up Mount Calvary he turned to some wailing women and said, 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, weep rather for yourselves and for your children.' He knew that they suffer grievously in armed uprising. This is seen in barbaric reality in our own time with women being tortured and raped in campaigns of terror, trafficked into sexual slavery, suffering the loss of sons, husband and lovers.

We could take a moment to pray that the Church of the 21st century, successor of the pacifist Church of the first three centuries, may enter on a new period of reflection on these issues, grappling with the desire to protect the innocent, yet always challenged by the man on a donkey, Divine Prince of Peace.



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PALM SUNDAY – 29 March

As we enter the sacred season of Easter, Project Compassion once again invites us to unite in faith, hope and love, extending our hands and hearts to those who need it most. With the support of parishes like yours, Caritas Australia and its partners help uplift communities facing poverty and hardship, uphold dignity for families navigating crisis and strengthen resilience where life's challenges are greatest.

This Lent, the stories you have encountered from Sisilia, Monoranjon, Manaini and Ahmad remind us of the difference compassion can make.

Together with our partners, your support helps families access nutritious food, clean water, education, healthcare and opportunities for sustainable livelihoods. These essentials allow communities to grow in strength and resilience and to build brighter futures for generations to come.

During Lent, we are invited to live out our faith in practical and compassionate ways. As we continue our Lenten journey, may we be guided by Christ's love and remain open to the needs of others. Together, let us work toward a world where all people can flourish and live with dignity.

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.



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!!

HOLY WEEK DONATIONS

Sponsors are invited to help with the preparation of our Holy Week and Easter liturgies, including decorations, flowers, and candles for the church etc. Your generosity will help make these sacred celebrations prayerful and meaningful for our parish community. Kindly contact the parish office for details. Thank you.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026 – FIRST EUCHARIST

We are pleased to support your children in their faith journey as they prepare to receive the Sacrament of First Holy Eucharist. Classes will commence on Tuesday, **21st April, from 4pm to 5pm** in the parish house. An Information Night will be held on Wednesday the 29th May, 6pm at St. Andrew's Primary School. **The First Eucharist celebrations will take place on the weekend of 13th–14th June.**



For enrolment and further details, please contact the parish office Tuesday to Friday from 10am to 3pm on 9551 5666 or email: claytonsouth@cam.org.au

ST ANDREW'S PARISH FIRST TWO SOCIAL EVENTS 2026

1. Mother's Day Bake Sale -
9 & 10 May 2026

2. Parish Luncheon -
Sunday 19 July 2026



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St. Andrew's Catholic Parish

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HOLY WEEK & EASTER PROGRAM 2026

Saturday 14 th March	Departure: 7am	Lenten Pilgrimage to Bacchus Marsh
Wednesday 25 th March	09.15am Mass for the sick	Anointing within Mass & Holy Communion to the housebound (<i>Kindly contact Parish Office to register</i>)
PALM SUNDAY		
Sat & Sunday 28 th & 29 th March	06.00pm 08.00am 09.30am 11.00am	Blessing of the Palms, Procession Mass in the Church
EASTER TRIDUUM – in School Hall		
Holy Thursday 02 nd April	07.30pm	<u>NO MORNING MASS</u> Mass of the Lord's Supper in the school hall followed by Repose of the Altar in the Church. Silent Adoration until midnight in the Church
Good Friday 03 rd April	10.00am 03.00pm	Stations of the Cross – Bald Hill Park (<i>PTO for details</i>) Commemoration of the Passion & Death of our Lord Jesus Christ in the School Hall
Holy Saturday 04 th April	07.30pm	Easter Vigil Mass in the School Hall
Easter Sunday 05 th April	08.30am 10.30am	Mass in the Church Mass in the Church
DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY		
Divine Mercy Feast 12 th April	1pm – 3pm 03.15pm	Confessions / Holy Rosary / Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Celebrant: Fr. Elmer Ibarra SVD Divine Mercy Mass followed by afternoon tea.



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CLAYTON SOUTH

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS



The custom of walking the Stations of the Cross is a revered devotion which has its origins in the early Christian pilgrimages to the holy places of Jerusalem.

"...as we walk with Jesus, and believe in Jesus, and become friends and companions with him as Saviour and friend, may we grow in a greater faith in him, and also to love and care for one another."

- ♦ **START & CONCLUSION: ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH**
- ♦ **WALKING TO BALD HILL PARK FROM 10AM**
- ♦ **STATIONS AND REFLECTIONS ARE LED BY FAMILIES**
- ♦ **KINDLY BRING THE JUBILEE CROSS ALONG**

GOOD FRIDAY
10AM

YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO JOIN US IN THIS JOURNEY



TO MAINTAIN A SPIRIT OF REVERENCE AND SOLEMNITY, PLEASE TURN OFF AND REFRAIN FROM USING PHONES AND OTHER ELECTRONIC DEVICES DURING THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS



St Andrew's Church – Clayton South – VIC – 3169

Invites you to

**Come and Celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday
Sunday – 12th April 2026**

- ❖ 1.00pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 - ❖ 1.00pm onwards Confession
 - ❖ 1.00pm onwards Holy Rosary
- ❖ Veneration of the Divine Mercy Image
 - ❖ 3.00pm – Divine Mercy Chaplet
 - ❖ 3.15pm – Eucharistic Celebration



Main Celebrant



Rev. Fr ELMER IBARRA

PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE