



St Andrew's Parish News

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

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A - 11 & 12 APRIL 2026

OUR PARISH

Parish Office

76 Springs Road
Clayton South VIC 3169
Phone: 9551 5666
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

Fr. Shibu Joseph sac
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Parish Team Leader

Linda De Souza (Tues to Fri)
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Parish Secretary

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

Youth Co-ordinator

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Principal: Brian Martin
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School R.E. Co-ordinator

Ange Walsh

ONLINE SERVICES

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www.standrewsclaytonsouth.org.au

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<https://catholic-daily-reflections.com/>

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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

THANK YOU – HOLY WEEK CELEBRATION

On behalf of St, Andrew's Parish, I want to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who helped make this Holy Week and Easter celebrations so beautiful and meaningful. Each ministry, each act of service, and every moment of dedication brought life, joy, and reverence to our celebrations.

We have received countless expressions of appreciation from parishioners who were deeply touched by the care, creativity, and organization that went into every detail. Your time, talent, and devotion have truly made a difference, and we are so grateful for all that you have given.

Let us continue to serve with joy and love, knowing that together we build a parish filled with faith, hope, and community. May our shared efforts inspire one another and those around us to keep shining Christ's light in everything we do!

Fr. Shibu Joseph sac

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

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

MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE - 9TH AND 10TH MAY

Our Mother's Day Bake Sale will be held on the weekend of 9th–10th May, and we'd love your support! We're calling on our wonderful parish community to donate home-made baked goods—sweet or savoury, all contributions are warmly welcomed. If you're able to help, please drop off your items in the church foyer prior to the weekend Masses on 9th and 10th May. Thank you for your generosity in helping make this special event a success!

For more information, please contact Lyn Fernandes on 0431 434 398 or the Parish Office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY:

Gordon Bruce, Neha Mendonca, Aarthi D'cruz, Gilbert Anthony Calou (70), Jacqui Calou

HAPPY WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Matthew and Molly

BAPTISM ON SUNDAY 12TH APRIL

We warmly welcome

Thomas Gabriel Del Castillo

as he will be baptised in our community on Sunday.

We welcome him, his parents & Godparents.



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.

HOLY WATER Will be available throughout Eastertide from the Church foyer. If you would like some, kindly bring a bottle along and collect it.

EASTER HOUSE BLESSING It is a beautiful tradition that the Holy Water, blessed on Holy Saturday at the Easter Vigil Mass and used for the baptism of new Catholics, is used to bless the Catholic homes during the Easter season.



Would you like to invite Fr. Joe to have your home blessed? Do you have a new home that has never been blessed? Kindly fill in your details in the clipboard kept at the foyer or please call the parish office on 9551 5666.

NEWSLETTER SUBSCRIPTION

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.



NEWSLETTER

St. Andrews Parish

Mother's Day Bake Sale

Cakes Cookies
Cupcakes Pan Rolls
Chocolates Brownies

and so much more!

9th & 10th May
After all Masses

See you there!

For more information, please contact Lyn on 0431 434 398 or the Parish Office

SAVE THE DATE
SUNDAY 19 JULY

ST ANDREW'S
PARISH
LUNCHEON



Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.

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CHILDREN MUST HAVE ADULT SUPERVISION AT ALL TIMES



WEEKLY CALENDAR 13 APRIL 2026

Monday 13 April

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

Tuesday 14 April

07.00pm Mass / Novena to St Jude

Wednesday 15 April

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

Thursday 16 April

09.15am Mass
07.30pm Choir Practice (8am Choir)

Friday 17 April

09.15am Mass

Saturday 18 April

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

Sunday 19 April - 3rd Sunday of Easter

08.00am Mass
09.30am Mass - Welcome Rite
11.00am 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, Ting Chung Sing, Lucy Lena Sing, Mary D'souza, Anna.

Recently Deceased: Jack Remy, Juan Gallo, Georgin Gallo, Nigel Fernandez, Hermito Esperanzate.

Birthday Remembrance: Ashley Chatelier, Frank Chatelier, Oscar Geer, Jules Labonne.

Death Anniversaries: Rev. Fr. Cyril Blake, Joseph and Winnie Pinto, Sunil Pinto, Edward Gayen, Ivan & Misko Smoljo, Jelena & Mirko Perak, William Edward Ross, Iris Tannen, Maria D'Costa, All Forgotten Souls & Souls in Purgatory.



ROSTERS

2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

11 & 12 APRIL 2026	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers				
Comm	Philippe D	George V	Angela H	Beatriz C
Readers	Tiyah S Jenny C	Rima J Atanasio J	David G Dewi M	Colette D Maria B
Special Ministers	Pearl B Edwin B Nial F Vanessa F	Atanasio J Rebecca G James M Riekie V	Phillipe N Carol N Hanna T Joyce S	Beata G Pat I Linda K Erlinda D
Welcomers	Pearl B	Riekie V	Laurence B	Joanna D
Altar L.	Winnie Miranda			
Counters Team	Marian J, Eugene G, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L, Laurence Bernard.			

3RD SUNDAY OF EASTER - YEAR A

18 & 19 APRIL 2026	MASS TIMES			
	Saturday	Sunday		
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am
Altar Servers				
Comm	Jenny C	Victor T	Terry M	Maria B
Readers	Cheryl L Cheryl R	Marcelle J Neddie A	Angela H Oka G	Joanna D Betty C
Special Ministers	Michael M Xavier F Cora D Julianne M	Rima J Atanasio J Marguerita Rebecca G	Angela H Rodolfo G Jan Van R Linda M	Ean B Rodney N Rada P Erlinda D
Welcomers	Xavier F	George V	Anna W	Claire R
Altar L.	Sheila Francis			
Counters Team	Marian J, Eugene G, Peter F, Basil H, Glenda L, Laurence Bernard.			

NEXT BAPTISM PREPARATION NIGHT WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 6TH MAY AT 7.30PM IN THE PARISH HOUSE. TO REGISTER PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE. THANK YOU.



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**A WELL WISHER FOR THE PARISH
 OF ST. ANDREW'S**

From the depths of my nothingness I prostrate myself before you O most Sacred Divine Adorable Heart of Jesus to pay to you all the homage of love praise and adoration in my power. Amen

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**THE 02ND SUNDAY
OF EASTER - YEAR A
12TH APRIL 2026**



FIRST READING ACTS 2:42-47

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers.

The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone.

The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed.

They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 117:2-4, 13-15, 22-24.

**(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
his love is everlasting.**

1. Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'
Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'
Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)
2. I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.
The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.
There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. (R.)
3. The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.
This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

SECOND READING 1 Peter 1:3-9

A reading from the first letter of St Peter

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been

prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold – only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire – and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION JOHN 20:29

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.'

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.'

There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name.

SUNDAY REFLECTION

Undoubtable Wounds: Thomas was granted the gift of seeing the Risen Lord bearing the wounds of His crucifixion.



Thomas was invited to touch them. Responding, he simply cries out: 'My Lord and my God.' Thomas does not declare his belief in the Resurrection as such. That was all too apparent. Rather, he declares his faith in the identity of the risen Jesus Christ: 'My Lord and my God.'

Pope Francis used to say we can only join Thomas in this faith by touching the wounds of Christ. Those wounds are to be found in the body of someone wounded. This can be in a myriad of ways. We have to bend down and touch those wounds in whatever means of healing is available to us. Otherwise we simply engage in philanthropy at a distance. We end up believing in a semblance of God, but not God embodied in the Risen Lord Jesus Christ always bearing his wounds. Sometimes we struggle with our faith – after all, it is an astounding claim that Jesus of Nazareth is God embodied for us. You, or any other person intrigued by Jesus, are invited to touch the wounds of Christ and let the patience of God take care of the timing of the response of faith.

We could pause for a moment, praying to be counted amongst those who receive the Blessing promised to those who have not seen the Risen Lord as such, but who touch his wounds and proclaim, 'My Lord and my God.'

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BUILDING THE SYNODAL WAY TOGETHER

As we enter the Easter season, we are invited to continue growing as a Church that listens, learns, and walks together. The *Synodal Way*

calls each of us—clergy, religious, and lay—to participate actively in discernment and dialogue, guided by the Holy Spirit. In the coming weeks, we will focus on deepening our commitment to:

- **Listening with an open heart** to the experiences, hopes, and concerns of others.
- **Engaging in meaningful conversation**, grounded in respect, humility, and prayer.
- **Strengthening our sense of communion**, recognising Christ at the centre of our shared mission.

Discerning pathways forward, so that our parish and wider Church can respond more faithfully to the needs of our time.

Reflection question: How can we deepen our understanding of synodality in our parish life?

The first meeting of the Diocesan Synod Commission will be held on Thursday 9 April. We ask for your prayers as we gather to discern and plan for the work of the Synod.

If you would like to become involved in the preparation toward the Melbourne Synod please email:

Synod2026@cam.org.au

ANCHORED: Helping Kids Thrive: Developmental Changes and Digital Wellbeing Tuesday 28 April 2026, 7pm - 8pm. Facilitated by Real Talk, this practical and faith - centered webinar will help parents and caregivers of children aged 12 and better understand key stages of childhood and adolescence, set healthy digital boundaries and respond with confidence and care. Further information and registration: <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/anchored-helping-kids-thrive> Register now: Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au

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!!

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION 2 MAY

The annual May Information session has been scheduled. The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and the 50s, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to **everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate**. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. It is an opportunity to further discern your vocation. Wives most welcome.

The session will be on Saturday morning, 2nd May and will be in person. If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison

Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but if you forget, then just turn up on Saturday morning. All are welcome.

Event Date: Saturday 2 May 2026 10.00am–11.30am

Venue: Catholic Theological College

278 Victoria Parade

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FINANCE

PHOTOS FROM THE HOLY WEEK



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