

PARISH TEAMS

Parish Council Tony Summers
Finance Committee
Michael Winters
Liturgy Committee
Iwona Kazmierczak
Social Committee
Veronica Scully
Youth Ambassadors
Vacant

LITURGICAL COMMITTEES

Acolytes Errol Raftos
Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
Communion to the Sick & House-bound Michele Pierre
Readers Sandra Long
Altar Servers Tony Summers
Ambience Group Gail Finch
Shirley Blackwell
Music Liturgy
Munashe Chaita
Saturday Night Choir
(6pm Sat) Paulette Pettitt
St Andrew's Angels Choir
(9am Sun) Munashe Chaita
Cathy Leon

Cantores Christi Choir
(5pm Sun) Edward Amante
Marilyn Ball

Eucharistic Adoration
Beryl Rahman

PARISH GROUPS

African Community Group
Christine Dominic

Children Classes (PREP)
Tammy Sparks

Children's Liturgy
Tanya Vandermark

Church Cleaning
Ney Enriquez

RCIA Gail Finch

Sunday Morning Tea Group
Veronica Scully

St Andrew's Care Program
Parish Office

St Vincent de Paul Society
Tony Ratcliffe

Craft Group Bev Macri

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St Andrew's Catholic Parish

SERVED BY THE SALVATORIAN FATHERS



Fr Darek Krzysztalowicz SDS, PP & Fr Marian Brzozowski SDS, APP

THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD; YEAR B

24/25 DECEMBER 2023

Mass Times

WEEKEND

Saturday 6.00pm
Sunday 7.30am, 9.00am, 5.00pm

WEEKDAYS

Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri, Sat 8.00am

THURSDAYS

7 & 21 Dec 10am - RAAFA Estate Chapel
(Hughie Edwards Dr, Merriwa)
14 & 28 Dec 10am - Cambrai Village Chapel
(Hester Ave, Merriwa)

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

1st Thursday of the month at Mass.

RECONCILIATION Sat 5.00 - 5.45pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

Friday 8.30am - 4pm followed by Benediction.

Contact Us

PRESBYTERY

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Email: pp.clarkson@perthcatholic.org.au

Web: www.clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au

HOUSE BLESSING OR IN CASE OF EMERGENCIES

Please contact Fr Darek and Fr Marian on
(08) 9407 7512.

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE*

Please contact the Parish Office.

*Marriage: 6 months notice

PARISH SECRETARY

Mrs Tanya Vandermark

9407 9815 / clarkson@perthcatholic.org.au

Office hours: Tues & Wed: 9am - 1.30pm

Fri: 9am - 12pm

ANNOUNCEMENTS & EVENTS

A Blessed and Merry Christmas

'For a child has been born for us, a son given to us; authority rest upon his shoulders; and h is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace'

- Isaiah 9:6



Dear parishioners of St Andrew's Parish and Visitors,

We live in a bust world. So often we hear someone say "how time flies". It is so true that days, months and years have been passing so quickly. In a few moments we will celebrate once again what happened at Bethlehem 2000 years ago, when Jesus was born in a stable to bring humanity peace and joy. The appeal to put Christ back into Christmas, requires from all of us a genuine response. The noise of Christmas jingles in our shopping centres, radio stations and elsewhere, can immune us to the spiritual dimension of the festive period. Our hearts can be distracted by the allure of earthly possessions, the pride of the eve and the intoxicating spirit of the world. And when Christ comes looking for a place to shelter in our hearts He may find **NO ROOM WITHIN**. Jesus teaches us that whoever welcomes one of these little ones in His name, welcome Him, and whoever welcomes Him welcomes the one who send Him - the Father. Often we read these words at Mass, but do we really believe them. The Virgin Mary was one who did, and thus she was able not only welcome Jesus as a baby, but eventually to stand beside Him as He died His painful death on the Cross. Looking at the tragic event happening in Ukraine, the Middle East and all other places of the world, we as Christians, can ask the newborn King to restore peace and harmony among nations. For us, followers of Christ, every season is a TIME FOR GIVING. A special gift can be a firm handshake to a shaky soul, a kind word to a lonely person, a warm smile to the disheartened, food for the hungry, water for the thirsty, prayer for those in need. So on this Christmas Day let us pray that baby Jesus will bring to our world, to our country and to our families peace, forgiveness, gentleness and love.

On behalf of the Parish Pastoral Council, the Salvatorian Fathers, Fr Marian and myself, I (Fr Darek), want to wish you and your loved ones that the Christmas blessing of love, peace and joy be present within your hearts and homes during the Christmas Season and remain with you throughout the New Year, 2024. May God Bless You.

- Fr Darek Krzysztalowicz, SDS; Parish Priest

A Christmas Prayer

God, we thank you for the message of peace that Christmas bring to our distracted world. Give peace among the nations, peace in our land, peace in our homes and peace in our hearts as we remember the birth at Bethlehem of the Prince of Peace, Christ our Lord. Amen

Merry Christmas from the Salvatorian Fathers

Each the Australian Region of Salvatorians are humbled by the overwhelming support from all the Salvatorian parishes across Australia. Our Community is sincerely grateful for the generous donations received throughout this year to support the formation of our seminarians and missionary projects. We would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very Merry and safe Christmas with a joyous New Year. May God continue to bless you abundantly.



Eucharistic Adoration

Every Friday from 8.30am - 4pm, with the Divine Mercy Chaplet recited at 3pm.

Please join us to worship Jesus.

BAPTISMAL PREPARATION

Pre-Baptismal Class
20th January 2024 at 11am.

This class is for all parents who would like to baptise their child and whose children are younger than 7 years of age. The class will take place in the Church.



Respectful Silence in the Church

Knowing that Jesus is really present in the tabernacle, please maintain a **respectful silence** in the Church at **all times**. Also, let us be mindful that many people are making their spiritual preparation and thanksgiving before and after Mass. Thank you for your understanding.

Please take a bulletin home with you to keep informed with what is happening in the parish and for more information visit our website: www.clarkson.perthcatholic.org.au

This Weekend (24/25 Dec): 4th Sunday of Advent, Year B				Next Weekend (30/31 Dec): The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph, Year B							
2 Sam 7:1-5. 8-12. 14. 16		Ro 16:25-27		Lk 1:26-38		Gen 15:1-6, 21:1-3		Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19		Lk 2:22-40	
24/25 Dec	Acolytes	Altar Servers	Readers	24/25 Dec	Acolytes	Altar Servers	Readers				
Saturday 6pm	David Pettitt Wil Higo	Zac Humski	David Pettitt	Saturday 6pm	Errol Raftos Tony Summers	Chiara D'Costa Carys D'Costa	Des Blackwell Sandy Baker				
Sunday 7.30am	Ney Enriquez Luc Nguyen (SS)	Elvis Macedonio James Du Alo	Cherry Nguyen Tanya Vandermark	Sunday 7.30am	Andrew Keane Luc Nguyen (SS)	Chelsea Keane Muna Ezeonwu	Jerry De Rozario Sandra Long				
Sunday 9am	Tony Summers Lumoro Bella	Summer Richardson Alicia Ridley Suzie Chol	Simon Furneau Geneve Bastian	Sunday 9am	Tony Summers Michael Finch	Amariah Vandermark Malia Mbotto	Tammy Sparks Agnes Mckary				
Sunday 6pm	Christmas Roster			Sunday 5pm	Marco D'Ovidio		Meagan Reyes Maxwell Johnston				

Cleaning Roster			
30 Dec	Dee, Janet, Bronagh & Scott		
6 Jan	Ney, Linda & Joseph Ridley		


Please Pray for the Sick of Our Parish
Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick members of our community and for all who are in need.

Aaron Augustine, Lyn Birkelbach, Roslyn Carlson, Ray Daglish, Phil Doyle, Sam & Josephine Ebejer, Jenny Grace, Mary Hosking, Angie Moore, Dorothy Noronha, Brian O'Loughlin, David Pettitt, Maria Romanelli, Edward Pozarowszczyk, Debbie Smith, Sean Winters & Jackson.

Please help keep this list up to date, contact Kathy on 0499 901 202


Thank You

Thank you to all those parishioners who helped to clean and decorate the Church for Christmas, especially the ladies from the Liturgy Committee. Many thanks to our Proclaimers of the Word (Readers), Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Acolytes, Altar Servers, money collectors and thank you to all the Parish Choirs for leading us with beautiful music for the Christmas Masses. And to all others who were involved in making the Christmas celebrations very meaningful and special. God Bless you all.



Peace on Earth

"May the forgiving spirit of Him to whom we dedicate this season prevail again on earth. May hunger disappear and terrorists cease their senseless acts. May people live in freedom, worshipping as they see fit, loving others. May the sanctity of the home be ever preserved. May peace, everlasting peace, reign supreme."




Prayer for Travelers

Grant me O Lord a steady hand and a watchful eye. That no one shall be hurt as I pass by. You gave me life, I pray no act of mine may take away or mar that gift of Yours. Shelter those, dear Lord, who keep me company, from the evils of fire and all calamities. Teach me to use my car for others' needs; nor miss through love of undue speed the beauty of the world; that I may with joy and courtesy go on my way. Lord protect me and lead me safely to my destiny. Amen.

New Years Day Masses - Monday 1 January - Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

There will be two Parish Masses: 8am and 7pm



Prayer for Peace

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour Your power upon all Your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all. God of all creation, bring justice and peace to our world. Teach us to be peacemakers. Guide us in our pursuit of justice and the common good. Inspire us to welcome all, forgive all, and love all, and as we walk in the shadow of Jesus: the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Inspire us to perceive the world through your eyes, that we might find hope and joy each day, supportive of each other, for the sake of Your Kingdom. Amen

Parish Second Collection

Envelopes: \$556
 Loose Money: \$785 Direct Debit: \$669

Dear Parishioners, thank you for your continued contribution and support to the Parish and Priests. Thank you for your generosity!


First Collection Details	Second Collection Details
Bank: CDF; BSB: 086-006; Account No: 714293247 Account Name: St Andrews First Collection	Bank: CDF; BSB: 086-006; Account No: 665794757 Account Name: St Andrews Parish Clarkson

Please use your full name and envelope number (if you have one) as a reference for the transaction.

Happy and Safe Holiday

We welcome all visitors staying with their families in our parish and wish them a happy holiday.

To all parishioners travelling during this time we wish a safe return home. We look forward to seeing you in 2024.



Feast Days of the Week

Tuesday 26 December - St Stephen, the First Martyr
 Stephen was one of the first group of seven deacons to be ordained in the early Church. Their role was to take care of the daily distribution of food to those in need. Falsely accused, Stephen was stoned to death but died praying for his executioners. See Acts of the Apostles Chapter 7 for an account of Stephen's speech before the Sanhedrin and for an account of his death.

Wednesday 27 December - St John, Apostle & author of John's Gospel
 John and his brother, James, were originally fishermen with their father Zebedee, in the Lake of Genneraset. With Peter and James, John shared a close relationship with Jesus and in the fourth Gospel he speaks of himself as 'the disciple whom Jesus loved'. John alone remained at the foot of the Cross on Calvary and at the invitation of Jesus took the Mother of Jesus into his care.

Thursday 28 December - The Holy Innocents
 The Gospel of Matthew tells the story: 'Then Herod perceiving that he was deluded by the wise men, was exceedingly angry: and sending killed all the male children that were in Bethlehem and in all the borders thereof, from two years old and under, according to the time which he diligently inquired of the wise men.'

2023 Christmas Message from Archbishop Timothy Costelloe
 Archbishop Timothy Costelloe's SDB 2023 Christmas Message can be accessed as a written letter or video message from our Parish website.

Parish Office

Please note the Parish Office will be **closed** from **26 December 2023** until **2 January 2024**. There will also be a change to the Parish Office hours, beginning from 2 January 2024. Office hours will be as follows:

- Tuesdays and Fridays: 9am - 2.30pm.**

Thank you for your understanding.

Piety Stall - Open (after every weekend Mass)

The Piety Stall (located in the foyer) has a variety of religious books, cards, statues and medals available to purchase. Also available are 2024 Calendars; Josephite Calendar - \$13, Columban Calendar - \$10.

ST ANDREW'S PARISH MISSION EVENT 2024

An all new Parish Mission Event presented by Bruce Downes - The Catholic Guy, will be held here at St Andrew's Parish during Lent in 2024. **Come along to four inspiring sessions that take you on a life changing journey.** Be Changed... Be Renewed... Be Inspired. Commencing 11 March until 14 March 2024. **Free Admission (there will be a collection taken up after each session.)** More information to come in the new year.



34th Annual Flame Congress January 2024 - REJOICE

Flame Ministries International invites you to the 34th Annual Flame Congress. Featuring several guests speakers including Archbishop Timothy Costelloe SDB, Fr Timothy Deeter, Cyrus D'Souza FMI SD, Kaye Rollings FMI SD, & Cheryle Douglas FMI. Commencing Friday 12 until Sunday 14 January 2024. For information please contact fmi@flameministries.org.

Church Projects

If you would like to contribute towards the next project for the Church. A donation can be made to the following account;

ACC Name: **St Andrew's Projects** Bank: **NAB**
 BSB: **086-006** ACC No: **867962405**

