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WELCOME TO ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE
15TH FEBRUARY 2015

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IN NEWS

*All that's going on
around St Andrew's*

FROM THE EXECUTIVE PASTOR

SANTINO DIMARCO

🕊 Executive Pastor

Dear St Andrew's,

This week we see the commencement of the Lenten season and the St Andrew's Chair Challenge.

Those who have been at St Andrew's for a few years will know that John has previously explained the history and relevance of the Lenten season. I thought I should take this opportunity to grab an excerpt from one of John's communications that clearly explains Lent:

"Lent", from the Anglo-Saxon word for "Spring", is a 46-day period of preparation and reflection in the build up to Easter Day. According to the Book of Common Prayer, forty of those days are 'fast days' and the six Sundays are 'feast days', since every Sunday of the year recalls the joy of the resurrection of Jesus. In other words, Lent is certainly not a medieval Roman Catholic practice. It is part of our Reformation heritage, particularly in the Lutheran and Anglican traditions.

Of course, nothing is mandatory; Lent is no more than a tradition. Yet, it is a noble tradition, one that reflects the New

Testament assumption that Christians would occasionally fast, just as Old Testament believers did (Matthew 4:2, 6:16; Mark 2:20; Acts 13:2, 14:23). From the 2nd-century onwards, Christians have observed a period of fasting in the build up to Easter as an identification with the Lord's suffering on our behalf. It does not build spiritual muscles. It does not gain favour with God. It is simply a tangible expression that we follow the crucified Lord.

In preparing for Lent it has become tradition at St Andrew's to celebrate Shrove Tuesday through congregational Pre-Lent parties. Later in this edition of the News you will find details regarding parties that are being held this coming Tuesday 17th February. It will be great to get together with others from St Andrew's over some post-dinner treats; and of course, pancakes!

Secondly, as promoted over the last few weeks, our Chair Challenge begins this week. A quick reminder that the Chair Challenge is a church-wide initiative to encourage regular personal Bible reading and prayer for just 15mins a day. It is your choice what passages from Scripture you read, however, we have included with this week's News a Mark's Gospel reading guide which you may wish to use, especially as it accompanies the current sermon series.

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We have also placed a video on Youtube that was shown during our Sunday services two weeks ago. The video outlines the Chair Challenge idea as shared by Bill Hybel's at a recent conference (tinyurl.com/hybelschair).

Please make every effort to participate in the Chair Challenge. Whilst we should never approach daily devotions legalistically, a great habit is formed if we break the inertia of 'doing nothing' and for many, if not all, it will develop into a time of the day not to be missed.

Blessings,
Santino Dimarco

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK

Lord, you have taught us that whatever we do without love is worth nothing: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you; grant this, for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake.
Amen.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

THIS WEEK

☛ **Pre-lent Parties (Pancake Tuesday)**

Tue 17th Feb 7:30pm

No need to RSVP but please bring a plate of sweet or savoury food or some drinks to share, for a post-dinner feast - pancakes will be served.

8:30am & 10am combined at Stu and Nicole Shinfield's home 22 Onyx Rd, Artarmon.

5pm at Tim and Kylie Roberts' home, 57 Middle Harbour Rd, Lindfield.

7pm at Mike and Kel Hastie's home at 1/8 Waratah St Roseville.

☛ **Roseville-Lindfield-Killara Inter-church Lenten Service Series**

First Service Tue 24th Feb 7:45pm

Roseville Uniting Church 7A Lord St Roseville
Guest preacher: Rev James Smith

See flyer on display cupboard for more details.

☛ **Life of Jesus**

Wed 25th Feb – 7.30pm

John and Buff Dickson's home

A 5-week course for people curious to find out about the basics of the world's largest faith.

Contact the Church Office or email

lifefofjesus@standrews.net.au

☛ **CMS Prayer Breakfast**

Sat 28th Feb – 8:30am - 10am

This will be a time of dedicated prayer for God's work through CMS missionaries.

RSVP to Harry and Olive Cotter 9410 2812, ho_cotter@bigpond.com or Ruth Howes 9427 0912, frhowes@tpg.com.au

☛ **Belonging Course**

Sun 1st Mar – 3:00pm - 4.30pm
over afternoon tea

Venue to be advised.

3 week fast-track course for newcomers to get to know St Andrew's and meet others.

Contact James Smith for details.
james.smith@standrews.net.au

☛ **Women's Dinner**

Mon 9th Mar 7pm

Roseville Golf Club (Links Ave Roseville)

\$40 and \$20 concession.

See flyer on the display cupboard for more details and payment info.

When RSVP'ing please confirm that you have paid and what payment method you used.

RSVP by Sun 1st Mar to
womensevents@standrews.net.au
or Kylie Roberts **0431 974 935**

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COMMUNITY WATCH

OTHER

🕒 Accommodation Request

We are looking to assist the Rees family from our 10am congregation. Sarah and the children are returning to New Zealand a few months ahead of John who is staying in here for work. If you have a granny-flat or separate living space (or know someone in the area who does), please contact the Office. John is able to pay an appropriate rent. office@standrews.net.au or 9412 2553

PLEASE PRAY

🕒 Churchwide Prayer

Praise God for the opportunities John has had in the US to speak on radio and to lecture, and ask God to bring much fruit for Christ from John's work. Pray for safety and refreshment as he returns home this week.

🕒 10am Prayer

Praise God for all he has done in Yuki and Donny Hosoya's lives and pray for them as they move to Kyoto; that they will find Christian friends and a welcoming church that teaches God's word faithfully. Pray for their children Keita and Nau who are beginning new studies at secondary school and uni.

Thank God for the Rees family's time with us and pray for them as they relocate to Auckland. Sarah, Angus, Lachlan, Daisy and Poppy leave this week and John will follow in a couple of months. Pray that they will settle well into new schools and that God will bless them with a good church family.

Please pray for Nigel Gorham, having surgery on his arm on Monday; for freedom from complications and a full return to normal function.

Please pray for Michael Zhang having a tonsillectomy also on Monday. Pray that the surgery goes well and that his recovery is steady and will lead to improved health.

Pray for Mary Fenner's continued improvement as she begins more active physio following her recent shoulder surgery. Pray for patience in persevering and that this time would strengthen Mary's faith and her relationship with Christ.

🕒 5pm Prayer

Please continue to pray for recovery for Kirsty Beilharz as she deals with enforced bed rest following an acute back injury and recent steroid injections. Pray for God's healing and that he will sustain Kirsty in grace and patient dependence each day knowing His love.

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COMMUNITY WATCH

☛ St Andrew's Ministries

Pray for our Small Groups as the year gets under way, pray that newcomers might decide to join a group and find warmth and fellowship in meeting with others. Pray that the leaders will care for their group as they discuss the questions and share with one another.

Please pray for those who are no longer able to attend services and are either in their own homes, nursing homes or hostels; Joyce Fagan, Beverley Glissan, Margaret Green, Gwen Hutchison, Margaret Rook, Margaret MacGregor, Adrienne Searle and Frank Wyndham. Please pray for those who minister to them; Judy Hodges, Myree Pullen, Jean Rixon and Peter Watson, so that they may know God's love and care for them day by day.

☛ Other

Pray for our local Federal MP Paul Fletcher and local State MP Jonathan O'Dea as they represent us in their various roles. Pray for wisdom as they debate issues before them in parliament that there might be fair and just decisions made for all.

MISSION & AID

MALCOLM & LEANNE

☛ South East Asia

Pray for our new Link missionaries Malcolm and Leanne serving in South East Asia in training and development.

Along with the challenges, thank God for the many things they have to be thankful for:

- ☛ Mal and Leanne have reconnected with a number of people they first met at a conference last year, who have been enormously welcoming and supportive.
- ☛ An Australian friend who speaks the local language has helped with setting up local phones and a variety of other issues.
- ☛ The encouraging farewells and pledges of care and support.

Please pray for the provision of a suitable apartment so they don't have to move to another temporary place.

Please pray that Mal and Leanne adjust quickly to the incessant noise and pollution where they are living.

Pray for their (adult) children as they settle into life and study here in Australia without their parents nearby.

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CONTEMPORARY SERVICE ITEMS

CONFESSION

Most merciful God,
we humbly admit that
 we need your help.
We confess that we have
 wandered from your way:
we have done wrong,
and we have failed to do
 what is right.
You alone can save us.
Have mercy on us:
wipe out our sins and teach us
 to forgive others.
Bring forth in us the fruit
 of the Spirit
that we may live as
 disciples of Christ.
This we ask in the name
 of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your Name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory, are yours
now and for ever. Amen.

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT DETAILS

➤ Supporting the General Ministry

To support the general work of St Andrew's, electronic banking details for regular direct credit are:

Anglican Parish St Andrew's
BSB 704 998
A/C 100 005 413

This is our preferred method to receive your regular support.

If you prefer to make cash/cheque contributions, there is a gifts and donations box attached to the church's rear pew.

➤ Supporting the Property Redevelopment

To support the St Andrew's Property Redevelopment, **tax-deductible** contributions can be made to the following account:

St Andrew's Anglican Church Roseville Donation Fund
BSB 704 998
A/C 100 010 195

Please include your surname and the initials "PV" (for Property Vision) in the reference field.

Donations by cheque should be made to St Andrew's Roseville Donation Fund.

Please mark the envelope with your surname and "PV".

A receipt for tax purposes will be forwarded to you upon receiving your electronic or cheque donation.

If you would like to support the Property Redevelopment but **do not** require a tax deduction, please contact

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