

# SUNDAY 20TH APRIL 2025 - EASTER DAY

### St Andrew's Roseville

We are a church that loves Jesus and wants the good news of His death and resurrection proclaimed to all people, so that they can believe in Him. If you would like to know more about following Jesus or about St Andrew's, please visit our website - www.standrews.net.au

### **Coming Up**

**18 April -** Good Friday (8.30am and 10.30am)

**20 April -** Easter Sunday (all 4 services)

10 May - Bush Walk

17 May - Start Party

### **Elvanto Member Area**

The link to set up a log in that we sent a few weeks ago has now expired. If you have not yet set up a log in to Elvanto, please email <u>office@standrews.net.au</u> so we can reissue a new link.

### **Staff Days Off**

Scott Warner - Tuesdays Ness Hughes - Fridays, Saturdays Mel Bell - Tuesdays Indira Ryan - Tuesdays Emily Tong - Tue, Thurs, Sat, Sun Amelia Ross - Saturdays, Sundays

# CHRISTUS VICTOR: THE TRIUMPH OF THE CROSS

Christianity is not just about personal forgiveness—it's about cosmic victory. At the heart of the gospel is a battle, and at the centre of that battle is Christ. Christus Victor is the grand, sweeping story of how Jesus' death and resurrection were not just a means of atonement but a decisive conquest over sin, death, and the forces of evil. Originally accredited to Irenaeus (130-202 AD), this is an orthodox understanding of salvation, though often overshadowed by the idea of penal substitutionary atonement.

From the very beginning, the Bible frames salvation in terms of warfare. In Genesis 3:15, God declares that the offspring of the woman will crush the serpent's head—the first whisper of a coming victory. Throughout Israel's history, God is portrayed as a warrior, delivering His people from oppression. But as history unfolds, it becomes clear that the real enemy isn't just Pharaoh, Goliath, or Babylon—it's the spiritual forces of darkness that enslave humanity (Ephesians 6:12).

Enter Jesus. His ministry is full of moments where He asserts authority over demonic powers, sickness, and even nature itself. But the final battle is the cross. What looks like defeat—a dying Messiah, abandoned and humiliated—is actually the moment of triumph. Paul puts it bluntly: "Having disarmed the powers and authorities, he made a public spectacle of them, triumphing over them by the cross" (Colossians 2:15). The enemy thought he had won, but in reality, he had just sealed his own defeat.

And then, Easter morning. The grave is empty. Death itself has lost its sting (1 Corinthians 15:55). The resurrection is not just proof of life after death; it's the victory cry of a King who has conquered all. For "All things have been created through him and for him. He is before all things, and in him all things hold together... and through him [God will] reconcile to himself all things [to himself] (Col 1:16-20)". One day all things will glorify Christ the Victor. (Eph 1:12).

Today, and every day, is a foretaste of that day.

Grace and Peace, David Rietveld Acting Senior Minister

### **MISSION PARTNERS**

Please pray for Dr Andrew Browning and the work of the Barbara May Foundation



- Pray for an end to the famine in Afar (Ethiopia). Val and her colleagues seem to face one crisis after another.
- Give thanks that Dr David Macfarlane has returned to the hospital in Mille to give Dr Omer a break.
- Pray for the fistula patients who are there awaiting treatment. Pray that Dr Andrew Browning's plans to get back to Afar to treat them won't be interrupted.
- Pray for an end to the conflict in Bahir Dar. Pray for the staff and patients, for safety and trust in our Lord.
- Construction continues on the hospital in Pader, Uganda and is expected to open in September. Pray for guidance as they look for a medical director.
- Give thanks for Andrew's recent time in Nepal
- Pray that Andrew will stay faithful to God's truth and goodness as he continues his speaking engagements.

### ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NEWS

### **Prayer Points**

Please pray for the Kids and Youth ministries of the church:

- For Xtreme that meets on Friday afternoons, for Play Group that meets during the week, and for the Sunday Kids Church program at 10.30am.
- Pray that God will sustain Mel Bell and her team as they minister to our kids.
- For Revive that meets on Friday evenings and for the gathering of youth at the 10.30am and 5pm services.
- Pray that God will sustain Indira Ryan and her team, as they minister to our youth.

#### Please pray for our Maturity:

- That we will be a church that aims to help people grow in their relationship with Jesus.
- Pray for small groups and their leaders.
- That people will use the 'growing disciples' resources to grow in their personal relationships with each other.
- That people will look to join small groups and meet one to one with each other, to grow in our understanding of the bible.
- Pray that as the Bible is taught week to week, that the preachers will be faithful to the word of God and that God's Spirit might work powerfully amongst us.
- Pray that people notice a difference in their lives, as a result of God working in them, through the ministry of St Andrew's.

#### Please pray for the global Church:

- Please pray for the many churches around the world that face persecution daily.
- Pray for those churches that are growing quickly like in China, India and Africa.
- Pray for those churches who are lacking resources and help us be willing to support those who are in need.
- Pray for the continual spread of the gospel around the world and that God will use his church to see this happen.

#### Please pray for each other:

• For the 5pm congregation:

That their love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, so that they may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless until the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ – to your glory and praise. **AMEN.** 

# WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER MEETING

There is a Weekly Morning Prayer Meeting on every Wednesday 7.30-8am <u>http://tiny.cc/730amPrayer</u>

# **PARISH NOMINATORS**

Would you like to contact the nominators? If so, please e-mail: <u>nominators@standrews.net.au</u>

Rick Seton (8.30am), Alwin Chin (10.30am), Anne Judd (5pm) Stuart Shinfield (5pm), Tori Grimes (6.45pm)

#### ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NEWS

#### **FINANCIAL SUPPORT**

The preferred method for contributing to the ministry and operational costs of St Andrew's is via regular EFT giving to:

> BSB 032 086 Account 387 248 St Andrew's Roseville

Cash/cheque contributions can be made via the offertory collection boxes inside the church (no funds are kept on site).

For enquiries about financial matters, please contact our Treasurer, David Vidilini via accounts@standrews.net.au.

*To contribute to our Hall Redevelopment, visit:* 

standrews.net.au/building-a-home

### SAFE MINISTRY

We take safety seriously at St Andrew's and we are committed to the physical, emotional and spiritual welfare of those in our care. If you have questions or concerns please contact our (voluntary) Safe Ministry Representative, Megan Webster at safeministry@standrews.net.au

#### Parish Council & Wardens 2025

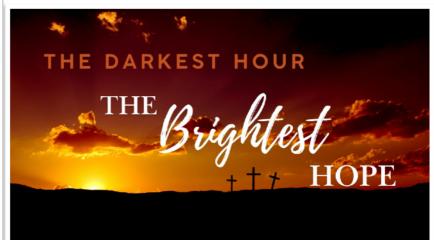
#### Wardens

Alys Martin (10.30am) Luke Hall (10.30am) Aaron Black (5pm) **Treasurer** David Vidilini (10.30am) **Parish Council** Ursula Keen (8.30am) Narelle Barbarino (10.30am) Helen Vernon (10.30am) Helen Vernon (10.30am) Adrian Perry (10.30am) Ed Shaw (10.30am) Varya Davidson (5pm) Craig Roberts (6.45pm)

# EASTER @ ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE

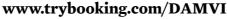
**Good Friday:** 8.30am (traditional) 10.30am (all-ages). Morning tea between the services at 9.30am.

Easter Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am, 5pm, 6.45pm



# **START PARTY!**

Celebrating the start of our Building A Home journey. Book your tickets via the QR code or link below.





#### ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NEWS

## ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE KIDS

#### Playgroup

Thursdays 10am-12pm

**Xtreme** 

Years 4-6

3.15 - 5pm

#### **StAR Kids program**

Sundays 10.30am

### ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE YOUTH

#### REVIVE

Fridays 6.30 - 8.30pm

#### **Jnr Youth Bible Study**

During the 10.30am & 5pm services

#### **Snr Sundays**

Years 10-12 6pm Prayer Time Snr Youth (years 10-12) are also encouraged to attend the 6.45pm service

### **EVERYDAY ENGLISH CLASSES**

Everyday English classes are held weekly during term time.

Thursdays 10am-12pm

### **STAFF TEAM:**

Interim Senior Minister Assistant Minister Assistant Minister Assistant Minister (Children & Families) Youth Minister Ministry Support Coordinator Assistant Children's Minister Student Minister MTS Trainee Office

# **BUSH WALK**

Interested in a Saturday afternoon bush walk?

Why not join us.

The Manly Dam circuit is one of the North Shores' hidden attractions. The walk is along bush tracks and fire trails, and has been described as secluded, with scenic lakeside vistas, colorful wildflowers in season, woodland, waterfalls, cascades, wetlands and rambling heath.

#### When: Saturday May 10, 1:00pm

#### Where: Meet at the Main Entrance of the Park (near the dam wall), 112 King St Manly Vale

There is free parking near the end of King St, 100m before you enter the Manly Dam State Park. With a Northern Beaches Parking Permit you will be able to park for free at the first parking area past the entrance gate.

It is about a 7.5km walk, taking up to 3 hours. Moderate fitness is required. Please wear appropriate sturdy footwear and bring water, hat and sunscreen.

To continue fellowship with your fellow walkers, please bring a snack during a short break during the walk.

It would be helpful if you could indicate your intention to walk by texting Peter Mackay - 0405 505 469









Building understanding & strengthening support for foster care

Foster Care

🚠 ST JAMES

Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> May at 6.30pm

David Rietveld Scott Warner Mel Bell Indira Rvan Amelia Ross **Emily Tong** Matthew Ryan Beth Boyd

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#### ST ANDREW'S COMMUNITY NEWS

# **BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE APRIL**

The St Andrew's Roseville Hall Redevelopment aims to transform our current hall into a flexible, welcoming and comfortable space for our parish and broader community to gather and grow.

# + MILESTONES THIS MONTH

- **The fences are going up!** After the weekend of <u>April 6</u>, our hall will be fenced off, including the church entrance on Hill Street. If you require assistance to get up the Bancroft entrance stairs, please alert a welcomer.
- The pledge portal is now live. Your tax deductible donation secures our future foundations, making St Andrew's a welcoming and accessible home for all.

# + PLEASE PRAY FOR

The safety of the build: that workers are protected from physical harm during the construction

LEARN MORE <u>www.standrews.net.au/building-a-home</u>



"Growing up as a youth member the hall was my second home, I can't wait for my kids to have the same experience with the new hall!" GIVING TARGET \$1.1 Million

\$456,000 Pledged so far

PLEDGE PORTAL Now open!



