

St Andrew's

ROSEVILLE

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 29 MAY 2026

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:

June 10 - Prayer and Praise Night - 7.30pm

June 13 - Bush Walk

June 14 - 8:30am Special Morning Tea

June 14 - 10:30am 'Friends for Lunch'

June 21 - Dinner Church (5pm & 6.45pm)

Staff Leave

Scott Warner: 25 May - 2 Jun

Amelia Ross: 29 May

Indira Ryan: 5-7 June

Matthew Ryan: 7 June

James Smith: 7 June

WEEKLY ONLINE PRAYER

MEETING

There is a weekly morning prayer meeting (online) every Wednesday 7:30-8:00am. All are welcome. Please visit the link below to join the meeting.

<http://tiny.cc/730amPrayer>

TRINITY & LOVE

Dear St Andrew's,

This Sunday is **Trinity Sunday**, the day in the church calendar when we especially remember that God is Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Which is wonderful. And difficult.

Several years ago we invited a lecturer from Moore College to preach on the Trinity. At the end of the service someone said to me, "Well, I'm glad someone understands it, because I don't!" Not quite the outcome we were hoping for.

But I do understand the feeling. The Trinity can sound like theological Sudoku: three persons, one God, not three gods, not one person wearing three hats. We quickly discover that our brains are not quite large enough for the subject.

But perhaps that is not surprising. If God is God, then we should expect him to be greater than our understanding. The Trinity is a mystery in the ordinary sense: it stretches us. But it is also a mystery in the biblical sense: a truth God has graciously revealed. We do not invent the Trinity. We receive it from Scripture.

The Old Testament declares there is one God, the Creator of all things, who alone is to be worshipped and loved: "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one" (Deuteronomy 6:4). The New Testament agrees, but also reveals the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit working together for our salvation. The Father chooses us, the Son redeems us, the Spirit seals us (Ephesians 1:3-14). We are baptised into the one name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit (Matthew 28:19).

And this matters deeply, because it means that love is not something God started doing when he made the world. Love is who God eternally is.

"God is love" (1 John 4:16). If God were only one person, he could love himself. That would be true love, but not love in its fullness. If God were two persons, there could be mutual love: one loving the other and the other loving in return. But **because God is Trinity**, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, **there is the fullness of love**: self-love, mutual love, and communal love, as each person loves the other two in the eternal communion of God.

This means the deepest reality in the universe is not loneliness, power, chance, or conflict. The deepest reality is holy love. And the gospel is that we are invited into it. Through the Son, by the Spirit, we are brought to the Father. We are not merely forgiven at a distance. We are welcomed home.

So this Trinity Sunday, let your mind be stretched. But even more, let your heart be warmed. The God who is love has loved us, saved us, and drawn us into his life.

Happy Trinity Sunday.

James

Mission & Aid Partners

*Please pray for
Archbishop Emeritus Masimango
and his ministry in the Diocese of
Kindu in DRC*



- Praise God for the visit of Malcolm and Elizabeth Richards in the Diocese of Kindu.
- Pray for the results of the two Clergy conferences that have been held in the past 2 weeks that pastors will know how to grow spiritually and also lead Christians in building their spiritual lives.
- Pray for the People of DR Congo as they again face an Ebola outbreak. Pray for stopping the quick spread of the virus and for the government to protect the non-affected areas.
- Pray for the Diocesan Teachers' Convention which will be held in July in Kindu. We are expecting 700 teachers. Pray for the organisation, catering and materials needed and for effective dialogue between teachers and church leaders.
- Pray for the unrest in two Archdeaconries, due to clashes between 2 Ethnic Groups, Wazimba and Warega.
- Pray for the ongoing Peace Talks between the Government and the M23 Rebels and for an end to the conflicts in Eastern Congo.
- Pray for stability in the state government based in Kindu, especially the local Parliament and the local Government that those in office would seek the good of the population rather than personal interest.
- Pray for the Diocesan Project of Building a Cathedral for the diocese.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK

The period from **27 May to 3 June** is **National Reconciliation Week**. It is an annual opportunity for all Australians to learn about our shared histories, cultures and achievements, and to consider how each of us can contribute to reconciliation between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples.

The dates are the same each year because they mark two significant milestones. **27 May** is the anniversary of the **1967 referendum**, when Australians voted overwhelmingly to amend the Constitution so Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples would be counted in the population and the Commonwealth could make laws for them. **3 June** is the anniversary of the **1992 Mabo decision**, when the High Court rejected the idea of terra nullius and recognised native title.

The theme for NRW 2026 is **"All In"**. Reconciliation Australia describes it as a call for all Australians to commit wholeheartedly to reconciliation every day. It also makes clear that reconciliation is not a spectator sport: we are all called to step away from the sidelines and take action.

As Christians, we should understand the language of reconciliation deeply. "All this is from God," writes the apostle Paul, "who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation" (2 Corinthians 5:18). We were not spectators in our need, and God was not a spectator in his love. In Christ, God acted with costly grace to bring us back to himself.

That means reconciliation with others is not merely something to affirm from a distance. It calls for truth, humility, repentance, listening, love and action. In the context of National Reconciliation Week, it means learning from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, acknowledging past and present wrongs, seeking justice and dignity for all, and asking how we might participate in the work of peace under God.

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION

Almighty God, Father of all,
we thank you that in your great mercy you have reconciled us to yourself through the death and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ.

We acknowledge with sorrow the past and present wrongs suffered by Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and we pray for healing, justice and peace across this land.

Give us humility to listen, courage to tell the truth, and love that moves beyond words into action. Help us not to stand on the sidelines, but to be "all in" for the work of reconciliation, seeking relationships marked by dignity, respect and grace.

We pray for our political, community and church leaders, that they would act with wisdom, justice and compassion. And we pray for a future in which all people are reconciled to you and to one another through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

CAR PARK DISRUPTION NEXT WEEK

From Wednesday 3 June, Laycock Constructions will be carrying out stormwater works on the grass outside the church office. As a result, the church carpark will be unavailable from Wednesday until at least Friday. Access between the church and office may also be affected, so please follow the signage and use the footpath around the perimeter where needed. Thank you for your patience as these important works are completed.

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-at-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 safeministryrep@standrews.net.au

PARISH COUNCIL & WARDENS

Wardens

Alys Martin - 10:30am

Luke Hall - 10:30am

Aaron Black - 6.45pm

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Treasurer

David Vidilini - 10:30am

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Parish Councillors

Ursula Keen - 8:30am

Narelle Barbarino - 10:30am

Andrew Loel - 10:30am

Adrian Perry - 10:30am

Helen Vernon - 10:30am

Varya Davidson - 5pm

Olivia Shinfield - 6:45pm

James Russell - 6:45pm

CHURCH-WIDE PRAYER & PRAISE NIGHT

Wednesday 10 June 7.30pm in the Church

Come along for an evening of intergenerational and inter-congregational prayer and praise. Prayer & praise nights are always edifying evenings that bring such warm fellowship, not to be missed! If your Small Group meets on a Wednesday night, why don't you come along to Prayer & Praise altogether?!

BUSH WALK - CITY EDITION

Walk across the Harbour Bridge to the new fish markets – Saturday, 13 June

We will travel by train from Roseville to Milsons Point, where we will start our walk across the Harbour Bridge to the Rocks, Barangaroo, Darling Harbour and our final destination, the new fish markets.

Along the way we will enjoy our beautiful Sydney Harbour, a brief visit to the Garrison Church, and cobblestone streets with historic cottages and buildings including the Hero of Waterloo Hotel.

After morning tea at the fish markets, we will return by light rail to Central Station and train to Roseville.

Time (Milsons Point to Fish Markets): about 2 hours at a relaxed pace. Approx. 3 hours including travel time from Roseville and return.

Distance: approximately 6 kms

Grade: easy

Meet at Roseville station 8:20am for the 8:30am train

If you would like to join, or if you have any questions, please text Nick Barbarino on 0414 521 575

UPCOMING CONGREGATIONAL EVENTS

Sunday 14 June 8:30am Special Morning Tea at James and Karen Smith's house, straight after the service. All welcome.

Sunday 14 June 10:30am "Friends for Lunch", straight after the service. More details to come.

Sunday 21 June at 5pm and 6.45pm - Dinner Church

NEWISH DINNER AT 6:45PM

The 6:45pm congregation has been delighted with the addition of several new people over the last couple of months which has been a huge blessing and encouragement to our young adults. Last Sunday, Scott hosted a 'Newish' Dinner which is a bit like a Belonging Lunch, but specifically targeted toward the 6:45pm congregation. 6 new people were at the dinner, and a handful of members from across different areas of 6:45 joined in helping them feel 'part of the family'.



ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE KIDS

Playgroup

Thursdays 10am-12pm during the school term, in the Kelman Room

Xtreme

Years 4-6

Fridays 3:15-5:30pm

StAR Kids program

Sundays 10:30am Service

ST ANDREW'S ROSEVILLE YOUTH

REVIVE

Years 7-12

Fridays 6:30-8:30pm

Jnr Youth Bible Study

Years 7-9

Sundays during 10:30am service

Snr Youth (years 10-12) are encouraged to attend the 6.45pm Service.

EVERYDAY ENGLISH CLASSES

Everyday English classes are held weekly during term time.

Thursdays 10am-12pm

In the office @ 1 Bancroft Ave

STAFF TEAM:

Senior Minister
Assistant Minister
Assistant Minister
Assistant Minister (*Kids & Youth*)
Youth Minister
Ministry Support Coordinator
Assistant Children's Minister
Student Minister
Office

SLICE SUNDAY AT 10:30AM

Last Sunday we enjoyed Slice Sunday after the service! It was wonderful to share in so many delicious baked contributions, and we're especially thankful for the generous help of the extra hands that made the morning run so smoothly.



We love these special Sundays - an opportunity to linger a little longer, enjoy some fun together, and spend extended time in fellowship. We praise God for the welcome rain-free window and, even more, for the way he continues to bring us together by his Spirit.

KINGDOM CONVERSATIONS AT 5PM

We were delighted to welcome rugby great Nick Farr-Jones as our guest speaker for this term's Kingdom Conversation. Nick shared plenty of memorable stories from the Wallabies' glory days and also spoke warmly and thoughtfully about his desire to use this season of life to be a faithful Christian influence - in his family, in the community, and wherever God gives opportunity. It was a real encouragement to hear his story and be challenged to think about how we too might use our experience and influence to serve God and bless others. We thank God for the many visitors who joined us and pray he would use the evening to draw people closer to himself. A special thank you to the Robertsons for so warmly and generously hosting supper afterwards, where we enjoyed great fellowship and thoughtful conversation together. Keep an eye out for Kingdom Conversations returning in Term 3!



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