

St Andrew's

R O S E V I L L E

NEWSLETTER - FRIDAY 1 MAY 2026

St Andrew's Roseville

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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:

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May 3 - Diocesan Day of Prayer - St Alban's Epping - 2pm to 3:30pm

May 17 - Belonging Lunch

May 24 - Slice Sunday (10:30am)

May 24 - Kingdom Conversations @ 5pm with Nick Farr-Jones

June 10 - Prayer and Praise Night - 7.30pm

Staff Leave

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Mel Bell: 25 Apr - 2 May

Emily Tong: 4 - 18 May

THE KING'S SPEECH

Dear St Andrews,

Earlier this week, King Charles III gave a landmark speech to a joint meeting of the United States Congress in Washington. It was a striking moment: the British monarch addressing American lawmakers 250 years after America's declaration of independence.

Much of the speech celebrated the enduring relationship between the United Kingdom and the United States. The King spoke of shared history, democratic resilience, common values, modern security partnerships and the deep ties that still bind the two nations together. He even managed a few jokes, including a gentle acknowledgement that the two countries remain divided by a common language. And, pleasingly, he gave Australia a brief shout-out as well.

But the most significant part of the speech, to my mind, was not political or diplomatic. It was spiritual.

The King said:

"For many here – and for myself – the Christian faith is a firm anchor and daily inspiration that guides us not only personally, but together as members of our community."

He went on to speak of his lifelong commitment to interfaith understanding, his faith in "the triumph of light over darkness" (John 1:5), his prayer that the nations might "stem the beating of ploughshares into swords" (Isaiah 2:4), and his Easter hope as the source of compassion, peace, mutual understanding and the valuing of all people, "of all faiths, and of none."

It was, I think, one of the most explicit public statements King Charles has made about his own Christian faith. He spoke of it not as a cultural inheritance or a private decoration, but as a daily anchor, a source of hope, and a motivation for public life.

And that is worth noticing. In a post-Christian world, and in a highly charged political context, the King gently but clearly brought his audience's minds to Christ. He did not name Jesus directly. But by speaking of Easter, light overcoming darkness, peace, prayer and hope, he pointed to the very heart of the Christian message.

This was not relativism. It was not saying that all faiths are the same. Rather, it was an expression of a deeply Christian conviction: that every person has worth before God, that faith cannot be coerced, and that we should therefore work for a society in which people are free to seek, speak, believe and worship.

There is something for us to learn here. We too are called to be public Christians: gracious, outward-looking, thoughtful and courageous. We can make and seize opportunities for spiritual conversation. We can speak of Christ with humility and confidence. And we can do so while loving and valuing all people.

For faith in the risen Christ is not only our private comfort. It is our firm anchor, our daily inspiration, and the source of a generous, compassionate and peace-making life.

Well done, Your Majesty.

James

Mission & Aid Partners

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



- Praise God for the Pastoral visit done in one of the remote areas of the Diocese using six hired motobikes on bad mud roads. We thank God for the ordination of new Deacons and Priests and also the confirmation of 110 people.
- Pray for Berea Bible College students who have been sent for the annual student placement in different parishes. Pray for the Berea teachers who are following them up and assisting them towards better Pastoral practice.
- Pray for the Evangelism Crusade planned in the city of Kibombo, 110Km from Kindu, on the railway line to Lubumbashi in the South of Maniema Province.
- Pray for the team of Evangelists who have been trained in Goma at the Christian Center of Evangelism
- Pray for the Building of Salama Church, part of a Church planting project in a new area in Kindu Town. Thank God for the generosity of Sydney Diocese, which has promised help for this project.
- Pray for the peace process in DRC and for the planning of dialogue between the parties in the current Congo War.
- Pray for the welfare of Kindu Diocese pastors as life is so hard due to the rebel (M23) occupation of a large region including the cities of Goma and Bukavu
- Pray for my (Archbishop Masimango's) retirement in two years and for God's provision of a new Godly bishop.

PRAYER POINTS

Please pray for our staff team and their families:

- For James and Karen Smith, Scott and Myfanwy Warner, Ness and Neil Hughes, Mel Bell, Indira and Matt Ryan, Emily and Michael Tong, Amelia and Stewart Ross, and Beth Boyd.
- Pray that God will protect them from the evil one, unite them as a team and give them wisdom as they lead the ministries of St Andrew's.

Please pray for our Outreach:

- Please pray that as members of St Andrew's go about their everyday lives, they will be looking to live for Jesus. In this way, pray that their actions and words may reflect what they know to be true of Jesus and pray that this causes people to question what they believe.
- Pray that people will be able to give an answer as to who Jesus is and how he has changed their lives.
- Pray that we will be missional as we look to reach our family, friends and those who live in Roseville and the surrounding communities.

Please pray for the wider Sydney Anglican Church:

- Pray for Archbishop Kanishka Raffel and the Bishop of the Northern Region, Chris Edwards, as they look to lead our church and promote Christianity in Sydney and around the world.
- Pray for the many other Anglican Churches in Sydney as they look to proclaim the gospel clearly and faithfully. Protect those who minister in these churches from temptation and the work of the evil one.
- Pray that the Sydney Anglican Church can be a blessing to Sydney.

Please pray for each other:

- For those from the 8:30am congregation: That they will have the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, that they may know Christ better. We pray also that the eyes of their hearts may be enlightened in order that they may know the hope to which you have called them, the riches of their glorious inheritance in the saints, and Christ's incomparably great power for us who believe.

Please pray in response to this week's news note:

- Gracious Father, thank you that the light of Christ shines in the darkness, and that the darkness has not overcome it. Strengthen our hope in the risen Lord Jesus this Easter season. May our faith in him be a firm anchor and daily inspiration. Help us to speak of Christ with humility and courage, to value all people as made in your image, and to seek peace, compassion and mutual understanding in our community and world. **AMEN.**

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** 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

ISAIAH PART 1 'GOD OF THE NATIONS' - BIBLE READING PLAN

If you haven't done so already, please subscribe to our 12-week daily Bible Reading Blog, based on the book of Isaiah.

Every weekday morning at 6:00 AM, a new devotional post will go live on our blog to help you start your day grounded in the Word. If your week gets busy, don't worry - you can use the weekends to catch up and reflect on the readings.

To join the journey and stay updated, simply visit our [website](#) and sign up today.



DIOCESAN DAY OF PRAYER - 3 MAY

Join us for the **Diocesan Day of Prayer** on **Sunday, May 3**. We are gathering as a community to pray for the North region at **St Alban's Epping** from 2 to 3:30 PM.

Everyone is welcome to participate in this afternoon of prayer. James will be attending. If you would also like to come along, please let the **office** know. We look forward to seeing the North region well-represented as we seek the Lord together.



BELONGING LUNCH

We have a Belonging Lunch on Sunday the 17th of May at 12:30pm! If you are new at St Andrew's, we would love you to come! It will be a lovely informal time of fellowship-we'll enjoy a meal and there'll be the opportunity to hear a bit more about life and ministry at St Andrew's! Lunch is catered so we'd love to know if you plan to join us. You can use the QR code/link below or just speak to anyone on the staff team.

<https://standrews.elvanto.com.au/form/b245abde-dae-480e-9b7c-bb3e033819d1>



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 and 5pm services

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

EVERYDAY ENGLISH

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
MTS Trainee
Office

KINGDOM CONVERSATION WITH NICK FARR-JONES

Sunday 24 May at the 5pm Service

Our next Kingdom Conversation is with Nick Farr-Jones who many of you will know is an Aussie Rugby great. He is also a Christian man and is coming to share his life and faith journey as an encouragement to us as we seek to mature as disciples of Jesus Christ. Kingdom Conversations are designed to be opportunities to help us think and to be encouraged and are also a great opportunity to bring friends to a church service.



SLICE SUNDAY @ 10:30AM

Sunday 24 May straight after the 10:30am Service

On Sunday 24 May we are having another one of our special morning teas after the 10:30am service. Please bring a slice of something to share, sweet or savoury, and please ensure it is free from nuts.

St Andrew's is a  NUT-FREE zone

AMELIA IS BACK!

Amelia Ross, our Ministry Support Coordinator, returned from annual leave on Thursday 30 April. We are very thankful to Cathy from Virtual Church Assist, who covered roughly 6 hours per week of Amelia's role. Cathy was a great assistance to the staff team in Amelia's absence. We praise God for Cathy and for Virtual Church Assist, and for the support they provide churches all over the country.

Just a reminder that Amelia's workdays are Monday to Friday, 9am to 5pm. Amelia attends the 6:45pm service on Sundays wearing her 'parishioner hat' but please do feel free to welcome her back if you see her in the office or on Sunday.

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