



ORDINARY (GREEN GROWING) TIME

28 JUNE 2026

St Andrews Newsletter



We acknowledge Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as the First Australians and Traditional Custodians. We acknowledge the land on which we worship is Dharug Country. We pay respects to elders past, present and emerging and honour their continuing connection to these lands, skies and waters. Sovereignty was never ceded.

SUNDAY SERVICE 9.30AM
TAIZE 6.30PM

Preacher: Rev. David
Riethermuller

Music Leader: Matthew B.

Readings: Genesis 22:1-14 &
Matthew 10:40-42

Welcoming: Matthew Tempest,
Geoff Robards, Ruth Delbridge

Morning Tea: Cathy & Steeve
Cangy

Flowers: Chris Robards

Cleaning: Rochelle Young & Mick
Watson

Gumnuts (Kids)
Leader: TBD
Lesson: Goodness

PRACTISING THE SABBATH YOUTH-LED STATIONS NOW IN THE CHURCH

Practising the Sabbath stations are now set up in the Church, thoughtfully created by the youth of GUCY. They've offered some wonderful ideas for slowing down, resting well, and making space for God. Take a moment this week to wander through the stations, read their reflections, and sit with the practices they suggest. As you do, consider what Sabbath rhythms you might like to explore in your own life.



THE IGNATIAN EXAMEN - A DAILY PRAYER OF NOTICING & THIS WEEK'S DAILY EXAMEN QUESTIONS

During the season after Pentecost, the Church enters Ordinary Time. The liturgical colour is green — the colour of things quietly becoming. This is not the urgency of Lent, the joy of Easter, or the fire of Pentecost. It is something slower and perhaps more demanding: the long, unhurried work of growth. The seeds planted in the great festivals of the year are now taking root. Ordinary Time is where most of the actual living of faith happens. During this season, you are invited to build a practice.

Saint Ignatius of Loyola developed a spiritual exercise called the Examen — a simple, daily prayer of review and noticing. There are many variations. You can practice it alone, through journaling or quiet reflection. You can practice it with others, through listening and conversation. You may like to develop a ritual around it — a particular time, a favourite chair, a candle lit at the end of the day.

Sunday 28 June

- Where did I wait with grace today?
Where did impatience get the better of me?

Monday 29 June

- What in my life is crying out for attention? What am I doing to avoid it?

Tuesday 30 June

- Where did my eyes linger today? Where did I refuse to look?

Wednesday 1 July

- Where did I truly see today? Where was I blind?

Thursday 2 July

- Where was I hurt without anyone noticing? Where did I fail to notice someone else's hurt?

Friday 3 July

- What did I learn today? What was I unwilling to learn?

Saturday 4 July

- What new thought visited me today?
What old thought refused to leave?

SIGN UP & FOLLOW

We're inviting you to try this daily practice until the end of July as a simple way of becoming aware of God's presence woven through each ordinary day.

Scan the QR code to join the WhatsApp group to receive one question, each evening, sent to your phone. Or follow the week's questions printed in the newsletter.



CULTURE OF SAFETY TRAINING

We are hosting Culture of Safety training on **Saturday, 25 July 2026, 9.30am to 3.30pm.**

REGISTRATION LINK:

<https://nswactuca.eventsair.com/cos-training-days-2025/registration/Site/Register>

LINK TO OTHER DATES FOR TRAINING:

<https://www.nswact.uca.org.au/support-services/culture-of-safety/culture-of-safety-training/>

Any questions? Email Christian at safechurch@glenbrookuniting.org.au

P.S. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH MORNING TEA, LUNCH, AND AFTERNOON TEA. PLEASE LET CHRISTIAN KNOW IF YOU'RE ABLE TO HELP OUT WITH THIS

WHAT'S ON THIS WEEK 29 JUNE - 5 JULY

MONDAY
A.A 7-9PM

TUESDAY
BAND 5-9PM

WEDNESDAY
PLAYGROUP 9:30-12:30PM

THURSDAY
A.A 7-9PM

FRIDAY
BABY SEN.9-12PM
GUCY YOUTH 7PM

SATURDAY
STUDENT MUSIC CONCERT 3:30-10PM

SUNDAY
WORSHIP SERVICE 9.30AM
TAIZE 6.30PM

SAVE THESE DATES!

Church Life Congregational Meeting

Mark your diary for **5 July** — following the service, we're holding our Church Life Congregational Meeting. These gatherings are such a gift: a time to connect, reflect, and shape our life together as a community. All are welcome and genuinely encouraged to come. Your presence makes a difference.

BIG DAY OUT

26 SEPTEMBER

Think Church Camp:

games, food, ridiculous activities, community time, and joy - but you still get to sleep in your own bed.

Because we love each other, but we also love sleep.

At Adam & Ellen's place.

More details to come. :-)

Celebrate 100 years

St Andrew's Glenbrook will celebrate 100 years of the congregation's existence within the local community in June 2027. Plans are underway for suitable events to mark the occasion. So make sure you are around in June next year to be part of it all!

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May Offerings \$ \$11,170
(Budget \$12,878)

DAILY BIBLE READINGS:

29 JUNE - 5 JULY

MONDAY

GENESIS 24: 1-21

TUESDAY

GENESIS 24: 22-33

WEDNESDAY

GENESIS 24:34-51

(24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67*)

THURSDAY

GENESIS 24: 52-67

(24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67*)

FRIDAY

ROMANS 7:15-25A*

SATURDAY

MATTHEW 11: 16-19, 25-30*

SUNDAY

PSALM 45:10-17*

CHURCH GIVING

Giving Direct: Deposit your offering
anonymously directly into St Andrews
account at Uniting Financial Services BSB
634 634 Account **100030278**.

For other payments where we need to
identify you, deposit into St Andrews
General Account BSB **634 634**
Account **100026096**.

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