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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Incorporating the Communities of
Werribee Central, Wyndham Vale, Werribee South,
Werribee North,
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

18TH AND 19TH OCTOBER 2025

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand, the Wathaurong People. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

FIRST READING: *A reading from the book of Exodus (Exodus 17:8-13)*

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it under him and on this he sat, Aaron and Hur supporting his arms, one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 120*

Response: *Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth.

May he never allow you to stumble! Let him sleep not, your guard. No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard.

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands. By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night.

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul. The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever.

Response: *Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy (2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2)*

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work. Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Alleluia, alleluia! The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 18:1-8)*

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."' And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?' **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

The Lord is our guardian, beside us at our right hand, interceding for us in all our spiritual battles. In today's Psalm we're told to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple, the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth. Joshua and the Israelites, in today's First Reading, are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there through the intercession of Moses as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites. Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head.

Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hilltop, and on Mount Calvary stretched out His hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy sin and death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26). By the staff of God, Moses bested Israel's enemies (see Exodus 7:8–12; 8:1–2), parted the Red Sea (see Exodus 14:16) and brought water from the Rock (see Exodus 17:6). The Cross of Jesus is the new staff of God, bringing about a new liberation from sin, bringing forth living waters from the body of Christ, the new Temple of God (see John 2:19–21; 7:37–39; 19:34; 1 Corinthians 10:4). Like the Israelites and the widow in today's Gospel, we face opposition and injustice—at times from godless and pitiless adversaries. We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains—to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil. We must pray always and not be wearied by our trials, Jesus tells us today. As Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures—given by God to train us in righteousness. We must persist, so that when the Son of Man comes again in kingly power, He will indeed find faith on earth. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use the Responsorial Psalm this week: ***Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.***

VOCATION VIEW: Even as a child you knew the importance of asking often for something you really wanted. Now again, in an adult way, ask God to show you His will. But, be ready to do it!

RECENT DEATH: Mary Kathleen Noonan, Marcus Keyes, Gertrudes Perez, Alexander Cagasan, Sally Tan Siew Mee, Lina Giorlando (Vizzini, Sicily)

ANNIVERSARY: Fernato Padernal

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Crispin De Zilva, Lynne Worsley, Dorothy Rayner, Maria Trang Nguyen, Peter Tho Huynh, Saraswathy Govindasamy, John Hassett, Rustico Socorin, Cecilia Maria, Teresa Goegan, Dinah Elly, Eutiquio Valenzuela, Tony Grech, William Harris, Annette Landicho Manicad Lapworth, Charlie (Carmel) Restall, Italio Tautunu, Alfredo Landicho Manicad

WEEKDAY LITURGY (20th to 25th October 2025)

Mon: 9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tues: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (25th and 26th October 2025)

Sat: 5.00pm Tarneit West Community Mass
 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11am and 5pm Mass
 10.00am Mass St. Michael at Little River
 2.30pm South Sudanese Community Mass

MASS FOR ALL SOULS DAY IN WERRIBEE CEMETERY

This year, 2nd November, the All-Souls Day falls on a Sunday. We will have a special Mass in the Werribee Cemetery at 10.30am. But we also will have our Sunday Mass as usual. After the 11am Mass in the parish there will be a blessing in our Memorial Garden remembering all our loved ones. We thank Tobin Brothers Funeral Director and the Werribee Cemetery Authorities for organizing the All Souls Day Mass in Werribee Cemetery.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION OF WHAT IS
HAPPENING IN THE PARISH, PLEASE SEE
FLYERS ON THE NOTICE BOARD.**



As we draw closer to **World Mission Sunday on 19 October**, we want to extend our heartfelt thanks for your ongoing prayers and support. In these final days leading up to Mission Sunday, we invite your parish community to continue to pray for the mothers and children of rural Zambia. We remember in a special way the mothers who walk for days in labour to give birth in makeshift shelters, and the children who walk over 10 kilometers to access education. Your prayers are a profound act of solidarity, carrying hope and compassion across the miles. Thank you for being a vital part of this journey of faith and mission. We remain grateful for your leadership and for walking with us in prayerful support.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 19th to 27th October 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 25 th / 26 th Oct	Kim Beyer	Red Dubier	Diorela Paguia	Stealth D'Rozario	Nadia Richards
MUSIC 25 th / 26 th Oct	St. Philomena's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Ensemble of Faith Choir	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 25 th / 26 th Oct	Noelene Reuben Charles Anson John	John Hennessy Anna Obieta Peter Walter	Emmanuel Edemu Maria Malanyaon Bianca Pante	Katrina Gauci Dominic Thiep Eric Demate	Maria Parba Sindhu Moreira Stephen Hart
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 20 Oct: C. Ilagan Mon 27 Oct: J. Hennessy		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 20 Oct: Z. Prasad Fri 24 Oct: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 20 Oct: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 19 Oct: C. Demate Sun 26 Oct: O. Lesoa		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 19 Oct: M. Parba Sun 26 Oct: Priya		



A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



St. Andrew's Parish warmly invites all families to celebrate...

ALL SAINTS DAY

Come dressed up as your FAVOURITE SAINT!

Saturday 1st November
Mass - 9:00am
St. Andrew's Church



Followed by Games and Fellowship

Please bring a plate to share

ALL WELCOME

HOME BASED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM AT ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE

Parents of children attending *Non-Catholic Primary Schools* in the Werribee area who are interested in their child attending the Sacramental Program for 2026 are asked to leave their details at the Parish Office via email werribee@cam.org.au or call 9741 4144. The program is conducted for children in Grade 3 Pre-Sacrament, Grade 4 Reconciliation, Grade 5 Eucharist and Grade 6 Confirmation. Please note Enrolments close 20th December 2025. *Thank you. Benita. HBRE Coordinator.*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF STUDENTS – RCIS

St Andrew's Parish will be conducting workshops for Secondary Students residing within the Parish of St. Andrew's and wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation in 2026. Please contact the Parish Office at St. Andrew's Parish on Ph. 9741 4144 or werribee@cam.org.au for more information and to leave your details. Enrolments close 20th December 2025. *Thank you - Benita*



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WERRIBEE PARISH FAIR

ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS
TIO GREAVES ST NORTH WERRIBEE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22 2025 10:00AM TILL 5:00PM

FREE ENTRY

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- RIDES LIVE MUSIC FOOD & DRINKS SINGING COMPETITION GAMES BAKE STALL RAFFLES FACE PAINTING MARKETS & MORE!
- SINGSTAR COMPETITION** AGE GROUPS: 8-12 YRS, 13-17 YRS, 18+ YRS
- UNLIMITED RIDES PASS \$40** Includes unlimited rides 1 x Sausage, Drink & Donut

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT PARISH OFFICE 9741 4144

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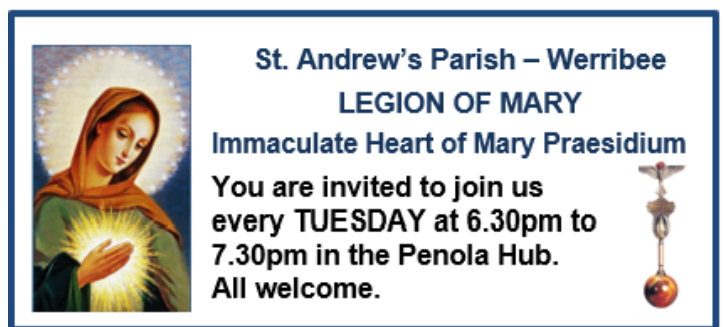
BE A SINGSTAR

St. Andrews Parish Fair
Saturday, 22nd November 2025
12.00noon to 2.00pm
St. Andrew's Ground Primary School

Show your hidden talent and receive fabulous prizes.
Age Category: A) 8 – 12 years old
B) 13 – 17 years old
C) 18 + years old

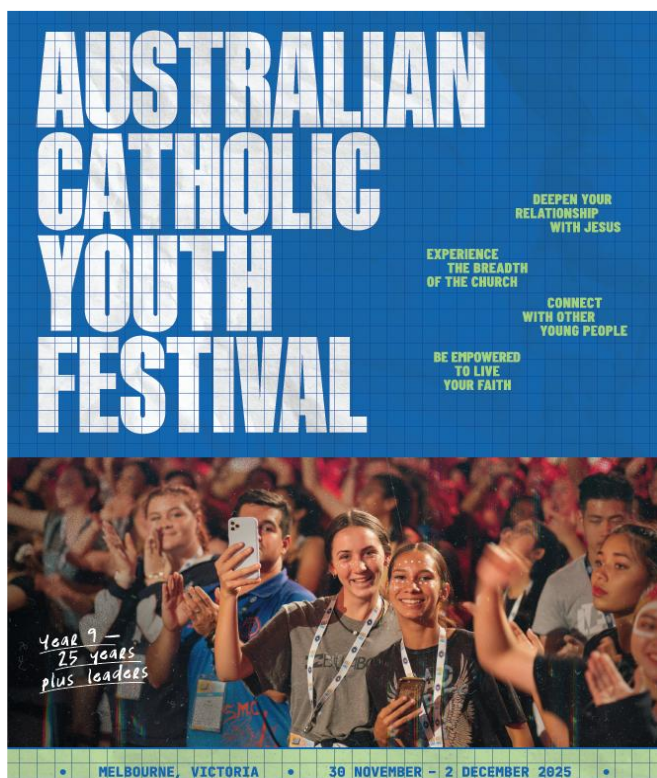
Registration forms are available at the altar steps or scan the QR code. Submit completed form by Friday, 14th November at the Parish Office.

QR code: SCAN to Register online



St. Andrew's Parish – Werribee
LEGION OF MARY
Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium

You are invited to join us every **TUESDAY** at 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the Penola Hub. All welcome.



AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS
EXPERIENCE THE BREADTH OF THE CHURCH
CONNECT WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE
BE EMPOWERED TO LIVE YOUR FAITH

Year 9 – 25 years plus leaders

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA • 30 NOVEMBER – 2 DECEMBER 2025 •

MASS AT THE HOSPITAL & NURSING HOMES

We focus on parishioners who are ill or elderly. Please let us know if you or your loved ones are in hospital or at home. Please be informed that we have Masses in our hospital and in all our nursing homes.

Estia Health Werribee
1st Wednesday at 10.30am

Baptcare Wyndham Lodge Community
1st Thursday at 11.00am

Uniting AgeWell Manor Lakes Community
2nd Wednesday at 11.00am

Werribee Mercy Hospital
2nd Thursday at 2.30pm

Mercy Place Wyndham
3rd Tuesday at 11.00am

Manor Court Werribee Aged Care
4th Thursday at 10.30am

St. Vincent's Aged Care
1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday at 2.00pm

PRAYER OF WELCOME BEFORE BAPTISM - Dear Parents, as you prepare for your child's Baptism, the people of St. Andrew's rejoice that you have chosen to baptize your child, and we pray that in the coming years you and your family will continue to know and grow in the love of God that is everlasting.



We now have an official parish facebook page: **St. Andrew's Catholic Parish, Werribee**. This will be used to post announcements and other events in our parish. Please like and share our page.

St. Andrew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.