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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

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASCENSION – YEAR B, 11TH / 12TH MAY 2024

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: Acts of the Apostles 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 47:2-3,6-7,8-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, For the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:1-7,11-13 (shorter version)

Brothers and sisters, I, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to live in a manner worthy of the calling you have received, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another through love, striving to preserve the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace: one body and one Spirit, as you were also called to the one hope of your calling; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all. But grace was given to each of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. And he gave some as apostles, others as prophets, others as evangelists, others as pastors and teachers, to equip the holy ones for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of faith and knowledge of the Son of God, to mature to manhood, to the extent of the full stature of Christ. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. Go and teach all nations, says the Lord; I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 16:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: "Go into the whole world and proclaim the gospel to every creature. Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved; whoever does not believe will be condemned. These signs will accompany those who believe: in my name they will drive out demons, they will speak new languages. They will pick up serpents with their hands, and if they drink any deadly thing, it will not harm them. They will lay hands on the sick, and they will recover." So then the Lord Jesus, after he spoke to them, was taken up into heaven and took his seat at the right hand of God. But they went forth and preached everywhere, while the Lord worked with them and confirmed the word through accompanying signs.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

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



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

The Feast of the Ascension is really a kind of liminal moment in the Easter season. It is a time between times, a moment when we have left one place in our journey but have not yet arrived at a second. While the narratives that describe the Ascension fit well into the unfolding story of redemption, the feast itself celebrates one aspect of the resurrection itself, namely, the exaltation of Jesus. The readings help us through this paradox. They allow us to focus on this theological point while we commemorate a turning point in the life of the church. We do this by considering both the enthronement of Christ in the heavens and the new body of Christ on earth. Today we stand awestruck, watching Jesus ascend into the clouds of heaven, there to be enthroned at God's right hand. Today we are overwhelmed by the divinity of the one whom we have known in his humanity. Amidst shouts of joy and exaltation, Christ is enthroned in heaven in both his divinity and his glorified humanity. Now he is present with us in a new way, in a new body, in the church. He teaches through its apostles and evangelists; he ministers through its prophets and pastors. Through us he continues to heal and to comfort; to forgive and to include. We have his power, the same power with which he performed marvels when he walked the earth. We have each other; together we make up the new body of Christ. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use this simple prayer often this week: **God draw us to you and lift our spirits on high.**

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus said to his disciples 'Go into the whole world and proclaim the Good News to all creation.' There are still dark aspects to our world and to our neighbourhood that need the Good News. Answer the call to 'Go and teach all people my Gospel. I am with you always, until the end of time.'

RECENT DEATH: Kasileta Kaio-Adams, Corazon De Leon, John Anthony Montalban, Yolanda Cajudo

ANNIVERSARIES: Saviour 'Sam' Galea, Casterina Maria Nerina Savio, Colin Thien, Herta Freeman, Theresa Sciberras, Maria and Pedro Medida, Felix Tanato, Parakrama Polonowita, Teodulfo Montuya, Ricarda Provendido

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Ryan Fitzgerald, Michael Edwards, Dr. Bong Lu, Nini Lu, Finda Daduya

The names for Prayers for the Sick will be kept for two months. If you want to renew or add any names, please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or send email to werribee@cam.org.au

REMINDER: Parishioners please note that names for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries etc. to be included in the Sunday Bulletin must indicate the time of Mass you will be attending for name to be mentioned and request must be at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday afternoon and please address envelopes to the Admin.

WEEKDAY LITURGY (13th to 18th May 2024)

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 followed by confession

WEEKEND MASSES (18th /19th May 2024) PENTECOST SUNDAY

Sat: 6.00pm Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm
10.00am Wyndham Vale Community Mass at
Our Lady of Southern Cross
2.30pm South Sudanese Community Mass

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP



'Fellowship after Mass' to meet and greet new and regular parishioners. This Sunday, 12th May 2024 after the 11am Mass, tea, coffee, cake, biscuits and cookies will be served. Please come and join us in this friendly gathering. Everyone is welcome. See you all there!!!

LEGION OF MARY NEW MEETING SCHEDULE -
Praesidium: Immaculate Heart of Mary – will be meeting from **6.30pm to 7.30pm every Tuesday** at Penola Hub. For more information, please call the Parish Office 9741 4144

KASILETA KAIO-ADAMS FUNERAL DETAILS

Date: Friday, 17th May 2024

Time: 10.30am Rosary
11.00am Requiem Mass

At St. Andrew's Church

Thank You

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, I, for myself and on behalf of my family would like to thank you all from the bottom of my heart for your prayers, messages and gifts of comfort and consolations at the passing of my eldest brother. May God bless you all. May my brother Francis rest in peace.

Fr. Albert



Join us at OLSC
for our
Wyndham Vale Catholic
Community Mass

SUNDAY MAY 19TH
10AM

MASS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
FELLOWSHIP

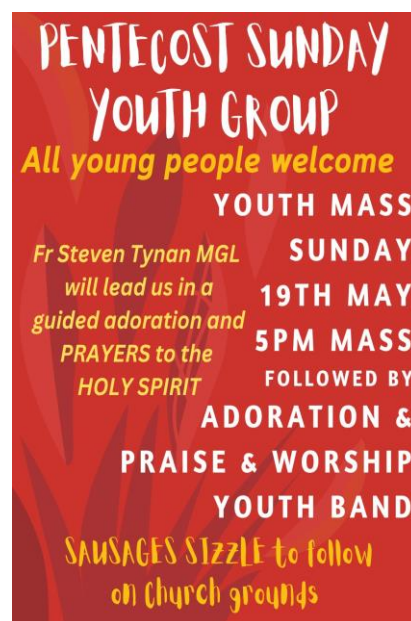
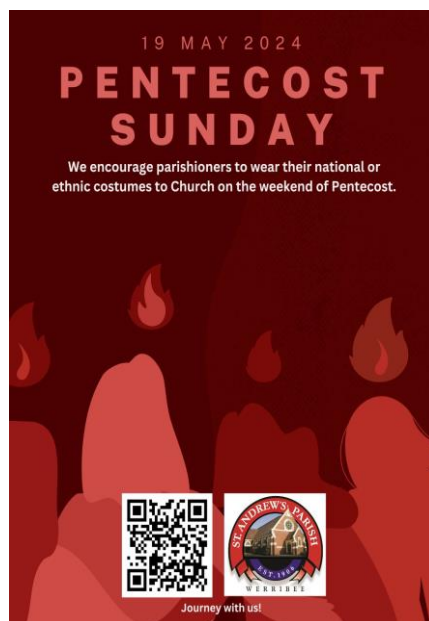
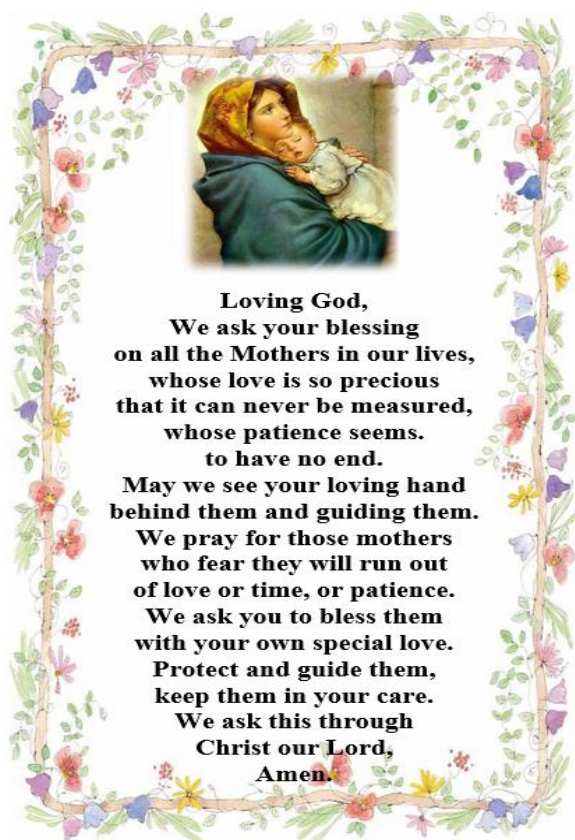
We ask everyone to please bring a plate of food to share with your fellow parishioners after mass.

This is a great way to get to know each other and to build community

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU
ALL AT OLSC ON MAY 19TH



THE NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE (MASS COUNT) - The count is conducted over the first four consecutive Sundays (and Saturday evenings) in May. **Could collectors please see Priest prior to Mass.** This annual count taken in May is important for our pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.



BIG THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
GOOD FRIDAY collection for the Holy Places was \$1,980.50
 and **PROJECT COMPASSION** collection for Caritas was \$2,416.50

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS

Today as we celebrate Mother's Day, we pray for all Mothers living (Pink Slips) and deceased (Yellow Slips). Please place your Mother's name in the basket at the foot of the Altar. Mothers will receive a special blessing at all Masses this weekend.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 12th – 20th May 2024

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 18 th / 19 th May	Anne-Marie Palmer	Anna Obieta	Olivia Ochi	Anthony Acciarito	Youth Group
MUSIC 18 th / 19 th May	Philu & Co.	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	St. Andrew's Choir	Joseph the Dreamer Choir	Youth Choir
Communion Minister 18 th / 19 th May	Gerry Ilagan Desiree Galea Noelene Keogh	John Hennessy David Cox Peter Walters	Titus Lizardo Mary Nguyen Charles Mei	Graeme Roberts Sheridan Fevaleaki Katrina Gauci	Susanne Sweeny Stephen Hart Nadia Richards
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 13 May: Mon 20 May:	C. Ilagan J. Hennessy	
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 13 May: Fri 17 May: Mon 13 May:	C. Camilleri, G. Iaria N. Deng, A. Majok Volunteer	
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 12 May: Sun 19 May:	O. Lesoa C. Ilagan	
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 12 May: Sun 19 May:	P. Fernandes Priya	

DIVINE MERCY GROUP - is on every Friday, after the 9am Mass in the church. Everyone is welcome to join.

PLEASE NOTE: THANKSGIVING CONTRIBUTION NEW SYSTEM FOR CREDIT CARD PAYMENTS - We have changed the system for handling credit card payments, advising that the merchant reference on the card statements will look different, though the amount and date will remain the same. Please contact the Parish Office before you check your payments with your bank.

MARY & MARTHA WOMEN'S MINISTRY

If you are searching for a welcoming community of women who share your faith and values, Mary & Martha Women's Ministry provides a safe and loving environment to connect, share scripture and life experiences, and form lasting friendships. Join us for an information afternoon at The Penola Hub at 2 pm on Saturday 25th May. Light refreshments will be provided. For further information contact Monique mngmei@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy

Good news! We are now extending our Children's Liturgy to our 9:30 AM Mass starting April onwards. We thank a few parents who have said yes to minister to our children. We invite more parents to join so that our volunteers can also attend Mass on certain Sundays. You can either be a "Main Facilitator" or a "Volunteer Guide". If you are interested, please contact kemp.vinson@cam.org.au.

Ministry of C.A.R.E. *Christ's Arms Reaching Everybody*

We are looking for volunteers who want to give Holy Communion to those who cannot physically go to Mass. Please call the parish office at 9741 4144 or email kemp.vinson@cam.org.au

COME AND VISIT OUR PARISH LIBRARY



Some books from our **parish library** are posted in our Parish Facebook page for reference purposes. If you are interested in borrowing those books, please contact the parish office on 9741 4144

PARISH NEWS ST ANDREWS PARISH WERRIBEE

Few copies of the **parish newsletter** are made available to those who are not able to access the parish updates we have shared in our Facebook page. This newsletter is published monthly and aims to highlight parish events that transpired in the previous month. If you are interested to be part of this, call the parish office at 9741 4144 or email kemp.vinson@cam.org.au

ELSHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - Join us as we lift our voices in songs of praise and worship. We meet every Tuesday at 1pm to 2:30pm in the Penola Hub - 33 Mortimer St Werribee followed by tea and coffee. Deepen your relationship with Jesus, through praise and worship, prayer and reflection. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Susanne on 0438 372 952

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO ITALIANO Ricorda l'incontro settimanale del mercoledì mattina dalle 10am alle 12noon nella Penola Hub 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Unitevi a noi in preghiera, siete tutti

PEONIES CRAFT GROUP - It is a friendly group, which meets every Thursday at 10.00am until mid-day at the Penola Hub. We meet for companionship, having a cup of tea or coffee together and sewing, knitting, crochet or whatever craft each person likes to do. Sometimes we just come along to meet with our friends. We welcome all ages and cultures. Please contact the Parish office for further details.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S 60TH ANNIVERSARY ONLINE PHOTO EXHIBITION VOTE FOR YOUR CHANCE TO WIN! - To mark the 60th anniversary of Caritas Australia, we have compiled a selection of our favorite 60 photos. Vote for your favorite photo to go into the draw to win a beautiful Indigenous Australian artwork from Djilpin Arts, our First Australian partner in the Northern Territory. The artwork is a painting by Harry Malibirr which depicts five dreaming stories. Simply visit our website caritas.org.au/faces-of-caritas-australia-60th-anniversary, choose a photo from the gallery and vote via the online form. Entries close 30 June 2024

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 baptise 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.

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