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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
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Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

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NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 8TH AND 9TH AUGUST 2026

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 first book of the Kings (1 Kings 19:9.11-13)*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 84:9-14*

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say, a voice that speaks of peace. His help is near for those who fear him and his glory will dwell in our land.

Mercy and faithfulness have met; justice and peace have embraced. Faithfulness shall spring from the earth and justice look down from heaven.

The Lord will make us prosper and our earth shall yield its fruit. Justice shall march before him and peace shall follow his steps.

Response: Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 9:1-5)*

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ it is the truth my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 14:22-33)*

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.' **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: How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives; in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will? God commands Elijah in today's First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him. In each case, the Lord makes Himself present amid frightening tumult heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes. Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke (see Deuteronomy 4:10–15; Exodus 19:17–19). God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave (see Exodus 33:18–23). The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today's Gospel is a revelation of Jesus' divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea (see Job 9:8) and rules the raging waters (see Psalm 89:9–10). And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks "It is I" are those God used to identify Himself to Moses (see Exodus 3:14; Isaiah 43:10). Even Peter is too overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst. Yet, we should know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today's Epistle, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel. We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps—save us whenever we begin to sink.. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Repeat this phrase often this week, *'The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts.'*

VOCATION VIEW: If some people did not hoard the riches of this world, all people would have enough to eat and drink. Too many people starve to death every day. Who will speak loudly of justice today?

RECENT DEATH: Edna Domingo, Teresa Guerrero, Sylvia Bande, Van Viet Truong

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Catherine McKechnie, Rohan Fernando,

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, John Hassett, Julie Horkings, Anna, Lynne Worsley, Rafael, Janet, Vlad, Mark, Sweetie and Gail D'Monte, Leanne Bell, Antonio Tejero, Mary Therese Donaghy

To add or renew names for the Prayer for the Sick, please complete a Mass offering envelope and return it to the parish office. Envelopes are available in the church brochure racks or at the parish office. Names will be kept on the list for two months.

REMINDER: Parishioners are asked to note that requests for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries, and similar intentions to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful must clearly indicate the date and time of the Mass you will be attending for the name to be mentioned. All requests must be received at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday afternoon, and Mass offering envelopes should be addressed to Administration. Envelopes are available in the church brochure racks or at the parish office

WEEKDAY LITURGY (10th to 15th August 2026)

Mon: 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy
Tues: 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Novena to St. Anthony at Penola Hub
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
Sat: **Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 8.30am Rosary followed by Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (15th and 16th August 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm - Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Mass
 10.00am - Wyndham Vale Community Mass

Catholic Mission sincerely thanks the parish community of St Andrew's for your generous support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal.

As the Pope's Mission Agency, Catholic Mission is privileged to work with and strengthen the local Church in more than 160 countries and over 1,100 dioceses. **Your contribution of \$1,019.40** has been gratefully received and will help bring education, dignity and hope to children and families in Kampiria, Malawi, through the construction of a new primary school and the ongoing mission of the local Church. Your generosity is far more than a financial gift. It is a tangible expression of this year's World Mission theme, "One in Christ, United in Mission," reminding our sisters and brothers in Malawi that they are not forgotten. Thank you for walking in mission with the Church in Malawi.

Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary



"My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour."
 "Luke 1:46-47"

Saturday, 15th August 2026
 8.30am - Rosary
 9.00am - Holy Mass
 followed by Morning Tea
 at the Presbytery Veranda
 You are welcome to bring
 a plate to share.

As we celebrate the Assumption of Our Lady, we give thanks for Mary's faithful "yes" to God and rejoice in her being taken body and soul into heaven, where she shares fully in the glory of her Son, Jesus Christ.

Reminder: 15th August 2026 is a Holy Day of Obligation.
 Please attend the Mass in honor of our Lady of Assumption.
 Bring flowers to be offered to our Mother Mary before the mass.



SYNODALITY AND JOY

When people are invited to participate meaningfully, joy increases. A synodal Church is not weighed down by bureaucracy but energised by shared mission.

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



There is email circulating around in the name of Fr. Albert asking for a gift cards or reward cards. These are SCAM EMAIL. **Do not reply** to the email under any circumstances. **Do not click** any links or download attachments. **Delete the email** immediately from your inbox and trash folder. Please be vigilant.

DONATE
ONLINE



THE 2026 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN - is now underway and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends,

We pray for the vital ministries of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, that they may continue to flourish and bear abundant fruit. We pray for our seminarians, our retired priests, and all who serve in these important works. May the Archbishop's Campaign be met with the generous support of the faithful, and may all who labour in these ministries, especially our seminarians and our priests, including those now retired after years of faithful service, be sustained and filled with the light of God's love.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 9th to 17th August 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 15 th / 16 th Aug.	Ann Jennings Linda Bravo	Anna Obieta Lillian Jilbert	Stella Onos Lea Arida	Natasha Krishnakumar Jessica Adams	Young Adult Group
MUSIC 15 th / 16 th Aug.	St. Philomena's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Joseph the Dreamer Choir	Young Adult Choir
Communion Minister 15 th / 16 th Aug.	Wilson Monteiro Aroon Sequeira	Alfred Obieta Pranjali Fernandez Jude Disanayajke	John Faranda Sherine Raphael	Sheridan Fevaleaki Titus Lizardo Otilia Lesoa	Katherine Canet Stephen Hart Nadia Richards
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 10 Aug: S. Raphael Mon 17 Aug: J. Hennessy		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 10 Aug: Z. Prasad Fri 14 Aug: S. Hadgie Mon 10 Aug: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 9 Aug: C. Demate Sun 16 Aug: O. Lesoa		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 9 Aug: C. Ilagan Sun 16 Aug: S. Raphael		

St. Andrew Sculpture

We are asking financial support for the preservation St. Andrew's statue.

Current:



Recovering, renovating and installing the statue of St. Andrew's as at present which cost us \$19,850.

Proposed:



Many parishioners have suggested to have the installation as in the photo about elevating the statue and safeguarding it. Cost for this project will be \$10,000

REPAIRS AND REPAINTING OF OUR SCARED STATUES



Dear Brothers and Sister. We continue our work of repairing, renovating and repainting our sacred statues. You can see in these pictures the statue of the Sacred Heart outside and our Lady's statue inside been done beautifully. We thank the parishioners who have donated towards this work and welcome others who would like to contribute.

A STRUCTURED COURSE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING

**'CONFIDENCE BUILDING: BE
HEARD AND UNDERSTOOD WITH
CLARITY AND INTEREST.'**

COURSE DETAILS

-  DURATION: 10-WEEK PROGRAM
-  STARTS: 19TH OF AUGUST
-  DAY: EVERY WEDNESDAY
-  TIME: 7.00PM TILL 8.30PM
-  LOCATION: PENOLA HUB, 33 MORTIMER STREET, WERRIBEE

PROGRAM NOTES

- ★ ALL AGES WELCOME
- \$ ONLY \$30.00 FOR THE ENTIRE PROGRAM

REGISTRATION

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BY MESSAGING DUNCAN RAO



SCAN TO REGISTER

OR CONTACT:

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THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

SHAPE THE FUTURE: BE COUNTED AS CATHOLIC THIS CENSUS

Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP INVITES YOU TO DELVE DEEPER INTO YOUR FAITH.

OUR LADY OF KIBEHO by Marie Helene Chong on Tuesday 11 August 2026 - Mary appeared to three school children from 1981 to 1989 in Kibeho, Rwanda (Africa). Venue: Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee Time: 1pm to 2.30pm, followed by fellowship. Enquiries: Susanne Sweeny, 0438 372 952

WYNDHAM VALE COMMUNITY MASS - Sunday, 16 August 2026 | 10:00 am. Join us as we celebrate the Feast of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Our Lady of the Southern Cross Primary School. Children are warmly invited to come dressed as Mother Mary as we honour our Blessed Mother during this special celebration. Families are also encouraged to bring a single flower to be offered to Mary as a sign of our love and devotion. We look forward to celebrating this beautiful feast together as a community.

Have you heard of the Mary & Martha group and wondered what it is about? Would you like to 'try before you buy'? Are you unable to get away from the family on weeknights but want to connect with other women from our church and the bible? If you are a woman aged 18 or over and said yes to any of these, come along to Mary & Martha next Saturday, 12-3pm, in the Penola Hub (33 Mortimer St, Werribee). Contact Jocelyn for any information jocelyngemoh@gmail.com

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - Parents, Youth and Young Adults! World Youth Day 2027 Seoul is only 1 year away! It is open to youth aged 16 years and above. FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 at our next Youth Group! PARENTS, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS are invited to this ***INFORMATION MEETING SUNDAY 9th AUGUST PENOLA HUB 6PM - 8:30PM*** Dinner Provided.

TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE, CLICK HERE Come along and hear TESTIMONIES from our Young Adults who attended WYD in 2023. For more information contact Susanne 0438 372 952



SIMPLICITY SEPTEMBER - This September, simplify one thing in your life and discover what truly matters. Sponsor yourself, your family or a friend to participate and raise money for Palms International Volunteering, Australia's only Catholic lay organisation that delivers international development and formation through long term international volunteering. *Join Australians across the country supporting Palms' work in the Asia-Pacific.* 02 9560 5333 / 0422 472 567 www.simplicityseptember.org.au



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.

f 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.*

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