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Werribee North,
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

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SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 25TH / 26TH JULY 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 3:5.7-12)*

The Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream and said, 'Ask what you would like me to give you. 'Solomon replied, 'Lord, my God, you have made your servant king in succession to David my father. But I am a very young man, unskilled in leadership. Your servant finds himself in the midst of this people of yours that you have chosen, a people so many its numbers cannot be counted or reckoned. Give your servant a heart to understand how to discern between good and evil, for who could govern this people of yours that is so great?' It pleased the Lord that Solomon should have asked for this. 'Since you have asked for this' the Lord said 'and not asked for long life for yourself or riches or the lives of your enemies, but have asked for a discerning judgement for yourself, here and now I do what you ask. I give you a heart wise and shrewd as none before you has had and none will have after you.' **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalms 118:57. 72. 76-77. 127-130*

Response: Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord, is to obey your word. The law from your mouth means more to me than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me by your promise to your servant. Let your love come to me and I shall live for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands more than finest gold. That is why I rule my life by your precepts: I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed; therefore I obey it. The unfolding of your word gives light and teaches the simple.

Response: Lord, I love your commands.

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:28-30)*

We know that by turning everything to their good God co-operates with all those who love him, with all those that he has called according to his purpose. They are the ones he chose specially long ago and intended to become true images of his Son, so that his Son might be the eldest of many brothers. He called those he intended for this; those he called he justified, and with those he justified he shared his glory.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 13:44-52)*

Jesus said to the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field which someone has found; he hides it again, goes off happy, sells everything he owns and buys the field. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant looking for fine pearls; when he finds one of great value he goes and sells everything he owns and buys it. 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a dragnet cast into the sea that brings in a haul of all kinds. When it is full, the fishermen haul it ashore; then, sitting down, they collect the good ones in a basket and throw away those that are no use. This is how it will be at the end of time: the angels will appear and separate the wicked from the just to throw them into the blazing furnace where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth. 'Have you understood all this?' They said, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Well, then, every scribe who becomes a disciple of the kingdom of heaven is like a householder who brings out from his storeroom things both new and old.'

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: What is your new life in Christ worth to you? Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading asking not for a long life or riches but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will? The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst; yet, many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's

promises, a gift of divine compassion given so that they and we might live. We, too, must ever discover the kingdom anew. We are called to find it as a treasure, a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish (see Philippians 3:8). And we must be willing to give up all that we have all our priorities and plans in order to gain it. Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul in today's Epistle calls the purpose of God's plan (see Ephesians 1:4): for Jesus be the firstborn of many brothers. His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will. We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son. If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good that we whom He has justified will also be glorified. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: This week, *treasure those things and people who are precious to you in special ways.*

VOCATION VIEW: Finding our vocation in life is like finding a buried treasure. We will do whatever we have to in order to be able to possess it. Finding the treasure is a gift, possessing it is our vocation.

RECENT DEATH: Giovanna Iacono, Vita Buccheri, Wenceslao Ybañez Antonio Jr, Eric Abellana

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Maria Dela Dela Peña, Graciana Dela Peña, Fr. Mathew Valookaran, Paul, Annie and Manuel, Teofila Cantones, Rene and Linda Dablo, Elizabeth Ong

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, Edna Domingo, Antonio Tejero

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 (27th July – 1st 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: **First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 8.15am Rosary and Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Morning Prayer
 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (1st and 2nd August 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm - Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm - Mass
5.00pm Tamil Community Mass – Penola Hub

MASS AT THE HOSPITAL AND 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

Acare Werribee

3rd Wednesday 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



PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT

very 1st Sunday of the month after 5pm mass at St Andrew's Church. Please come and join us as we praise and thank our God for his abundant blessings, never ending mercy and protection over us. Our next worship night will be on 2nd August 2026.

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

NEW ENVELOPES

FROM AUGUST 2026 TO JANUARY 2027

New sets of Thanksgiving envelopes in street alphabetical order are available for collection after all masses in front of the Altar steps. It would help greatly if you could deliver some in your area. Thank you!

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 26th July – 3rd August 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 1 st / 2 nd Aug.	Thiloshini Perera Desiree Galea	Kevin McGuane Pranjali Fernandez	Rita Edemu	Aubrey Gantalao Eric Demate	Sindhu Moreira Angelo Moreira
MUSIC 1 st / 2 nd Aug.	St. Andrew's Youth (Boys and Girls)	St. Anthony's Choir	Sariling Tinig Choir	Ensemble of Faith	King Jesus Choir
Communion Minister 1 st / 2 nd Aug.	Aroon Sequeira Anne- Marie Palmer Thiloshini Perera	Pranjali Fernandez David Cox Peter Walters	Maria Malanyaon Titus Lizardo	Otilia Lesoa Katrina Gauci Linda Bravo	Nadia Richards Maria Parba Neha Cherian
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 27 Jul: C. Ilagan Mon 3 Aug: M. H. Chong		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 27 Jul: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 31 Jul: A. Majok, N. Deng Mon 27 Jul: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 26 Jul: C. Ilagan Sun 2 Aug: M. Galea		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 26 Jul: S. Raphael Sun 2 Aug: C. Ilagan		



World Youth Day

SEOUL 2027

FIND OUT MORE ABOUT

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027

at our next Youth Group!

SUNDAY 9th AUGUST

PENOLA HUB

6PM - 8:30PM

Dinner Provided



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE

DINNER DANCE

Music • Delicious Food • Dancing



LIVE BAND TRIOS



SATURDAY
Aug 29 2026

TIME
6:30 PM ONWARDS

LOCATION

ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
CNR OF STAWELL ST & GREAVES ST NTH WERRIBEE

\$50 ADULT
\$25 CHILD (5-12)
UNDER 5 FREE (NO SEAT)



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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



SYNODALITY REQUIRES HUMILITY- Walking together means recognising that no one has all the answers. Synodality invites humility from leaders and from communities so that the Spirit can guide us beyond our limitations.

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

HOLY FACE OF JESUS by *Sindhy Ladegourdie* on **Tuesday 4 August 2026** - The Holy Face devotion is a Catholic act of reparation to Jesus Christ, primarily for sins against the first three commandments: blasphemy, profanation of Sundays, and denial of God.

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) with the following messages: "I am the Mother of the Word.", "Repent! Repent! Repent!", "Covert while there is still time." Our Lady of Kibeho is the first and only Vatican approved Marian apparitions in Kibeho, Rwanda, on the continent of Africa. Venue: Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee Time: 1pm to 2.30pm, followed by fellowship. Enquiries: Susanne Sweeny, 0438 372 952

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - We meet every Tuesday at 1pm - 2:30pm in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer St. Werribee to praise and worship the Lord, share scripture and pray to the Holy Spirit for our needs and the needs of others. We conclude with weekly fellowship. All are welcome! Susanne - 0438 372 952

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO - ricorda che il nostro gruppo di preghiera continua ogni Mercoledì dalle ore 10am alle 12.00pm nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Tutti benvenuti.

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

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

LA SACRA FAMIGLIA - si riunirà 28/08. 25/09. 23/10. 27/11. 18/12 unisciti a noi per risvegliare lo Spirito della Comunità italiana Penola Hun 33 Mortimer Street Werribee



JOIN THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WERRIBEE - HOME VISITATION TEAM - Many families in our community are struggling to make ends meet and cannot afford the basic necessities of daily life. The Home Visitation Team reaches out with compassion - visiting households in need and providing essential support such as food parcels, vouchers, and other material aid. If you feel called to make a meaningful difference, we invite you to join this mission of hope and service. Simply complete the short form, and a team member will contact you to discuss how you can get involved. Or alternatively email: wbee.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au

NOVENA DAY SIX TO ST JOHN PAUL THE GREAT led by *Fr Tadeusz Rostworowski SJ*. St Leo the Great Parish (Altona North) invites all parishioners to join the Day Six of the Novena to Saint John Paul II as we commemorate the 40th Anniversary of his visit to our parish in 1986. Novena Mass will be led by Fr Tadeusz Rostworowski SJ. As a young man, Fr Tadeusz had the extraordinary privilege of spending time with St John Paul II, and he was also ordained by St John Paul II. **Date: Tuesday, 28 July 2026 Time: Mass at 7:00pm**, followed by Novena Prayers and Benediction, and fellowship afterwards.

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.*

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