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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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A

14TH AND 15TH FEBRUARY 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 book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach 15:15-20)*

If you wish, you can keep the commandments, to behave faithfully is within your power. He has set fire and water before you; put out your hand to whichever you prefer. Man has life and death before him; whichever a man likes better will be given him. For vast is the wisdom of the Lord; he is almighty and all-seeing. His eyes are on those who fear him, he notes every action of man. He never commanded anyone to be godless, he has given no one permission to sin. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34*

Response: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless, who follow God's law! They are happy those who do his will, seeking him with all their hearts.

You have laid down your precepts to be obeyed with care. May my footsteps be firm to obey your statutes.

Bless your servant and I shall live and obey your word. Open my eyes that I may consider the wonders of your law.

Teach me the demands of your statutes and I will keep them to the end. Train me to observe your law, to keep it with my heart.

Response: Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

SECOND READING: *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 2:6-10)*

We have a wisdom to offer those who have reached maturity: not a philosophy of our age, it is true, still less of the masters of our age, which are coming to their end. The hidden wisdom of God which we teach in our mysteries is the wisdom that God predestined to be for our glory before the ages began. It is a wisdom that none of the masters of this age have ever known, or they would not have crucified the Lord of Glory; we teach what scripture calls: the things that no eye has seen and no ear has heard, things beyond the mind of man, all that God has prepared for those who love him. These are the very things that God has revealed to us through the Spirit, for the Spirit reaches the depths of everything, even the depths of God. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

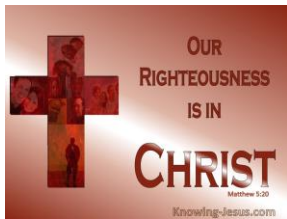
Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 5:17-37)*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not imagine that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets. I have come not to abolish them but to complete them. I tell you solemnly, till heaven and earth disappear, not one dot, one little stroke, shall disappear from the Law until its purpose is achieved. Therefore, the man who infringes even one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be considered the least in the kingdom of heaven; but the man who keeps them and teaches them will be considered great in the kingdom of heaven. 'For I tell you, if your virtue goes no deeper than that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never get into the kingdom of heaven. 'You have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not kill; and if anyone does

*** Gospel continues on the next page ***

GOSPEL CONTINUES: in hell fire. So then, if you are bringing your offering to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your offering there before the altar, go and be reconciled with your brother first, and then come back and present your offering. Come to terms with your opponent in good time while you are still on the way to the court with him, or he may hand you over to the judge and the judge to the officer, and you will be thrown into prison. I tell you solemnly, you will not get out till you have paid the last penny. 'You have learnt how it was said: You must not commit adultery. But I say this to you: if a man looks at a woman lustfully, he has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye should cause you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body thrown into hell. And if your right hand should cause you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; for it will do you less harm to lose one part of you than to have your whole body go to hell. 'It has also been said: Anyone who divorces his wife must give her a writ of dismissal. But I say this to you: everyone who divorces his wife, except for the case of fornication, makes her an adulteress; and anyone who marries a divorced woman commits adultery. 'Again, you have learnt how it was said to our ancestors: You must not break your oath but must fulfil your oaths to the Lord. But I say this to you: do not swear at all, either by heaven, since that is God's throne; or by the earth, since that is his footstool; or by Jerusalem, since that is the city of the great king. Do not swear by your own head either, since you cannot turn a single hair white or black. All you need say is "Yes" if you mean yes, "No" if you mean no; anything more than this comes from the evil one.' **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world. As His disciples, we too are called to be "the light of the world," He tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see John 1:4-4, 9; 8:12; 9:5). All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel. God forever aligned His kingdom with the kingdom of David and his sons by a "covenant of salt," salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see 2 Chronicles 13:5, 8; Leviticus 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24). Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations toward the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see Isaiah 2:2; 60:1-3).

And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 42:6; 49:6). The liturgy shows us this week that the Church, and every Christian, is called to fulfill Israel's mission. By our faith and good works, we are to make the light of God's life break forth in the darkness, as we sing in this week's Psalm. This week's readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket. We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God's mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved. There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbors and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel. So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives "Christ, and him crucified." **Scott Hahn**

PRAYER AT HOME: Today's entrance antiphon makes a suitable prayer for this week. Repeat it often: ***Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.***

VOCATION VIEW: God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began. Some people he predestines to be priests or religious - might you be one of them? Listen to the call!

RECENT DEATH: Vincenza Limina, Mafalda Romano

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Sean and Teresa Lavin, Mate and Helena Matesin, Andrew Saunders, Irene Johnston, Vito Palladino, Reginald Victoria, Gaetano Todaro, Gregorio Russo, Rosa Russo, Paul, Annie, Manuel and Fr. Mathew

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege

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.

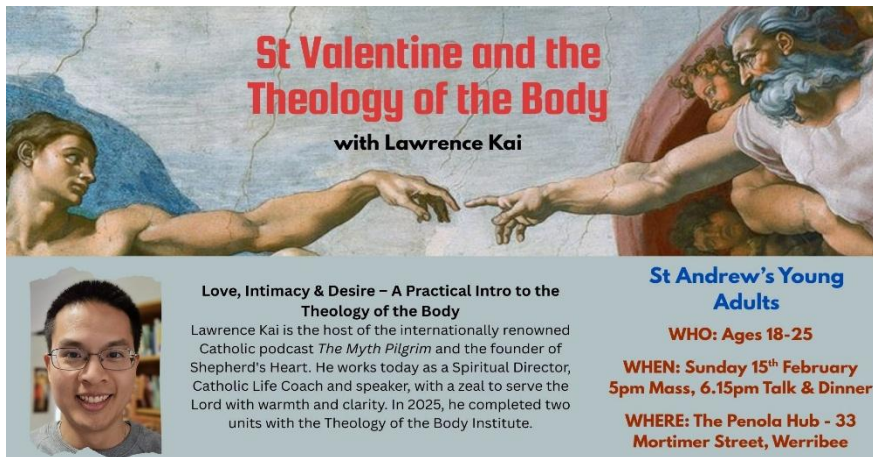
REMINDER: Parishioners are asked to note that requests for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries, and similar intentions to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful must clearly indicate the date and time of the Mass you will be attending for the name to be mentioned. All requests must be received at the 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 (16th to 21st February 2026)

Mon: 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy
Tues: 9.00am Mass
 9.00am Mass
Wed: **Ash Wednesday**
 9.00am Mass
 7.00pm Rosary followed by Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
Healing Mass (with Divine Australia)
6.30pm -7.00pm Praise and Worship and Rosary
7.00pm to 8.00pm Mass
8.00pm to 8.30pm Adoration
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (21st and 22nd February 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5pm Mass
 10.00am Mass – St. Michael Church – Little River
 2.30pm Mass South Sudanese Community Mass

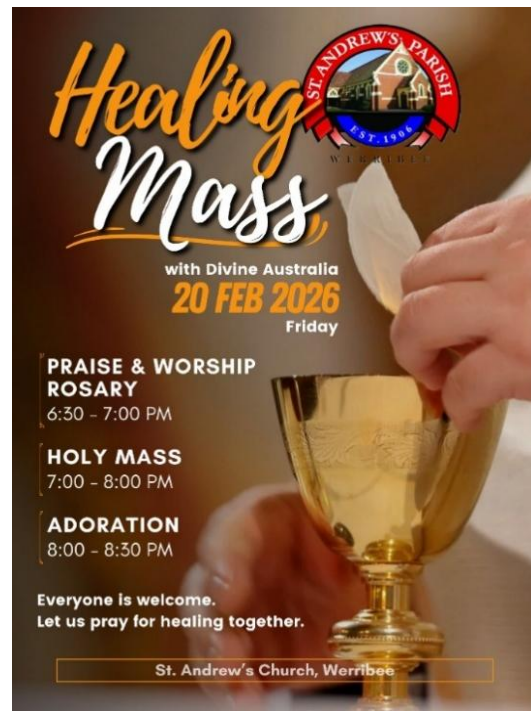


St Valentine and the Theology of the Body
with Lawrence Kai

Love, Intimacy & Desire – A Practical Intro to the Theology of the Body

Lawrence Kai is the host of the internationally renowned Catholic podcast *The Myth Pilgrim* and the founder of Shepherd's Heart. He works today as a Spiritual Director, Catholic Life Coach and speaker, with a zeal to serve the Lord with warmth and clarity. In 2025, he completed two units with the Theology of the Body Institute.

St Andrew's Young Adults
WHO: Ages 18-25
WHEN: Sunday 15th February 5pm Mass, 6.15pm Talk & Dinner
WHERE: The Penola Hub - 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee



Healing Mass
with Divine Australia
20 FEB 2026
Friday

PRAISE & WORSHIP ROSARY
6:30 – 7:00 PM

HOLY MASS
7:00 – 8:00 PM

ADORATION
8:00 – 8:30 PM

Everyone is welcome.
Let us pray for healing together.

St. Andrew's Church, Werribee

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

will be held on March in the Penola Hub. we are asking all Parish Groups to submit a report on year 2025 activities (one A4 page as a guideline) to be included in the AGM Booklet, as part of Parish accountability to one another. To enable the Parish Office staff to collate the reports and produce the booklet, **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR GROUP'S REPORT NO LATER THAN Friday, 27th February 2026**. Please email your report, if possible, to werribee@cam.org.au or drop it into the Parish Office. We are hoping to see at least two representatives of your group attending the AGM. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. Exact date and time of the AGM will be confirmed later date.

CALLING ALL NEW AND EXISTING LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

- There will be a training session to held on Tuesday 23rd February 2026 at 7.30pm and on Saturday 28th February 2026 at 10.30am in St. Andrew's Church. You are expected to attend the training session for you to be added on the July 2026 parish rosters. Anyone interested, please register by calling the Parish Office on 9741 4144. Thank you for your generous support to St. Andrews Parish.

EL SHADDAI PRAYER GROUP

Join us 1pm Tuesday for Praise and Worship followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. As we prepare for the season of Lent, let us take the time with Jesus to surrender all our needs and pray for our needs and the needs of others. Tuesday 17th February, 1pm - 2:30pm followed by fellowship - Penola Hub 33 Mortimer St, Werribee

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

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 15th to 23rd February 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 21 st / 22 nd Feb	Reuben Charles	David Cox	Olivia Ochi	Katrina Gauci	Andrew Canet
MUSIC 21 st / 22 nd Feb	St. Philomena's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Ensemble of Faith	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 21 st / 22 nd Feb	Ann-Marie Palmer Thiloshini Perera Philo Fernandes	Alfred Obieta Laura Chamberlain Peter Walters	Charles Emmanuel Rita Edemu	Dennis Vanspall Sheridan Fevaleaki Otilia Lesoa	Katrine Canet Nadia Richards Judy Anderson
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 16 Feb: Mon 23 Feb:	S. Raphael No Communion Service	
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 16 Feb: Fri 20 Feb: Mon 16 Feb:	M. Tong, N. Chol A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Volunteer	
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 15 Feb: Sun 22 Feb:	C. Ilagan C. Demate	
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 15 Feb: Sun 22 Feb:	Volunteer C. Ilagan	

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO - Ricorda che il primo incontro per 2026 per il gruppo di preghiera si inizia Mercoledì 18 Febbraio 2026 dalle ore 10am alle 12.00pm nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Siete tutti benvenuti.

PARISH FAIR 2025 – FINANCIAL SUMMARY

We are pleased to share the final financial results of the Parish Fair 2025. Thanks to the generosity, hard work, and support of our parish community, the Parish Fair was a wonderful success, raising a total net profit of **\$23,856.41** for our Church.

Final Result: Net Profit to the Parish: \$23.856.41

Income and Expenses Overview

Income Sources	Amount
Stalls	\$7,824.80
Raffle	\$15,266.00
Donations	\$11,023.97
Rides	\$9,520.00
Vendor Fees	\$1,475.00
Other Income	\$1,839.17
Total Income	\$46,948.94

Expenses	Amount
Stall Expenses	\$3,123.94
Raffle Expenses	\$3,122.48
Rides Costs	\$12,192.63
First Aid Services	\$1,025.20
Security Services	\$910.80
Cleaning Services	\$200.00
Stage Hire	\$990.00
Sing Star Competition	\$579.11
Decoration / Signage / Marketing	\$52.35
Logistics	\$350.64
Refreshments	\$545.38
Total Expenditure	\$23,092.53

A Message of Thanks

We extend our **heartfelt thanks** to all volunteers, stall holders, donors, sponsors, performers, organisers, and everyone who attended and supported the Parish Fair. Your generosity, time, and dedication made this event not only financially successful, but also a joyful and memorable day for our whole community. May God bless you all for your continued support of our parish.



Event details and booking at:
trybooking.com/DJHGC

SAINT JOSEPH MEN'S DINNER

In honour of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, you are invited to join men from around Melbourne for Holy Mass, fraternity and a meal.

WHO

Men aged 18+ (young men aged 15-17 may attend with their fathers).
Dress Code: Semi-Formal

WHEN

Thursday 19th March 2026
• 6.30pm - Holy Mass
• 7.30pm - Dinner

WHERE

St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
• 28 College Street, Caroline Springs VIC
Dinner Location: WestWaters
• 10/20 Lake Street, Caroline Springs VIC

RSVP

Please RSVP by Thursday 12th March



Entertainment
John "Percy" Canavan



Keynote
Mark Wolfenden



get connected and explore faith with others...

here's a seat for you at the table

Sessions are **FREE** and includes dinner.
Scan and register now, or send an email to:
Alpha.StAndrews.Parish@gmail.com

Alpha Key Session Topics:

- ? Is there more to life than this?
- ? Who is Jesus?
- ? Why Did Jesus Die?
- ? How Can I Have Faith?
- ? Why and How Do I Pray?
- ? Why and How Should I Read the Bible?
- ? How Does God Guide Us?
- ? Who is the Holy Spirit?
- ? What Does the Holy Spirit Do?
- ? How Can I Be Filled with the Holy Spirit?
- ? How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?
- ? How Can I Resist Evil?
- ? Why and How Should I Tell Others?
- ? Does God Heal Today?
- ? What About the Church?

Starts March 05
Thursday Nights
7 to 9 PM only.
Venue:
33 Mortimer St,
Werribee

Alpha Werribee

Bring your family, friends and colleagues along !!!

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.