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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

PARISH TEAMS

Clergy

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP
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PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary

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Principal: Melissa

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TWENTY NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 17TH AND 18TH OCTOBER 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 prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 45:1.4-6)

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whom he has taken by his right hand to subdue nations before him and strip the loins of kings, to force gateways before him that their gates be closed no more: It is for the sake of my servant Jacob, of Israel my chosen one, that I have called you by your name, conferring a title though you do not know me. I am the Lord, unrivalled; there is no other God besides me. Though you do not know me, I arm you that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun that, apart from me, all is nothing. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 95:1. 3-5. 7-10.

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. Tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise, to be feared above all gods; the gods of the heathens are naught. It was the Lord who made the heavens.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power, give the Lord the glory of his name. Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Worship the Lord in his temple. O earth, tremble before him. Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.' He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

SECOND READING: A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 1:1-5)

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ. We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction. **THE WORD OF THE LORD**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 22:15-21)

Give to Caesar the things that belong to Caesar and to God the things that are God's. The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him, together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax with.' They handed him a denarius, and he said, 'Whose head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He then said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs to 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: The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above (see John 19:11; Romans 13:1). In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading: "I have called you . . . though you knew me not." The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem (see Ezra 1:1–4). Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power (see Romans 9:17). Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins (see 2

Maccabees 6:7–16). The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel, "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar," are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight. The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world (see John 18:36) but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven (see Philippians 3:20), we are called to be a light to the world (see Matthew 5:14) working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as today's Epistle counsels. We owe the government a concern for the common good and obedience to laws unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church (see Acts 5:29). But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image (see Genesis 1:27). We owe Him our very lives all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love (see Romans 12:1–2). We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will (see 1 Timothy 2:1–2)—until from the rising of the sun to its setting all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.). **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Repeat the gospel acclamation often: ***Shine on the world like bright stars; you are offering it the word of life.***

VOCATION VIEW: We do not choose a vocation completely on our own. We must prayerfully reflect on how we can best give to God what is God's and then live as though everything depends on God.

RECENT DEATH: Antonio 'Tony' Bucci, Elizabeth 'Valerie' Atkinson, Cesar Villamora Añonuevo

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Bosco McCloskey and Josie McCloskey, Paulo Lesoa, Les and Sally Williams, Nell Murphy, Luigi Zangari, Luigi Groso

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, Julie Horkings, Anna, Lynne Worsley, Rafael, Janet, Vlad, Mark, Sweety and Gail D'Monte, Leanne Bell, Antonio Tejero, Bitaya Hikolo Joseph, Anna, Teresita Cerdana, Dorothy, Cyprian, Peter William Stride, Vlad, Charles and Anna, Franco Sevilla Maralit

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 (18th to 24th October 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: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (24th / 25th October 2026)

Sat: 5.00pm – Tarneit West Community Mass
6.00pm - Mass
Sun: 8.00am - 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm
10.00am – St. Michael Church – Little River
2.30pm – South Sudanese Community Mass

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

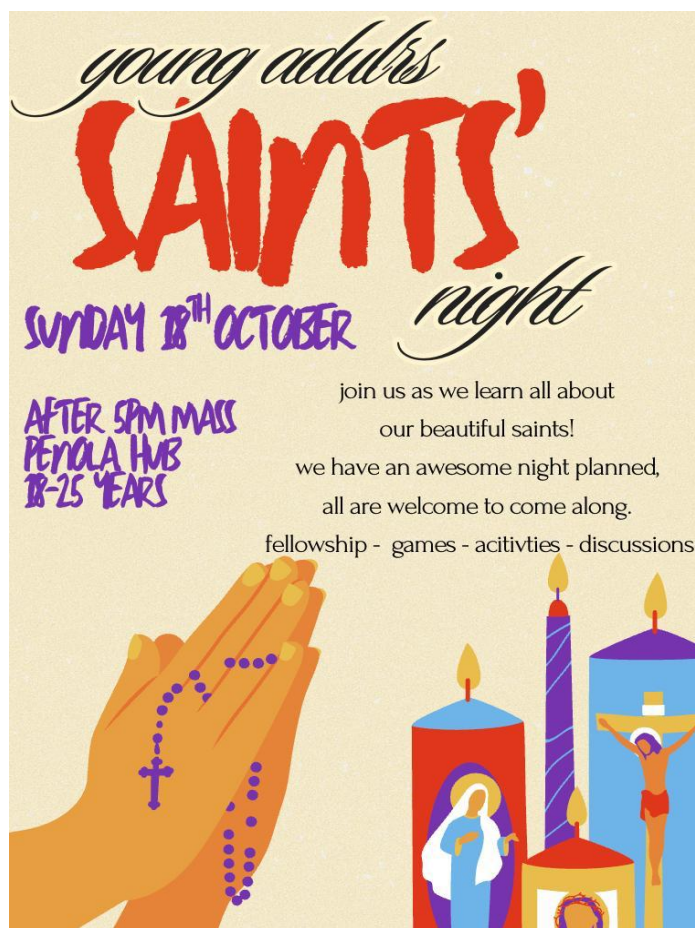
1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday at 2.00pm



SYNODALITY AND SCRIPTURE

From Abraham's journey to the disciples on the road to Emmaus, Scripture is full of stories of God walking with His people. Synodality places us within that biblical STORY.

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



ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 18th to 26th OCTOBER 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 24 th / 25 th Oct	Rhea Fernandes Aldrin Manohar	Darren Giese Kevin McGuane	Maria Malanyaon	Eric Demate Natasha Krishnakumar	Angelo Moreira
MUSIC 24 th / 25 th Oct	Joyful Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Alpha Choir	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 24 th / 25 th Oct	Wilson Monteiro Aroon Sequeira Anne-Marie Palmer	Lillian Jilbert Anna Obieta Alfred Obieta	Jen Climie Mary Nguyen Angelo Bautista	Dominic Thiep Eric Demate Cora Demate	Nimal Pandithakoralege Maria Parba Angelo Moreira
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 19 Oct: Mon 26 Oct:	C. Ilagan M. H. Chong	
		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 19 Oct: Fri 23 Oct: Mon 19 Oct:	C. Camilleri, G. Iaria A. Majok, N. Deng Volunteer	
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 18 Oct: Sun 25 Oct:	C. Ilagan M. Galea	
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 18 Oct: Sun 25 Oct:	M. H. Chong J. Siu	

A CALL FOR ASSISTANCE: *The Knights of the Southern Cross, St. Andrew's Branch*, are conducting a Fundraising Barbeque at Manor Lakes Bunnings on Friday, October 30, 9:00am to 4:00pm. We invite volunteers, who are able to spare a couple of hours on the day, to add your name to the roster. Please call Shon Fernandes, 0416 828 661, or John Hennessy, 0418 517 396. Thankyou.

MACKILLOP COLLEGE OPEN DAY - Thursday 29 October 2026 at 4.00pm – 6.30pm. Final Tour commences at 5.45pm. All welcome to attend and tour the College. For further information regarding the College, please visit the College website: www.mackillop.vic.edu.au

**FUND NEEDED
FOR REPAIRS & RENOVATION**

1 SACRED HEART STATUE	2695	- 35,000
2 STATUE OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	350	- 30,000
3 ST. JOSEPH'S STATUE	650	- 25,000
4 ST. ANTHONY'S STATUE	700	- 20,000
5 ST. RITA'S STATUE	330	- 15,000
6 ST. ANDREW'S CARVING	19850	- 10,000
7 CRUCIFIX FOR THE NEW CHURCH	3600	- 5,000
8 ELEVATION OF THE CARVING	10600	
TOTAL	38775	

FUND RAISED as of 16/10/2026

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We thank the generous donors.

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**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 enrolling their child in the 2027 HBRE Sacrament Program can find enrolment forms on our parish website. Completed forms can be emailed to the Parish Office. For further information please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or email werribee@cam.org.au The program is conduct for children in Grade 3 Pre-Sacrament, Grade 4 Reconciliation, Grade 5 Eucharist and Grade 6 Confirmation. School-going children who have not yet been Baptized can also be enrolled in the program. Please note Enrolments close 20th December 2026. Thank you. Benita Ediriwickrema, HBRE Coordinator.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF
STUDENTS (RCIS) AT ST. ANDREW'S
PARISH WERRIBEE**

Secondary Students residing within the Parish of St. Andrew's who wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation in 2027 are invited to enrol in the RCIS Program. Workshops will commence in February 2027 and will conclude in September 2027. For more information or to register your interest, please contact the Parish Office on 97414144 or email werribee@cam.org.au Please note enrolments close 20th December 2026. Thank you. Benita Ediriwickrema, HBRE Coordinator

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO

ricorda che il nostro gruppo di preghiera continua ogni Mercoledì dalle ore 10amalle 12.00pm nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Tutti benvenuti.

ENCOUNTER - Friday 23 October 2026, 6.30pm-9.30pm St James the Apostle, 336 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing North. The ultimate Friday night out for high school students. Food. Games. Friends. Jesus. A special parents evening will also take place at the same time:
Anchored - 'Preparing your child (and yourself!) for adolescence'.
Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au.
Register:



This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home. Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs. As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'. Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today.



**El Shaddai Charismatic Prayer Group
Invites You to Delve Deeper
Into Your Faith**

Via the following Seminar

- Charismatic gifts
- Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Professing Jesus is Lord
- Evangelisation in a secular world. How to be a missionary disciple?
- Sharing your personal testimony
- Adoration / Personal time for reflection with Jesus
- Spiritual Warfare: Using the Word of God to defeat the enemy
- Praying over others

Venue: Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee

Time: 1pm to 2.30pm, followed by fellowship

Enquiries: Susanne Sweeny, 0438 372 952

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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WELCOMING AND HOSPITALITY WORKSHEET

All responses will be held confidential and will be used by your Parish Mission Team.

REVIEW

Below is a list of actions and attitudes that convey a sense of welcoming and hospitality to people in a parish. Rate your parish efforts according to the following scale:

5 = Excellent 4 = Very Good 3 = Good 2 = Fair 1 = Poor 0 = I don't know.

Place your score in the space before each item.

Your parish:

without insulting or embarrassing people.

1. _____ has good signage displaying the church name, grounds and gardens that are well-maintained and clearly marked parking spaces and entrances to church property.
2. _____ provides friendly car parking attendants on occasions when many visitors are expected.
3. _____ has adequate signage to clearly mark buildings, meeting rooms, offices and amenities.
4. _____ ensures that entry access and seating in the church and in meeting rooms is accessible to all.
5. _____ has a team of greeters to welcome guests, visitors and all parishioners to Sunday Mass, celebration of the sacraments and other gatherings.
6. _____ provides written instructions or explanation of Mass parts that are new or unfamiliar, especially for those who are not regular attenders.
7. _____ provides visitors and newcomers with easily accessible welcome packs that contain important parish information.
8. _____ is sensitive to and representative of the cultural, social and racial diversity of the parish community.
9. _____ welcomes individuals of diverse age and cultures to serve in liturgical roles and ministries.
10. _____ is welcoming to non-Catholic parents, relatives and friends who gather for funerals, weddings, baptisms and other sacraments.
11. _____ organises 'cuppas' after Mass to help parishioners make friends and build relationships with one another.
12. _____ has priests and leaders who respond to questions and provide explanations with respect,
13. _____ has office staff that are accessible, courteous, friendly and willing to help.
14. _____ responds to requests for information in a respectful and timely fashion.
15. _____ provides assistance to individuals with special needs, the elderly and young families.
16. _____ provides opportunities for newcomers to become engaged in ministries and welcomes new people to ministries.
17. _____ regularly schedules events for new members, inactive Catholics, and those returning to the Church.
18. _____ introduces candidates, catechumens and others preparing for reception of the sacraments to the parish community through the parish bulletin, website or at Mass.
19. _____ offers regular prayers, support and words of encouragement for candidates, catechumens and others preparing for reception of all sacraments.
20. _____ responds with sensitivity to individuals who are divorced, separated or single parents.
21. _____ bulletin, flyers and other material have a warm, welcoming format and tone.
22. _____ website is welcoming, informational, regularly updated and easy to use.
23. _____ fosters a sense of hospitality among all parishioners.
24. _____ is a place where all feel welcome.

Adapted from *Welcoming Parish Assessment*, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, 2011.