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## PARISH SCHOOLS

### St. Andrew's Primary

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Principal:

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#### Southern Cross Primary

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Principal: Justin Hilton

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Principal: Simon Dundon

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Principal: Chris Caldwell

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Regional College -

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Principal: Rose Connolly



## ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Incorporating the Communities of  
Werribee Central, Wyndham Vale, Werribee South,  
Werribee North,  
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook  
and Little River

### SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES 28<sup>TH</sup> AND 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025

**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 Acts of the Apostles (Acts 12:1-11)*

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly. On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. 'Get up!' he said 'Hurry!' and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, 'Put on your belt and sandals.' After he had done this, the angel next said, 'Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.' Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. 'Now I know it is all true,' he said. 'The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.' **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 33:2-9

**Response: The Lord set me free from all my fears.**

I will bless the Lord at all times his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me. Together let us praise his name. I sought the Lord and he answered me; from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant; let your faces not be abashed. This poor man called; the Lord heard him and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped around those who revere him, to rescue them. Taste and see that the Lord is good. He is happy who seeks refuge in him.

**Response: The Lord set me free from all my fears.**

### SECOND READING: *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 17-18)*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

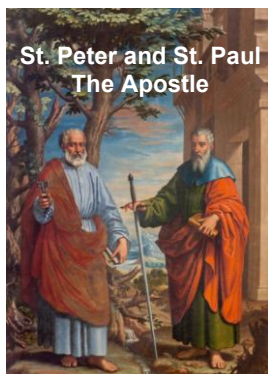
*Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!*

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**GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 16:13-19)**

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said, 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.'

**THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



**GOSPEL REFLECTION:**

Peter is associated with the community in Jerusalem and Paul with the Gentile converts. Together they represent the universality of the church. The red vestments worn today remind us of the price their commitment exacted of them. The followers of Christ come from every race and culture, every generation and social class. It is not a common culture that draws them together, but a common faith. The church has been strengthened by the blood of the martyrs. This was the case in its earliest years, and it is the case today. Both Peter and Paul are examples of how God takes those weak in faith and transforms them into champions of the gospel. Once transformed, each man threw himself wholeheartedly into the mission that was his. Their fate should not surprise us, for they were disciples of one who gave his last breath for the life of the world. In so many places in the world today modern martyrs pay the ultimate price for their faith. We see this in Latin America, in many

African countries, in the Middle East, and in Asia, to name but a few areas. Although the word martyr usually refers to one who dies for the faith, the Greek word (martyrs) really means witness, one who gives testimony. Like Peter and Paul, the martyr is one whose life gives witness to the faith. However, when this witness is too much of a challenge, the witness' life is placed in jeopardy. Peter and Paul call us all to this kind of testimony to faith.

**Dianne Bergant CSA**

**PRAYER AT HOME:** Use this week's responsorial psalm for your prayer: "***The Lord set me free from all my fears.***"

**VOCATION VIEW:** Choose to follow Jesus wherever he goes. To say "yes" without hesitation requires great trust. The reign of God needs servants to trust.

**RECENT DEATH:** Alan Rosenquist (Cairns), Roberto Guidolin (Italy), Janet Belir, Stella Joseph, Mayorico Sr and Narciso

**ANNIVERSARY:** Gregorio D'Abaco, Mirella Moss, Pietro D'Alessandro, Ernesto Migliorelli, Tullio Fasili

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Edith and Alwin Salagubang, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Crispin De Silva, Lynne Worsley, Dorothy Rayner, Maria Trang Nguyen, Peter Tho Huynh, Saraswathy Govindasamy, John Hassett, Rustico Socorin, Cecilia Maria, Teresa Goegan, Dinah Elly

**WEEKDAY LITURGY (30<sup>th</sup> June to 5<sup>th</sup> July 2025)**

**Mon:** Liturgy of the word with Communion  
**Tues:** 9.00pm Mass  
**Wed:** 9.00am Mass  
**Thurs:** 9.00am Mass  
**Fri:** **First Friday**  
9.00am Mass  
7.00pm Rosary  
7.30pm – 9.00pm Mass, Exposition, Adoration and Benediction  
**Sat:** **First Saturday**  
8.15am Rosary and Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary  
9.00am Mass

**WEEKEND MASSES (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> July 2025)**

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

**ORDERS FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUES**

We are now accepting orders for memorial plaque to be placed on the wall in our Sacred Garden are now being accepted. Order forms are available from the Parish Office. We have to wait until a number of orders have been received to be able to place the order with the supplier. Our current supplier has increased their price to \$300 plus. We are seeking an alternative supplier for a lesser cost while we are collecting your order. Payment can be made once we finalized the price. Thank you.

**MEMORIAL PLAQUE REPLACEMENT**

We are inviting all families who have their loved one's memorial plaques stolen from our memorial garden to call the parish office on 9741 4144 and give details of the missing plaque as soon as possible. We will be replacing all the plaques that were stolen.

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

## OUR 2025 PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM

### COMMITMENT WEEKEND – SAT 28 & SUN 29 JUNE 2025

#### Welcome to the final week of our Parish Renewal Program – the Parish Commitment Weekend.

Last week we considered our engagement in parish life. How our involvement in parish ministries is central to building parish community – and central to actively living our faith through service to others. This week we turn our attention to parish finances. Stephen Littleton for Parish First, who has been co-ordinating the Program for the parish, will speak with us after the Homily at each Mass, and assist us as we complete our new Stewardship pledges.

#### WE ASK FOR YOUR PLEDGED FINANCIAL COMMITMENT TO SUPPORT THE PARISH

*What is the current state of our pledged Stewardship income?*

- Stewardship pledges from parishioners is the major source of parish income and needs a significant increase if we are to meet the priorities outlined in the Program brochure and discussed during the Renewal Program – especially the significant loans for the construction of our new Church of Our Lady of the Southern Cross.
- It can be done – but we need the support of EVERY parish family. Can we count on you?

*What does my Stewardship pledge pay for?*

- Supporting our parish mission, pastoral care, and outreach programs
- The operating costs of the parish – professional parish staff, insurance, utilities etc.
- The planned update to our beautiful, historic St Andrew's Church
- The long-awaited construction of our new Our Lady of the Southern Cross Church

*How much should I pledge?*

- Only you can answer this question. But an important reflection is “How do I use my discretionary income?” What is left after paying the essentials of life? How we do is a strong indicator of our priorities in life. We simply ask that your support is a meaningful one in your own individual circumstances
- We unashamedly ask those with the greatest capacity to contribute the most – with special thanks for those on restricted incomes whose continued support is very much appreciated

*How do I pledge?*

- Use the hard copy Commitment card at all Masses this weekend – Sat 28 & Sun 29 June
- Use the Commitment form from the Program brochure – or download from our website
- Return your pledge at Mass this weekend – or to the Parish Office by Wed 2 July

#### THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

**Q: Why do you think it is important to support our parish financially through our Stewardship Program?**

“Our parish cannot operate without our strong, regular financial support – to fund our parish mission - our pastoral and outreach initiatives and our professional parish staff. It is especially important at this time as we plan for the construction of our new Church of Our Lady of the Southern Cross, and the much-needed updates to our historic St Andrew's Church.”

“Our commitment to a regular Stewardship pledge is not an expense or an impost. It is OUR INVESTMENT in our great parish. It is an offering of thanks – and a clear expression that we are committed to the parish – that it means something to us.”

#### POPE FRANCIS SAID

“The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel.”



**ACYF INFORMATION SESSION**  
10 am  
Sunday 6th July  
33 Mortimer St, Werribee

Parents & youth from Year 9 to 25 years are welcome to attend this info session in preparation for ACYF Melbourne!



**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL**

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Registrations for the Festival are officially open! Significant registration information, including pricing, methods of payment, terms and conditions and group types can be found via the Registration page of the ACYF website:

[www.acyf.org.au/registration](http://www.acyf.org.au/registration)

Group and individual registrations will be open until 30 October 2025, unless capacity is met earlier, so I encourage you to begin registering your groups as soon as possible. I encourage you to visit the ACYF website for all the relevant details and to be in touch should you have any questions.

**ST. ANDREW'S PARISH DINNER DANCE** - Everyone is invited to come to the Dinner Dance on Saturday, 19th July 2025 at 6.30pm onwards at the St. Andrew's Primary School Hall, corner of Stawell Street and Greaves Street North, Werribee. Adults - \$50.00, Child from 5 to 12 year old - \$25.00, and Child under 5 years old is free. Buffet and live music Tickets are now available this weekend at after 6pm and 11am Mass or at the Parish Office or you can book thru [www.trybooking.com/DBEAO](http://www.trybooking.com/DBEAO). Come!!! Let's enjoy the night while supporting our parish.

**THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS** July Meeting is to be conducted on next Tuesday, July 1, in Penola Hub, at 7:30pm. All men are welcome to attend and learn how your talents and experience could assist in our work for the Parish and the wider Church Community. John Hennessy, 0418 517 396. July Meeting is to be conducted on next Tuesday, July 1, in Penola Hub, at 7:30pm. All men are welcome to attend and learn how your talents and experience could assist in our work for the Parish and the wider Church Community. John Hennessy, 0418 517 396.

## ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 29<sup>th</sup> June to 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025

|                                                                    | 6.00pm                                           | 8.00am                                            | 9.30am                                                                           | 11.00am                                     | 5.00pm                                         |
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| <b>LECTORS</b><br>5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> Jul            | Rewanna Anthony                                  | John Hennessy                                     | Nelly Bautista                                                                   | Eric Demate                                 | Katherine Canet                                |
| <b>MUSIC</b><br>5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> Jul              | Philu and Co                                     | St. Anthony Choir                                 | Sariling Tinig Choir                                                             | Ensemble of Faith                           | Praise and Worship Choir                       |
| <b>Communion Minister</b><br>5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> Jul | Kim Beyer<br>Kristine Ventura<br>Philo Fernandes | Lillian Jilbert<br>Jude Disanayaka<br>Anna Obieta | Rose Chu<br>Charles Mei<br>Sherine Raphael                                       | Dominic Thiep<br>Eric Demate<br>Cora Demate | Stephen Hart<br>Judy Anderson<br>Genni Douglas |
| <b>COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)</b>                                  |                                                  | This week:<br>Next week:                          | Mon 30 June: C. Ilagan<br>Mon 7 July: J. Hennessy                                |                                             |                                                |
| <b>CLEANER</b>                                                     |                                                  | Cleaning:<br>Vacuuming:                           | Mon 7 July: Z. Prasad<br>Fri 4 July: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy<br>Mon 7 July: Volunteer |                                             |                                                |
| <b>ALTAR CLOTH</b>                                                 |                                                  | This week:<br>Next week:                          | Sun 29 June: J. Francisco<br>Sun 6 July: O. Lesoa                                |                                             |                                                |
| <b>OUR LADY'S STATUE</b>                                           |                                                  | This week:<br>Next week:                          | Sun 29 June: A. Layton<br>Sun 6 July: G. Ilagan                                  |                                             |                                                |

**EL SHADDAI 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 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 and cultures. Please contact the Parish office for further details.

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

**PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT** (Every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month) 'I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears'. Psalms 34:4 Please join us to give thanks and praise to our God for his blessed assurance. 6 July 2025 at 6pm (after the 5pm mass) at St Andrew's Church Werribee.

**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.*