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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

ALL SAINTS DAY - 31ST OCTOBER AND 1ST NOVEMBER 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 the Apocalypse (Revelation 7:2-4. 9-14)***
I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: a hundred and forty-four thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel. After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.' One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my Lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'
THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: ***Psalm 23:1-6***
Response: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.
The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.
Response: Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

SECOND READING: ***A reading from the first letter of St John (1 John 3:1-3)***
Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us. My dear people, we are already the children of God, but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed, we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.
THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, alleluia! Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: ***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 5:1-12)***
Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.'
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 first reading focuses us for today's solemnity. In the Book of Revelation, St. John reports "a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue." This is Good News. Salvation has come not only for Israel, but for the Gentiles as well. Here is the fulfillment of God's promise to Abraham, that by his seed all the nations of the world would bless themselves (see Genesis 22:18). The Church celebrates many famous Christians on their individual memorials, but today she praises God for all His "holy ones," His saints. That is the title St. Paul preferred when he addressed his congregations. Divinized by Baptism, they were already "saints" by the grace of God (see Colossians 1:2). They awaited, however, the day when they could "share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (Colossians 1:12). And so do we, as the Scriptures give us reasons for both celebration and hope. In our second reading, St. John tells us that to be "saints" means to be "children of God" and then he adds: "so we are"! Note that he speaks in the present tense. Yet John also says that we have unfinished business to tend. We are already God's children, but "what we shall be has not yet been revealed." Thus we work out our salvation: "Everyone who has this hope based on him makes himself pure, as he is pure" (1 John 3:3). We do this as we share the life of Christ, who defined earthly beatitude for us. We are "blessed," He says, when we are poor, when we mourn, when we are persecuted for His sake. It is then we should "Rejoice and be glad, for [our] reward will be great in heaven" (Matthew 5:12). Until then, we pray with the Psalmist: "Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face." Salvation has come through Abraham's seed, but it belongs to all nations. For "the Lord are the earth and its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it" (Psalm 24:1)***Scott Hanh***

PRAYER AT HOME: Use the Gospel Acclamation of the Mass this week: '***Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.'***

VOCATION VIEW: We remember those who have gone before us, whose lives and witness showed us the truth of the Gospel and the joy of faith. Pray especially for deceased priests and religious who gave their lives in the service of God and his Church.

RECENT DEATH: Suzan Wilke, Antonino Montalto, Lucy Francisco

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: ***Due to the large volume of requests during the month of Holy Souls, the parish will not offer individual Masses for anniversaries or remembrance throughout November. Instead, all submitted Mass offerings will be faithfully scheduled and offered at a later date.***

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 (2nd to 7th November 2026)

Mon: ***All Soul's Day***
9.00am Mass followed by Blessings of the Memorial Garden
7.00pm Mass followed by Blessings of the Memorial Garden
Tues: *9.00am Mass*
Wed: *9.00am Mass*
Thurs: *9.00am Mass*
Fri: *9.00am Mass*
Sat: *9.00am Mass*
11.30am Commemoration Mass at the Werribee Cemetery

WEEKEND MASSES (7th / 8th Nov. 2026)
ALL SAINTS DAY

Sat: 6.00pm Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am Mass
5pm Mass followed by Praise and Worship
2.00pm Karenni Community Mass at Penola Hub
5.00pm Tamil Community Mass at Penola Hub

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

ALL SOULS' DAY

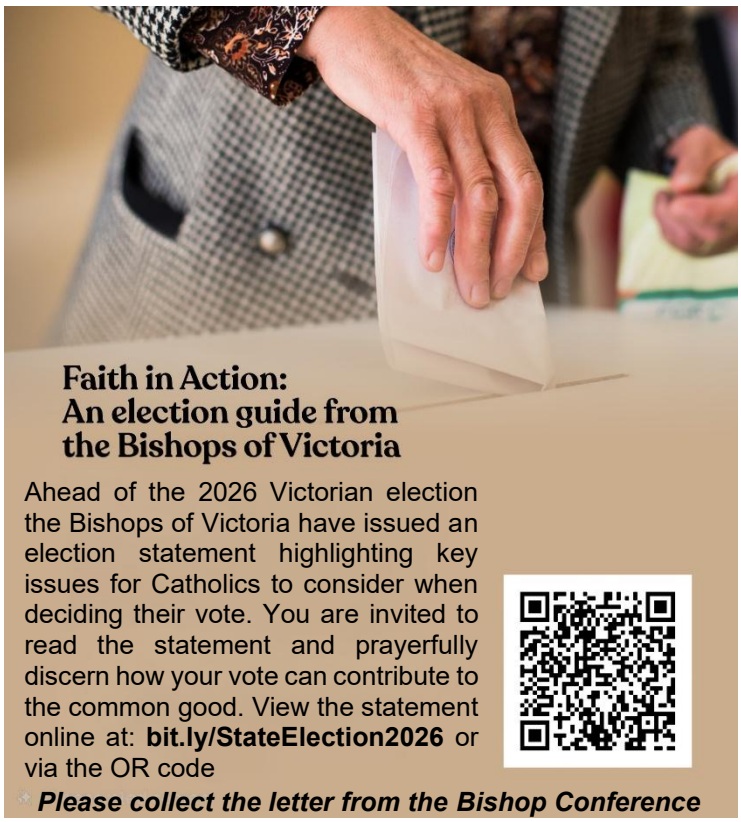
A Day Of Prayer And Remembrance
May Our Prayer Bring Comfort
and Peace To Every Departed Soul

Monday, 2nd November

Parish Masses will be held at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. The Blessing of the Memorial Garden will take place immediately after both services.

Saturday, 7th November:

Commemoration Mass at the Werribee Cemetery is scheduled for 11:30 am.



Faith in Action: An election guide from the Bishops of Victoria

Ahead of the 2026 Victorian election the Bishops of Victoria have issued an election statement highlighting key issues for Catholics to consider when deciding their vote. You are invited to read the statement and prayerfully discern how your vote can contribute to the common good. View the statement online at: **bit.ly/StateElection2026** or via the OR code

Please collect the letter from the Bishop Conference

JOIN OUR WELCOMING TEAM – We all want to be welcomed and want this parish to be a welcoming parish. If so then, are you passionate about making people feel at home? We are looking to form a Welcoming Ministry at our parish, and we need your help! If This ministry focuses on practicing hospitality by ensuring that visitors, newcomers, and regular parishioners feel valued, included, loved and welcomed from the very moment they arrive. You only do it at the beginning of the Mass you are already attending. We need at least 3 volunteers on each mass on weekends to stand at the door to welcome people, to greet them, hand out the Takeaway Sheets, and to usher them to their seats. If you have a heart for hospitality and want to help make our church a warmer place, please **call the Parish Office on 9741 4144 to register your**

SYNODALITY IS NOT UNIFORMITY

MELBOURNE SYNOD

Different cultures, communities, and parishes will live synodality in different ways. Unity does not require sameness.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 1st to 9th November 2026

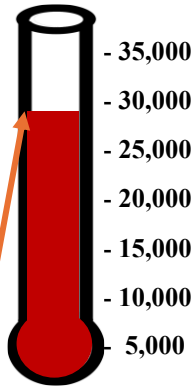
	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 7th / 8th Nov	Bethany Primary School	Anna Obieta Lillian Jilbert	Stella Onos	Jessica Adams	Andrew Canet Stephen Hart
MUSIC 7th / 8th Nov	St. Carlos Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Padre Pio Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Andrew's Children's Choir
Communion Minister 7th / 8th Nov	Bethany Primary School	Dominic Fernandes Laura Chamberlain Lillian Jilbert	Maria Malanyaon Titus Lizardo Jen Climie	Katrina Gauci Graeme Roberts Dominic Thiep	Katherine Canet Nadia Richard Neha Cherian
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 2 Nov: *ALL SOULS DAY Mass* Mon 9 Nov: S. Raphael		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 9 Nov: Z. Prasad Fri 13 Nov: S. Hodgie Mon 9 Nov: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 1 Nov: C. Demate Sun 8 Nov: O. Lesoa		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 1 Nov: J. Siu Sun 8 Nov: C. Ilagan		

PLEASE USE THE TOILETS PROPERLY – We request those who replace toilet tissues to replace only the ones on the dispensing rolls. Never leave extra rolls anywhere. Parents, we kindly ask that you monitor and accompany your young children when they use the toilet. We request those who use the toilet not to put the whole roll in the toilet bowl as it blocks the entire sewerage. This causes inconvenience to everyone and a significant amount for the church to call for a service of the plumber. Two weeks ago, we paid $616.00 to clear the blockage. We simply ask that everyone uses the toilet with the same care and respect they would show in their own household. Thank you so much for your cooperation, understanding, and shared responsibility in looking after our parish resources.

READERS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS TRAINING WORKSHOP – we are conducting a training workshop for our Readers and Communion Ministers of Holy Communion. There are two options to choose from, Tuesday, 10th November at 7.00pm or Saturday, 14th November at 10.00am St. Andrews Church.

FUND NEEDED
FOR REPAIRS & RENOVATION

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



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We thank the generous donors.

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP Invites You to Delve Deeper Into Your Faith. Every Tuesday at Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee at 1pm to 2.30pm, followed by fellowship. Enquiries: Susanne Sweeny, 0438 372 952

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO ricorda che nostro incontro questo Mercoledi` 4 Novembre ci sara una santa messa per le nostri cari defunti, dalle ore 10am alle 12.00pm, celebrata da Padre Frank Buhagiar nella capella, Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Tutti benvenuti.

JOURNEY WITH ST PAUL

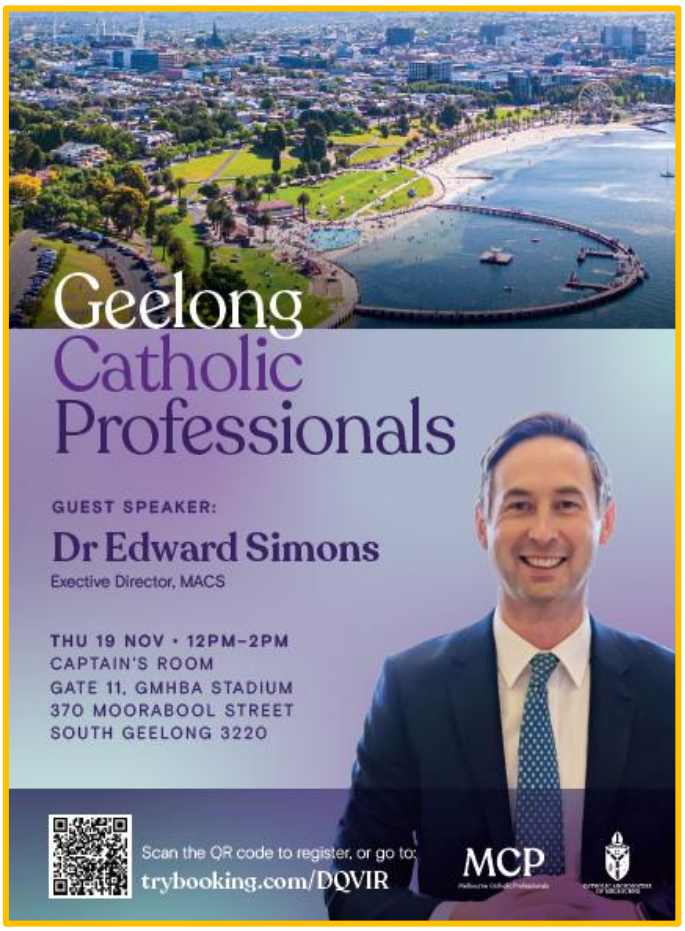
Türkiye & Greece (16 Sept – 5/8 Oct 2027)
Led by Dr Rosemary Canavan
(Catholic Theological College)
and Fr Chris McPhee MSC.

Encounter Paul's world by standing in the very places where the Gospel first took root. Visit Cappadocia, Iconium, Perge, Pisidian Antioch, Colossae, Laodikeia, Ephesus, Pergamon, Troas, Philippi, Thessaloniki, Meteora, Athens, Corinth and more. Celebrate Eucharist on site, explore museums and archaeological wonders, walk sections of the Via Egnatia, and let Scripture come alive in the landscapes where it was first heard. Optional add-on to Crete: Knossos, Heraklion Museum, Gorthys and Fair Havens. A fully escorted 19- or 22-day study-tour with excellent local guides, daily breakfast and dinner, all entrances, domestic flights, and comfortable accommodation. A journey of learning, prayer, and culture.

Information Session: Sunday 8 November 2026 at 2pm (online). Register with Dr Rosemary Canavan: rosemary.canavan@ctc.edu.au or (03) 9412 3312.

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.



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

ORDINATION AT ST. PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Please join us at St Patrick's Cathedral for the Ordination Mass of Rev Rhys Lowther and Rev Dominic Lawes to the priesthood, and the ordination to the diaconate of Mr Nicolas Calandra, Mr Andrew Tran, Mr Anthony Wright, Mr Bradley Proud, Mr Ryan Martin, Mr Francis Thomas and Mr Peter Nguyen.

Please pray for these men as they embark on their ministries in the service of God's people!

This Mass will also be broadcast live on our YouTube channel and to Community Channel C31 (channel 44 on TV).

Event Date
Saturday 14 November 2026
10.00am–1.00pm
Venue
St Patrick's Cathedral
1 Cathedral Place
East Melbourne

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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Parish Survey | July to Oct 2026

WELCOMING AND HOSPITALITY WORKSHEET

All responses will be held confidential and will be used by tour 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:

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, without insulting or embarrassing people.
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.

You can take a copy of the above survey form provided in the Church. Complete the form and drop it in the Dropbox provided Infront of the Altar and at the foyer.

Good afternoon,

The Greater Metropolitan Cemeteries Trust (GMCT) is delighted to invite you to Werribee Cemetery to recognise the recent completion of the Mausoleum's Stage 3 extension.

This beautiful new memorial space has been created to serve the growing needs of families across Melbourne's west, providing a place for remembrance, reflection and connection for generations to come.

The extension includes two new mausoleum galleries connected to the existing Chapel Mausoleum, along with a striking piazza inspired by Rome's Piazza San Pietro. Featuring contemporary bronze sculptures and intricate mosaic artwork, the space has been thoughtfully designed to support moments of prayer, remembrance and gathering.

Forming part of GMCT's 2026 All Souls Day program, the event will include remarks from the Trust's Chair and CEO, followed by the blessing of existing and new crypts and an All Souls Mass.

We hope you can join us for this special occasion that brings families, faith communities and the wider community together to honour and remember loved ones.

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When	Saturday 7 November, from 11:30am
Where	Werribee Mausoleum Piazza Werribee Cemetery, Cemetery Road, Werribee Click here to access the Google Maps location
Parking	On-street parking is available along Railway Avenue. Limited parking available within the cemetery grounds.

Please click here to register. RSVPs close on Wednesday 4 November.

We look forward to welcoming you as we recognise this important addition to the community.