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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

Pastoral Team:

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP
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Fr. Anton
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Rev. Deacon William Daw

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Pastoral Worker

Benita Dahanayake
Home Based RE Coordinator

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Natascha Eve Klein

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Fr. Anton
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South Sudanese Chaplain

Fr. Stephen Kumyangi

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PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary

School – Ph. 9741 3686

Principal:

Michael Gavaghan

Corpus Christi Primary

School – Ph. 9741 8440

Principal: Linda Roynic

Bethany Primary School

– Ph. 9742 9800

Principal: Joanne Webster

Our Lady of the

Southern Cross Primary

School – Ph. 9974 8500

Principal: Justin Hilton

St. John the Apostle PS

Tarneit West -

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Principal: Simon Dundon

St. Joseph Primary

School – 8742 3381

Principal: Troy Rickard

MacKillop Catholic

Regional College –

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Principal: Chris Caldwell

Thomas Carr Catholic

Regional College -

Ph. 8734 2444

Principal: Rose Connolly.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT – YEAR C – 21ST / 22ND DECEMBER 2024

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: Micah 5:1-4a

Thus says the LORD: You, Bethlehem-Ephrathah too small to be among the clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to be ruler in Israel; whose origin is from of old, from ancient times. Therefore the Lord will give them up, until the time when she who is to give birth has borne, and the rest of his kindred shall return to the children of Israel. He shall stand firm and shepherd his flock by the strength of the LORD, in the majestic name of the LORD, his God; and they shall remain, for now his greatness shall reach to the ends of the earth; he shall be peace.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 80:2-3,15-16,18-19

Response: Lord, make us turn to you; let us see your face and we shall be saved.

O shepherd of Israel, hearken, from your throne upon the cherubim, shine forth. Rouse your power and come to save us.

Once again, O LORD of hosts, look down from heaven, and see; take care of this vine, and protect what your right hand has planted the son of man whom you yourself made strong.

May your help be with the man of your right hand, with the son of man whom you yourself made strong. Then we will no more withdraw from you; give us new life, and we will call upon your name.

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SECOND READING: Hebrews 10:5-10

Brothers and sisters: When Christ came into the world, he said: "Sacrifice and offering you did not desire, but a body you prepared for me; in holocausts and sin offerings you took no delight. Then I said, 'As is written of me in the scroll, behold, I come to do your will, O God.'" First he says, "Sacrifices and offerings, holocausts and sin offerings, you neither desired nor delighted in." These are offered according to the law. Then he says, "Behold, I come to do your will." He takes away the first to establish the second. By this "will," we have been consecrated through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word. Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:39-45

Mary set out and travelled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice and said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled."

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 There is always excitement at this time of the year. It is as if everything is filled with promise. Animosities are set aside; estrangement dissolves into reconciliation; the whole world seems gentler; and we are filled with the spirit of generosity. In the days just before Christmas, the possibility of newness is almost palpable. The spirit of the season has caught hold of us even before the actual day has arrived. Today we stand on the threshold of fulfilment. The future that God has prepared for us is open before us, even though we have not yet stepped out into it. The incarnation takes place in human history, thus affirming the fundamental goodness of human life and concerns, and sanctifying them even further. The child comes from simple people, from a place that is relatively insignificant, thus underscoring God's preference for what is ordinary. The body that was offered for our salvation, the body that consecrated us through having been offered up, was the body that grew in the womb of Mary. The extraordinary salvific deed of God was accomplished through his coming into the world as one of us. The obedience that Christ played out through his body fulfilled for us the promises made by God. We stand on the threshold of fulfilment, the fulfilment of an event that has already taken place. We ritually reenact it so that we never take it for granted, so that we never forget that it is in and through human history that the marvellous deeds of God are accomplished. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

PRAYER AT HOME: Learn by heart and pray often one of the most loved prayers of the Church, the Hail Mary: *Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

VOCATION VIEW: Can you honestly pray: "I have come to do your will, O God"? Blessed are you who trusts that the Lord's words to you will be fulfilled.

RECENT DEATH: Father Leonard (Len) Thomas PE, Eleuterio Noquez

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Colin Storey, Guiseppe Scacciante, Adelino Salvalaggio

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Michael Edwards, Dr. Bong Lu, Nini Lu, Rosita Dizon, Alexander, Felipe and Anne, Tenorio and Franco Masalit, Paul Nguyen Thanh Long, Anna Huynh Phung Lien, Julie Horkings, Kelly Jennings, Anthony Zahra, Bob Venier

The names for Prayers for the Sick will be kept for two months. If you want to renew or add any names, please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or send email to werribee@cam.org.au

REMINDER: Parishioners please note that names for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries etc. to be included in the Sunday Bulletin must indicate the time of Mass you will be attending for name to be mentioned and request must be at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday afternoon and please address envelopes to the Admin.

WEEKDAY LITURGY (23rd / 28th December 2024)

Mon: 9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tues: **CHRISTMAS EVE DAY**

9.00am Mass

5.00pm - Christmas Carols

5.30pm – Children's Mass

7.30pm – Christmas Carols

8.00pm – Family Mass

11.30pm – Christmas Carols

12.00midnight – Youth Mass

Wed: **CHRISTMAS DAY**

9.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

10.00am Mass – St. Michael Church, Little River

Thurs: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass

Sat: 9.00am Mass followed by confession

WEEKEND MASSES (28th / 29th December 2024)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Mass

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 Tuesday at 11.00am

Werribee Mercy Hospital

2nd Thursday at 2.30pm

Mercy Place Wyndham

3rd Tuesday 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

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AFTER 11AM MASS

Come and meet new and regular parishioners, this Sunday, 22nd December 2024. Tea, coffee, cake, biscuits and cookies will be served. Please come and join us in this friendly gathering. You are most welcome to bring a plate to share. Everyone is welcome. See you all there!!! **(Weather Permitting)**



CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE BROCHURE RACKS ON EACH DOORS AND ON THE PEWS IN THE CHURCH.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY.



PARISH OFFICE CHRISTMAS BREAK – Office will be closed on Tuesday, 24th December 2024 from 12.00 noon and will re-open on Thursday, 2nd January 2025. Wishing you and your family a Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. Stay safe and have a wonderful celebration of Christmas. From the Parish Office Staff and Volunteers.



We are pleased to share the success of the inaugural Archbishop's Campaign and sincerely thank you for your generosity and support. Together, parishes across the Archdiocese raised **\$811,178** including **\$4,778** contributed by St. Andrew's Parish, Werribee. These funds will support vital mission areas such as the Priests Retirement Foundation, the John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, Corpus Christi College, Catholic Theological College and the Archbishop's Evangelisation Initiatives.

Thank you for being part of this important campaign and for living out your faith with action.

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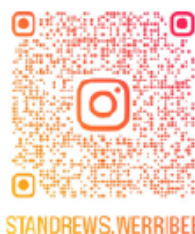
ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 23rd and 30th December 2024

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 28 th / 29 th Dec.	Gerry Ilagan	Darren Giese	Ruth Rodriguez	Luca and Lorna Pilkington	Shindu Moreira
MUSIC 28 th / 29 th Dec.	Philu and Co	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	Volunteer	Volunteer	Volunteer
Communion Minister 28 th / 29 th Dec.	Philu Fernandes Kristine Ventura Gerry Ilagan	Lillian Jilbert Jude Disanayake Kevin McGuane	Sherine Raphael John Faranda Maria Malanyaon	Clare Taylor Anthony Acciarito Sheridan Fevaleaki	Nadia Richards Maria Parba Shindu Moreira
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 23 Dec: C. Ilagan Mon 30 Dec: M. Chong		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 23 Dec: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 27 Dec: A. Majok, N. Deng Mon 23 Dec: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 22 Dec: M. Galea Sun 29 Dec: C. Demate		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 22 Dec: N. George Sun 29 Dec: C. Ilagan		



'BIG THANK' - The Werribee Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to sincerely thank all members of the St Andrew's Parish community for their generous support of the Christmas Appeal collection at Masses in early December which raised more than \$2000. Contributions to hampers distributed to households during December is also very much appreciated and gratefully received by companions who call on the Society in their time of need. May God's love and blessings to you all be abundant in 2025.

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NATIVITY SCENE: The Knights of the Southern Cross have erected the Annual Nativity Scene on Greens Road, Wyndham Vale, to remind the Community of the true meaning of Christmas. May it help to bring peace, hope and reflection at this glorious time. *The Knights of the Southern Cross.*

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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 their child attending the Sacramental Program for 2025 are asked to leave their details at the Parish Office via email werribee@cam.org.au or call 9741 4144.

The program is conducted for children in Grade 3 Pre-Sacrament, Grade 4 Reconciliation, Grade 5 Eucharist and Grade 6 Confirmation.

Please note Enrolments close 31st January 2025.
Thank you. Benita, HBRE Coordinator.

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF
STUDENTS – RCIS**

St Andrew's Parish will be conducting workshops for Secondary Students residing within the Parish of St. Andrew's and wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation in 2025.

Please contact the Parish Office at St. Andrew's Parish on Ph. 9741 4144 or werribee@cam.org.au for more information and to leave your details.

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Thank you - Benita

VANUATU EARTHQUAKE APPEAL - Vanuatu has experienced two earthquakes within 24 hours impacting over 116,000 people and causing significant damage to buildings and infrastructure. The main hospital in Port Vila has sustained extensive damage and is overwhelmed by the mass casualties. There are hundreds of people have been injured or trapped under rubble and at least 14 people deceased with the death toll expected to continue to rise. People remain fearful of further disaster, as Vanuatu is one of the most susceptible countries to natural disasters such as earthquakes, storm damage, flooding, and tsunamis. This appeal will provide support to our on the ground partners who are ready to respond to the humanitarian requirements by providing emergency shelter, food and other essentials, psychosocial support, and recovery efforts.

Please Donate today: <http://www.caritas.org.au/vanuatu>



2025 Enrolments are open

Study scripture, theology, pastoral ministry and spirituality

- Introductory or further studies
- Face-to-face or online modes
- Audit, undergraduate or postgraduate level

For more information: [view our 2025 Prospectus](http://view.our.2025.Prospectus.ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/)
ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/

A recording of our **PARISH SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION** held last 01 December 2024 has now been uploaded in our YouTube page and website. We encourage those who were not able to attend physically to watch this video in their own time. Thank you.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_8FaVx4Sml

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/articles/a190I00000gpKfIAI/parish-safeguarding-induction-2024>

FOR THE ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH AND THE NEIGHBOURING PARISHES, PLEASE SEE FLYERS ON THE NOTICE BOARD.

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.

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