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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

29TH / 30TH NOVEMBER 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 prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 2:1-5)*

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, concerning Judah and Jerusalem. In the days to come the mountain of the Temple of the Lord shall tower above the mountains and be lifted higher than the hills. All the nations will stream to it, peoples without number will come to it; and they will say: 'Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the Temple of the God of Jacob that he may teach us his ways so that we may walk in his paths; since the Law will go out from Zion, and the oracle of the Lord from Jerusalem.' He will wield authority over the nations and adjudicate between many peoples; these will hammer their swords into ploughshares, their spears into sickles. Nation will not lift sword against nation, there will be no more training for war. O House of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalms 121:1-2. 4-5. 6-9*

Response: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord. For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David.

For the peace of Jerusalem pray: 'Peace be to your homes! May peace reign in your walls, in your palaces, peace!'

For love of my brethren and friends I say: 'Peace upon you!' For love of the house of the Lord I will ask for your good.

Response: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 13:11-14)*

You know 'the time' has come: you must wake up now: our salvation is even nearer than it was when we were converted. The night is almost over; it will be daylight soon let us give up all the things we prefer to do under the cover of the dark; let us arm ourselves and appear in the light. Let us live decently as people do in the daytime: no drunken orgies, no promiscuity or licentiousness, and no wrangling or jealousy. Let your armour be the Lord Jesus Christ. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

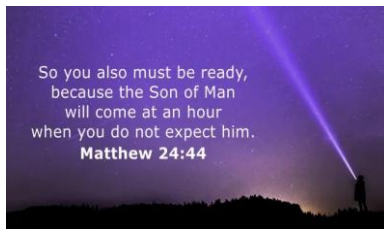
Alleluia, alleluia! Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 24:37-44)*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As it was in Noah's day, so will it be when the Son of Man comes. For in those days before the Flood people were eating, drinking, taking wives, taking husbands, right up to the day Noah went into the ark, and they suspected nothing till the Flood came and swept all away. It will be like this when the Son of Man comes. Then of two men in the fields one is taken, one left; of two women at the millstone grinding, one is taken, one left. 'So stay awake, because you do not know the day when your master is coming. You may be quite sure of this that if the householder had known at what time of the night the burglar would come, he would have stayed awake and would not have allowed anyone to break through the wall of his house. Therefore, you too must stand ready because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.'

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

St. Andrew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.



So you also must be ready,
because the Son of Man
will come at an hour
when you do not expect him.
Matthew 24:44

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Jesus exaggerates in today's Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He will come again. Christ occasionally makes such overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss (see Matthew 5:34; 23:9; Luke 14:26). His point here is that the exact "hour" is not important. What is crucial is that we not postpone our repentance, that we be ready for Him spiritually and morally when He comes. For He will surely come, He tells us like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah. In today's Epistle, Paul too compares the present age to a time of advancing

darkness and night. Though we sit in the darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light of our Lord who has come into our midst (see Matthew 4:16; John 1:9; 8:12). He is the true light, the life of the world. And His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading. In the Church, all nations stream to the God of Jacob, to worship and seek wisdom in the House of David. From the Church goes forth His word of instruction, the light of the Lord that all might walk in His paths toward that eternal day when night will be no more (see Revelation 22:5). By our Baptism we have been made children of the light and day (see Ephesians 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:5-7). It is time we start living like it: throwing off the fruitless works of darkness, rejecting the desires of the flesh, and walking by the light of His grace. The hour is late as we begin a new Advent. Let us begin again in this Eucharist. As we sing in today's Psalm, "let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord." Let us give thanks to His name, keeping watch for His coming, knowing that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: One of the prayers of the early church that is linked with this season of waiting and longing is the Aramaic word '**Maranatha**', which means '**Come Lord**.' Use this prayer as a mantra this week.

VOCATION VIEW: In our materialistic society, someone must stand up to speak for our spiritual heritage. Could that be you?

RECENT DEATH: Dennis Demate

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Crispin De Zilva, Lynne Worsley, Dorothy Rayner, Maria Trang Nguyen, Peter Tho Huynh, Saraswathy Govindasamy, John Hassett, Rustico Socorin, Cecilia Maria, Teresa Goegan, Dinah Elly, Eutiquio Valenzuela, Tony Grech, William Harris, Annette Landicho Manicad Lapworth, Charlie (Carmel) Restall, Italo Tautunu, Alfredo Landicho Manicad

WEEKDAY LITURGY (1st to 6th December 2025)

Mon: 9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tues: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (6th and 7th December 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5pm Mass
5.00pm Tamil Community Mass



This year we will be
celebrating the
Feast of St. Andrew
Our Patron Saint
on Sunday
30th November 2025
at 11.00am Mass

On Sunday, 30th November 2025 we will have a festive mass at 11.00am followed by procession on the church ground. There will be fellowship afterwards.

You are most welcome to bring a plate to share. Everyone is invited to join.

ALL RAFFLE TICKET BOOKLETS NOT YET RETURNED, PLEASE DROP THEM IN THE MAIL BOX OF PARISH OFFICE.



As the organizer of the St. Andrew's Parish Fair 2025, I would like to express our gratitude for the participation and assistance of so many people at the Parish Fair on Saturday, 22nd November 2025. It was a successful event, thanks mostly to all the volunteers who kept everything running smoothly. Without the help of all the volunteers this event would not have happened, the weather and volunteers are the pillars for the success of the event. We from the St. Andrew's Parish Fair Team would like to thank you for your support and work and hope to see you again at the next event. Thanks again for your support and God Bless. Sincerely, Stevin Carvalho on behalf of the St. Andrew's Parish Fair Team.

Here are the winners in our St. Andrew's Parish Raffle Ticket

1st Prize - \$1000 Spa Voucher - Zeny Germaine
2nd Prize - TCL TV - Mary Borg
3rd Prize - \$150 Italian Sports Club of Werribee Voucher - Gab Civilleri
4th Prize - \$150 Shadowfax Winery Voucher - Mu Laing Thein
5th Prize - \$125 Brothers on K Voucher - Clara Valerio
6th Prize - \$125 Brothers on K Voucher - John Alessi



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH FAIR SINGSTAR WINNER



Category A (8 – 12 yrs) - 1st Liliana Esposito
2nd Taya Evangelista
3rd Elisa Ann Binh

Category B (13 – 17 yrs) - 1st Aatara Asha Mohanadas
2nd Chrislyn Ranu

Category C (18 yrs +) - Roanne Clifford



ST. JOSEPH'S STATUE IS BACK

We are happy that our St Joseph statue has been repaired, repainted and back in the Church. We thank all the generous people who have contributed towards this project.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL - Hungry, anxious and desperate. Christmas will look different this year for struggling families. Our parish is supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas Appeal. Each year, our Christmas Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society and, with your support, we hope to achieve a strong result so we can continue serving the community. Over the past six months, the Werribee Conference of St Andrew's Parish has provided over \$66,000 in material assistance, including food, clothing, furniture and financial support, to families and households in the Parish of St Andrew's. With the current cost-of-living crisis, the assistance we provide for people experiencing hardship this festive season will be needed more than ever. Parishioners are encouraged to donate generously to help continue the Society's work of helping those most in need. ***There will be a third collection at Masses on 6 & 7 December. Non-perishable food or gift cards can be left in the Vinnies basket in the church. Please note we are unable to accept donations of clothing. These should be dropped off at the Vinnies Shop, Costa Drive, Hoppers Crossing.***

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.

St. Andrew's Parish, Werribee

WELCOME & THANKSGIVING MASS



We invite all new families in our parish and all volunteers to come for a Mass of welcome and thanksgiving.

13 DEC 2025

9:00 am Holy Mass
9:30 am Fellowship

You are most welcome to bring a plate to share.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 30th November to 8th December 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 6th / 7th Dec	Anne-Marie Palmer	Maria Teofilo	Lea Arida	Grace Iaria	Angelo Moreira
MUSIC 6th / 7th Dec	St. Faustina Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Sariling Tinig Choir	Ensemble of Faith	King Jesus Praise and Worship Choir
Communion Minister 6th / 7th Dec	Kristine Ventura Philu Fernandes Aroon Sequera	David Cox Kevin McGuane	John Faranda Sherine Raphael Charles Mei	Stealth D'Rozario Anthony Acciarito Maria Teofilo	Sindhu Moreira Stephen Hart Judy Anderson
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)	This week: Next week:		Mon 1 Dec: C. Ilagan Mon 8 Dec: M. H. Chong		
CLEANER	Cleaning: Vacuuming:		Mon 1 Dec: Z. Prasad Fri 5 Dec: P. Palamara Mon 1 Dec: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH	This week: Next week:		Sun 30 Nov: O. Lesoa Sun 7 Dec: C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This week: Next week:		Sun 30 Nov: M. Parba Sun 7 Dec: G. Ilagan		

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE

FRIDAY, 19TH DECEMBER 2025

7.00PM Parish Reconciliation in St. Andrew's Church

WEDNESDAY, 24TH DECEMBER 2025

CHRISTMAS EVE

5.00PM Christmas Carols

5.30PM Children's Mass

7.30PM Christmas Carols

8.00PM Family Mass

11.30PM Christmas Carols

12.00 AM Midnight Mass

THURSDAY, 25TH DECEMBER 2025 CHRISTMAS DAY

9.00AM Christmas Day Mass

10.00AM Christmas Mass in St. Michael's Church, Little River

11.00AM Christmas Day Mass

NO Evening Mass

WEDNESDAY, 31ST DECEMBER 2025 NEW YEAR'S EVE

5.00pm Mass of Thanksgiving with Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction

THURSDAY, 1ST JANUARY 2026 NEW YEAR'S DAY

10.00am Mass

*Merry
Christmas*

