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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

THE DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

8TH / 9TH 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 Ezekiel (Ezekiel 47:1-2. 8-9. 12)*

The angel brought me to the entrance of the Temple, where a stream came out from under the Temple threshold and flowed eastwards, since the Temple faced east. The water flowed from under the right side of the Temple, south of the altar. He took me out by the north gate and led me right round outside as far as the outer east gate where the water flowed out on the right-hand side. The man went to the east holding his measuring line and measured off a thousand cubits; he then made me wade across the stream; the water reached my ankles. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across the stream again; the water reached my knees. He measured off another thousand and made me wade across again; the water reached my waist. He measured off another thousand; it was now a river which I could not cross; the stream had swollen and was now deep water, a river impossible to cross. He then said, 'Do you see, son of man?' He took me further, then brought me back to the bank of the river. When I got back, there were many trees on each bank of the river. He said, 'This water flows east down to the Arabah and to the sea; and flowing into the sea it makes its waters wholesome. Wherever the river flows, all living creatures teeming in it will live. Fish will be very plentiful, for wherever the water goes it brings health, and life teems wherever the river flows. Along the river, on either bank, will grow every kind of fruit tree with leaves that never wither and fruit that never fails; they will bear new fruit every month, because this water comes from the sanctuary. And their fruit will be good to eat and the leaves medicinal.' **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 45:2-3. 5-6. 8-9*

Response: *The waters of the river gladden the city of God.*

God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day.

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord, the redoubtable deeds he has done on the earth.

Response: *The waters of the river gladden the city of God.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 3:9-11. 16-17)*

You are God's building. By the grace God gave me, I succeeded as an architect and laid the foundations, on which someone else is doing the building. Everyone doing the building must work carefully. For the foundation, nobody can lay any other than the one which has already been laid, that is Jesus Christ. Didn't you realise that you were God's temple and that the Spirit of God was living among you? If anybody should destroy the temple of God, God will destroy him, because the temple of God is sacred; and you are that temple. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I have chosen and sanctified this house, says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

***** GOSPEL CONTINUES ON THE NEXT PAGE *****

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 2:13-22)*

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market'. Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up'. The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said. **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Why commemorate a church dedication that happened in fourth-century Rome? First, because St. John Lateran is no ordinary church—it's the cathedral church of the Pope and still known as "the mother of all the world's churches." But more than that, because God has from all-time intended the church building to be a symbol of His Church and our bodies. This is what the readings for today's feast invite us to consider. God's prototype for the church is the Jerusalem Temple, described in this week's First Reading and Psalm. It's God's "holy dwelling," site of His presence in our midst, source of "living waters"—of all life and blessing. But God intended

the Temple to give way to the Body of Christ. That's what our Lord's words and actions in Sunday's Gospel are intended to dramatize. Christ's Body is now the dwelling of God's "glory" among us (see John 1:14). It's the new source of living waters John 4:10,14; 7:37- 39; 19:34), the living bread John 6:51), the new sanctuary where people will worship in Spirit and truth John 4:21,23). By Baptism, we are joined to His Body in the Church. Sunday's Epistle says the Spirit of God comes to dwell in us and makes us "God's building...the temple of God" (see also 1 Corinthians 6:9). Jesus drove out the sellers of oxen, sheep and doves, signaling an end to the animal sacrifices that formed the worship of the old Temple. In the spiritual worship of the new Temple, we offer our bodies—our whole beings—as a living sacrifice. Like living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5) built on the cornerstone of Christ (see Mark 12:10; Acts 4:11), together we are called to build up the new Temple of God, the Church. As the Jerusalem Temple was, so the Church will always be under construction—until at last it is perfected in the new Jerusalem, our mother Church, come down from heaven (see Revelation 21:3,10, 22; 22:1; Galatians 4:26). **Scott Hanhs**

PRAYER AT HOME: : Use today's communion antiphon this week: *'Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.'*

VOCATION VIEW: Honest, dedicated people. Jesus is looking for dedicated and humble people who will give the best they have in response to His call to service. Give what you've got when you are called.

RECENT DEATH: Ferdie Garcia, Charlie (Carmel) Restall, Leticia Gabriel

During the month of November, due to large numbers of names only the names of the recently departed will be placed in the Take Away Sheet and Prayers of the faithful.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, 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, Eutiquio Valenzuela, Tony Grech, William Harris, Annette Landicho Manicad Lapworth, Charlie (Carmel) Restall, Italo Tautunu, Alfredo Landicho Manicad

WEEKDAY LITURGY (10th to 15th November 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 (15th / 16th November 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11am and 5pm Mass
10.00am Wyndham Vale Community Mass
Our Lady of Southern Cross P/S

NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES



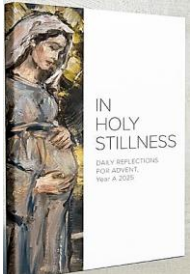
As usual we will have our memorial Masses for our departed loved ones during the month of November. Masses will be offered by

priests privately. All the names and Mass offerings received will be placed at the Altar during our weekend Masses. Please make use of the special envelopes in your Thanksgiving package or place the names of your loved ones and your offering in an ordinary envelope and drop them either at the Parish Office or Presbytery letter box. During the month of November, due to large numbers of names only the names of the recently departed will be placed in the Take Away Sheet and Prayers of the faithful. Thank you

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

ADVENT REFLECTION

A 26-day reflection resource for Advent 2025



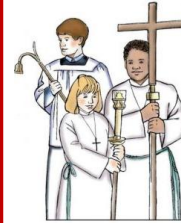
- Reflections written by Lisa McKerr, Chair of the Advisory Council for the Australian Catholic Bishops' Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry

- Designed for individual reflection and Advent small groups
- Sunday reflections include prompts for small group hosts

- Small group instructions to assist with preparation
- A small book that is easy to carry, and read, at home or in a small group context (21cm x 14.8cm)
Cost \$5 (+gst) with bulk discounts available. If you are interested, let the parish office know so we can order in bulk by 15 Nov 2025. Email verribee@cam.org.au or call 03 9741 4144 (Tue - Fri, 9AM - 4PM).

Fr. Barry Moran's Funeral Details

Tuesday, 11th November 2025
10.30am at St. Mary's Parish,
208 Dandenong Road, St. Kilda East



"A MONTHLY MEETING FOR ALTAR SERVERS"

will be held next Friday
on the 14th of November
in Penola hub at 7:00PM.
Thank you."

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 2nd to 10th November 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 15th / 16th Nov	Aldrin Monahar	Anna Obieta	Mary Agbodike	Anthony Acciarito	Youth Group
MUSIC 15th / 16th Nov	St. Philomena's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	St. Joseph the Dreamer Choir	Youth Group
Communion Minister 15th / 16th Nov	Wilson Monteiro Gerry Ilagan Rhea Fernandes	Alfred Obieta Lillian Jilbert Jude Disanayaka	Stella Onos Jen Climie Rita Edemu	Graeme Roberts Sheridan Fevaleaki Otilia Lesoa	Genni Douglas Katherine Canet Nadia Richards
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)	This week: Next week:		Mon 10 Nov: C. Ilagan Mon 17 Nov: M. H. Chong		
CLEANER	Cleaning: Vacuuming:		Mon 10 Nov: Z. Prasad Fri 14 Nov: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 10 Nov: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH	This week: Next week:		Sun 9 Nov: M. Galea Sun 16 Nov: C. Demate		
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This week: Next week:		Sun 9 Nov: Priya Sun 16 Nov: J. Siu		

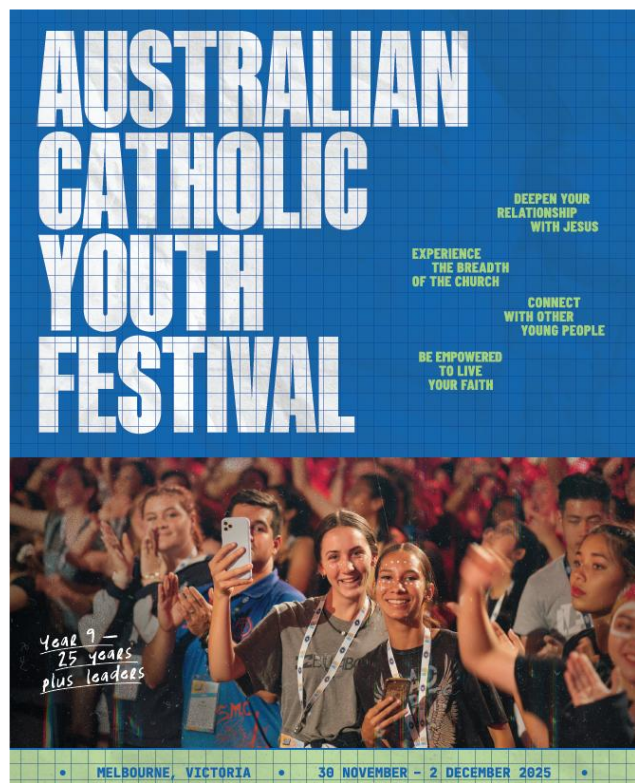
CALLING ALL NEW AND EXISTING LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS - There will be a training session to held on Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 7.30pm and on Saturday 29th November at 10.30am in St. Andrew's Church. You are expected to attend the training session for you to be added on the next year 2026 parish rosters. Anyone interested, please register by calling the Parish Office on 9741 4144. Thank you for your generous support to St. Andrews Parish.

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 2026 are asked to leave their details at the Parish Office via email verribee@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 20th December 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 2026. Please contact the Parish Office at St. Andrew's Parish on Ph. 9741 4144 or verribee@cam.org.au for more information and to leave your details. Enrolments close 20th December 2025. *Thank you - Benita*



Philippines Emergency Appeal: Typhoon Tino (Kalmaegi)

You may have seen Australian media reports about *Category 4 Typhoon Kalmaegi (locally known as Typhoon Tino)* impacting Cebu in the Philippines. What is not being widely reported is the devastation on the neighbouring island of **Negros**, where our Good Samaritan ministries are based. The inland community, including the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Kinder School, has also been impacted, with families facing significant damage, displacement, and loss of essential resources. We are urgently raising funds to help families rebuild and to restore safe shelter, meals, and support. Together, we can help our Good Sam friends and neighbours in the Philippines begin again. If you are able, please give today by selecting **Philippines Emergency Appeal** in the donation form linked <https://goodsamsfoundation.cmail19.com/t/y-l-qkklya-hluriyjh-d-y/> or by including **Emergency Appeal** in the subject line of your bank transfer.



CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GLOBAL GIFTS ARE CHRISTMAS CARDS WITH PURPOSE! Every card you buy helps build brighter futures for children, women and men experiencing hardship and poverty. By putting your compassion into action and shopping for the Global Gifts of your choice you will bring hope and joy to the world's most vulnerable and communities, while giving your loved ones a meaningful Christmas card. View the range of Global Gifts: www.globalgifts.org.au

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.

f 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.