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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

TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

4TH AND 5TH OCTOBER 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 Habakkuk (Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4).*

How long, Lord, am I to cry for help while you will not listen; to cry 'Oppression!' in your ear and you will not save? Why do you set injustice before me, why do you look on where there is tyranny? Outrage and violence, this is all I see, all is contention, and discord flourishes. Then the Lord answered and said, 'Write the vision down, inscribe it on tablets to be easily read, since this vision is for its own time only: eager for its own fulfilment, it does not deceive; if it comes slowly, wait, for come it will, without fail. See how he flags, he whose soul is not at rights, but the upright man will live by his faithfulness.'

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 94:1-2. 6-9*

Response: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Response: *If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy (2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14)*

I am reminding you to fan into a flame the gift that God gave you when I laid my hands on you. God's gift was not a spirit of timidity, but the Spirit of power, and love, and self-control. So you are never to be ashamed of witnessing to the Lord, or ashamed of me for being his prisoner; but with me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God. Keep as your pattern the sound teaching you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. You have been trusted to look after something precious; guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the word given to you, the Good News.

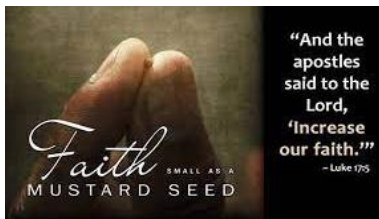
Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 17:5-10)*

The apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.' The Lord replied, 'Were your faith the size of a mustard seed you could say to this mulberry tree, "Be uprooted and planted in the sea", and it would obey you. "Which of you, with a servant ploughing or minding sheep, would say to him when he returned from the fields, "Come and have your meal immediately"? Would he not be more likely to say, "Get my supper laid; make yourself tidy and wait on me while I eat and drink. You can eat and drink yourself afterwards"? Must he be grateful to the servant for doing what he was told? So with you: when you have done all you have been told to do, say, "We are merely servants: we have done no more than our duty."'

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

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



"And the apostles said to the Lord, 'Increase our faith.'" — Luke 17:5

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

In our struggles to be faithful disciples, we frequently must endure periods when we feel abandoned by God. When we have been intent on serving God with genuine devotion, such times are particularly trying, for one would expect that God would not withdraw consolations. When this happens, the broken heart and the strained spirit cry out to God in complaint: How long? Why? We have all been worn down by life, tempted to give up, too weary to go on. Faith in God is a gift for which we pray. It enables us to accomplish marvellous feats; with it we can move mountains. As unprofitable servants, we do not earn it; we have no right to claim it as our own. We are the ones from whom faithful service will be expected. We will be sent to plough the fields and tend the sheep. We will be called to serve at table. The faith that is ours has been mediated to us through the community. We have heard about God and about Jesus from others, from our parents and families, from our teachers and those who preach, from those with whom we work and play. Faith comes from God, but through the mediation of the community. Timothy received faith from his mother and grandmother. It was strengthened in him through the imposition of Paul's hands and through his preaching of the word of God. Furthermore, what Paul taught had first been handed down to him from those who preceded him. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

PRAYER AT HOME: Today's alternative communion antiphon makes a suitable prayer this week: ***Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven, you are Lord of all.***

VOCATION VIEW: Oh, that today you would hear His voice! Listening brings faith; faith brings hope. Hope brings trust; trust brings courage to follow the Lord.

RECENT DEATH: Consiglia Moncada, Peter James Shanahan, Albino Martini (Italy)

ANNIVERSARY: Medin Cataquian, Maricel Tobias, Rohan Fernando, Ben and Beatriz Baluya, Giuseppe and Silvia Carli, Domenica and Maria Battaglia, Gaetano and Giuseppe Battaglia, Tommy Battaglia, Michelangelo Guardiano, Joe Belkner, Carmelo Ravaneschi

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 (29th Sept to 4th Oct 2025)

Mon: 9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
7.00pm Rosary for Our Lady of Fatima
Tues: 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Rosary for Our Lady of Fatima
Wed: 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Rosary for Our Lady of Fatima
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Rosary for Our Lady of Fatima
Fri: 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Rosary for Our Lady of Fatima
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (4th / 5th October 2025)

Sat: 5.00pm Rosary and Procession
for Our Lady of Fatima
6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11am Mass
5.00pm Mass
2.00pm Burmese Community Mass

STATUES NEED REPAIRS AND REPAINTING



The statues in our churches St. Andrew's and at St. Michael's urgently need repairs and repainting. We searched for a skilled and committed person for few years and with grace of God we found a person to do this sacred work.

We have got him to complete the work on our historical Sacred Heart statue. Although it cost us \$2,695.00 it was urgently needed as the paint was flaking.

We thank few parishioners who contributed \$800.00 towards it.

Our next project to repair and repaint is the statue of St. Joseph. The right hand of Baby Jesus is very badly broken, neck is cracked, and the paint is flaking (refer to the picture). Quotation for the work to complete \$935.00

Any contribution towards this urgent and sacred work will be very much appreciated.

This is our church. We ask God to take care of us. Let us take care of God's house and the sacred statues.



Novena to our Lady of Fatima Saturday, 11th October 2025

5.00pm Rosary and a procession around the church ground followed by 6.00pm Mass will be the highlight of the last day. There will be a fellowship after the Mass. You are most welcome to bring a plate to share.



MARCH FOR THE BABIES MELBOURNE SATURDAY 11 OCTOBER AT 1PM

Meeting at Treasury Gardens, Corner of Spring Street and Wellington Pde, Melbourne GETTING THERE - City Circle Tram No.35 from Flinders and Spencer Street Stations We are marching in loving memory of the babies lost in abortion in Victoria and to help end abortion in Victoria, and for better supports for pregnant women. **PLEASE WEAR PINK AND/OR BLUE FOR THE BABIES!**

"A monthly meeting for Altar servers"



will be held on next Friday
on the 10th of October in
Penola hub at 7:00PM.
Thank you."

CORRECTION: PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO CAR RAFFLE. SINCERE APOLOGIES.

This time we have a minor raffle with less number of tickets and more chances to win.

GRAND PRIZE - \$1000 Peninsula Hotsprings Voucher

2nd PRIZE - 50 Inch TCL TV

3rd PRIZE - Italian Sports Club of Werribee \$150 Voucher

4th PRIZE - Shadowfax Winery Werribee \$150 Voucher

5th PRIZE - Brothers on K Werribee \$125 Voucher

6th PRIZE - Brothers on K Werribee \$125 Voucher

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED - TO HELP IN SELLING PARISH FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES. If you can help, please put your name and phone number on the roster on the Altar steps.

Parish Fair Raffle Tickets are also available at the Parish Office.



BE A
SINGSTAR

St. Andrews Parish Fair
Saturday, 22nd November 2025
12.00noon to 2.00pm
St. Andrew's Ground Primary School

Show your hidden talent and receive fabulous prizes.

Age Category: A) 8 – 12 years old

B) 13 – 17 years old

C) 18 + years old

Registration forms are available
at the altar steps or scan the QR code.

Submit completed form by Friday,
14th November at the Parish Office.



SCAN to Register online

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 5th to 13th October 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 11 th / 12 th Oct	Rewanna Anthony	Darren Giese	Stella Onos	Natasha Krishnakumar	Stephen Hart
MUSIC 11 th / 12 th Oct	St. Faustina's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Padre Pio Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Carlo's Choir
Communion Minister 11 th / 12 th Oct	Anson John Desiree Galea Kim Beyer	Peter Walter David Cox John Hennessy	Bianca Pante Rose Chu	Eric Demate Cora Demate	Stephen Hart Judy Anderson Genni Douglas
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 6 Oct: S. Raphael Mon 13 Oct: J. Hennessy		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 6 Oct: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 10 Oct: P. Palamara Mon 6 Oct: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 5 Oct: C. Ilagan Sun 12 Oct: M. Galea		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 5 Oct: C. Ilagan Sun 12 Oct: S. Raphael		

PUTTING OUR FAITH INTO ACTION: THE NEXT STEP?

The Order of the Knights of the Southern Cross is appealing to the men of the Parish to respond to the opportunity we offer to put our Faith into action. We invite you to attend its monthly Meeting, to be held on next Tuesday, October 6, 7:30pm. in Penola Hub, to assess how you might be involved. Members are outside, after Masses, this weekend, to answer any questions, or call John Hennessy 0418 517 396.

EL SHADDAI PRAYER GROUP is hosting

New Life - The life in the Spirit Seminar

<https://formation.charis.international/courses/New-Life>

Beginning this TUESDAY 7th October and ending TUESDAY 2nd December.

Time: 1pm - 2:30pm followed by fellowship

Place: Penola Hub 33 Mortimer St Werribee

Come and experience a deepening and renewing of your personal faith.

The topics over the 9 weeks are:

- ♣ The Love of God
- ♣ Sin and Salvation
- ♣ Healing and Forgiveness
- ♣ Faith, Conversion, and New Life
- ♣ Jesus is Lord
- ♣ The Promise of the Holy Spirit: The Sanctifying Action
- ♣ The promise of the Holy Spirit: The Charismatic Action
- ♣ Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- ♣ Personal and Community Growth

For more information contact Susanne 0438372952.

ALL ARE WELCOME

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 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 20th December 2025.

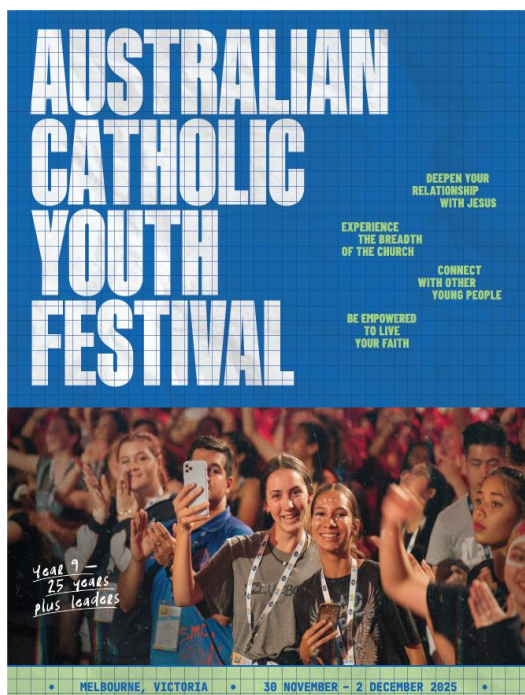
Thank you. Benita, HBRE Coordinator.

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 werribee@cam.org.au for more information and to leave your details. Enrolments close 20th December 2025. *Thank you - Benita*

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



DISCOVER PALMS VOLUNTEERING

Develop community self-reliance and create lasting change! Discover Palms International Volunteering online in this special session where you'll chat with past Palms volunteers and hear how skill-exchange makes a lasting impact in communities. Explore our unique opportunities and match your life experience to the experience of a lifetime!

Venue: Online- Scan the QR or register at palms.org.au/events

Date: Thursday 30 October 2025

Time: 7 pm – 8.30 pm AEDT (NSW/VIC/ACT/TAS)

02 9560 5333 palms@palms.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.



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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