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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

Clergy

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP
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Rev. Deacon William Daw

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Benita Dahanayake

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Fr. Stephen Kумыangi

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PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary

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Principal:

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Southern Cross Primary

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Principal: Rose Connolly.

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C **30TH NOVEMBER / 01ST 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: Jeremiah 33:14-16

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and Judah.

In those days, in that time, I will raise up for David a just shoot; he shall do what is right and just in the land.

In those days Judah shall be safe and Jerusalem shall dwell secure; this is what they shall call her: "The LORD our justice."

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 93:1,1-2,5

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day.

Good and upright is the LORD; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

All the paths of the LORD are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the LORD is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction.

Response: To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.

SECOND READING: Thessalonians 3:12 – 4:2

Brothers and sisters: May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we have for you, so as to strengthen your hearts, to be blameless in holiness before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his holy ones. Amen. Finally, brothers and sisters, we earnestly ask and exhort you in the Lord Jesus that, as you received from us how you should conduct yourselves to please God and as you are conducting yourselves you do so even more. For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia.

Show us, Lord, your love; and grant us your salvation.

Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 21:25-28. 34-36

Jesus said to his disciples: "There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on earth nations will be in dismay, perplexed by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will die of fright in anticipation of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. But when these signs begin to happen, stand erect and raise your heads because your redemption is at hand. "Beware that your hearts do not become drowsy from carousing and drunkenness and the anxieties of daily life, and that day catch you by surprise like a trap. For that day will assault everyone who lives on the face of the earth. Be vigilant at all times and pray that you have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL REFLECTION – ADVENT THROUGH THE EYES OF THE SAINTS

“On this first Sunday of Advent, when we begin to count the days separating us from the birth of the Savior...we have considered the reality of our Christian vocation: how our Lord has entrusted us with the mission of attracting other souls to sanctity, encouraging them to get close to him, to feel united to the Church, to extend the kingdom of God to all hearts. Jesus wants to see us dedicated, faithful, responsive. He wants us to love him. It is his desire that we be holy, very much his own.”

St. Josemaría Escrivá

“In Advent we await an event which occurs in history and at the same time transcends it. As it does every year, this event will take place on the night of the Lord’s Birth. The shepherds will hasten to the stable in Bethlehem; later the Magi will arrive from the East. Both the one and the other in a certain sense symbolize the entire human family. The exhortation that rings out in today’s liturgy: ‘Let us go joyfully to meet the Lord’ spreads to all countries, to all continents, among every people and nation.”

Pope St. John Paul II

RECENT DEATH: Dominic Vuong Dan, Natale Ruggeri, Leon McGuane, Patricia Brook

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Michael Edwards, Dr. Bong Lu, Nini Lu, Rosita Dizon, Alexander, Felipe and Anne, Tenorio and Franco Masalit, Paul Long Thanh Nguyen, Anna Liên Phung Huỳnh, Julie Horkings, Kelly Jennings, Anthony Zahra, Alwin and Edith Salagubang, Rohan Fernando.

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 (02nd Dec to 08th Dec 2024)

Mon: 9.00am *Liturgy of the Word with Communion*
Tues: 9.00am Mass
6.30pm Rosary, Mass & Healing Service
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass - *First Friday*
7.00pm First Friday Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (07th / 08th December 2024)

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



Christmas Sports Equipment Drive to Support Disadvantaged Australians

St. Andrew’s Parish has partnered with the Reclink Australia Sports Share initiative, the founder of which is an active parishioner in our community. We welcome donations such as footballs boots, runners, soccer balls, rackets of all forms, bikes, and any forms of sport equipment. **Contact Peter Cullen AM for more details on 0421 442 340 or visit reclink.org. (see flyer)**



CHURCH WORKING BEE

will be held in the Church on **Saturday, 21st December 2024** from 9.00am to 1pm to prepare our Church and Church grounds for Christmas Celebrations. We invite all to come. This is our church. Let us prepare it for our Lord’s Birthday. **More hands make work lighter and easy to Accomplish!**

FR. ALBERT SAYS THANK YOU:

“I would like to express my sincerely thanks to all those who wished me for my birthday. Thank you for your prayers & gifts. May God Bless You All.”
– Fr. Albert

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AFTER 11AM MASS – No fellowship this Sunday, 1st December 2024, as **all volunteers** need to attend Safeguard Training course for the safety within our Church/ Parish. Fellowship team is looking forward to see you on the following Sunday (weather permitting)



St Andrew's Nativity Play

All Children are invited to be part of St Andrew's Nativity Play

Rehearsals ~

Thursdays 5th, 12th and 19th December

6:30pm - 7:30pm in the Church

Two Performances dates ~

Saturday 21st December at 7pm Carols Night

Tuesday 24th December at 5:30pm Mass

For more information contact Susanne

0438 372 952



MONDAY 09 DECEMBER 2024

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

We invite all to join us for Mass:

9am or 7pm

St Andrew's Youth Group

St Andrew's Youth Group is a place to have fun while growing in your relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Youth Group, grade 6-12+, every 3rd Sunday of the month. At 5pm Youth Mass at St Andrew's Church, followed by Youth Group from 6pm to 8:30pm, Penola Hub (33 Mortimer Street, Werribee).

Sessions will be : group prayer, fun games and activities, interesting Talks and Presentations on the Catholic Faith, praise and worship with the Youth Band, free & delicious Dinner!

Please contact the parish office on:

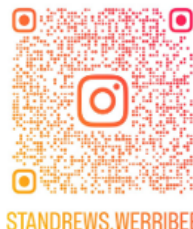
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ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 01st To 9th December 2024

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 7 th Dec / 8 th Dec	Rewanna Anthony	David Cox	Maria Malanyaon	Grace Iaria	Andrew Canet
MUSIC 7 th Dec / 8 th Dec	St. Faustina Choir	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	Padre Pio Choir	Sth Sudanese Group	St. Andrew's Children's Choir
Communion Minister 7 th Dec / 8 th Dec	Noelene Keogh Desiree Galea	Alfred Obieta Peter Walters Kevin McGuane	Jen Climie Mary Nguyen Anson John	Dominic Thiep Otilia Lesoa Graeme Robers	Genni Douglas Stephen Hart
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 02 Dec: Mon 09 Dec:	Marie Helene Chong Immaculate Conception Solemnity	
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 02 Dec: Fri 06 Dec: Mon 02 Dec:	M. Tong, N. Chol A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Volunteer	
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 01 Dec: Sun 08 Dec:	J. Francisco O. Lesoa	
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 01 Dec : Sun 08 Dec:	M. Parba Vir Manansala	

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Community Christmas Carols

Join us weekday evenings 6pm to 8:30pm from Monday 25th Nov. to Thursday 5th Dec., we travel from house to house bringing the true meaning of Christmas to our parish families

If you are interested in spreading JOY TO THE WORLD and singing Christmas Carols, join the CHRISTMAS CAROLLING team.

If you want us to do caroling in your house. Please contact Powlin 0408 524 293



Two new Auxiliary Bishops appointed for Melbourne

As we prepare to enter a year of Jubilee for the Church, it is with great joy that the Archdiocese shares the news of Pope Francis' appointment of two new Auxiliary Bishops for Melbourne Reverend Father Thinh Nguyen and Reverend Father Rene Ramirez RCJ. The Episcopal Ordination for the Bishops-elect is to take place in the morning of 1 February 2025 at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. More information will be shared as planning gets further underway.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/two-new-auxiliary-bishops-appointed-for-melbourne>

ST ANDREW'S PARISH SAFEGUARDING INDUCTION/TRAINING SESSION - for all our Volunteers, **today**, Sunday, 1st December **after the 11am Mass** in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. We kindly request **all our volunteers** to attend the session as you will be guided through an Induction Process. The purpose of this is to familiarise you with the processes, policies, procedures that will make your volunteering time in our parish safe & rewarding. We encourage you to ask questions and discuss the information to enable you to have a better understanding of your rights as a volunteer and also what is required of you as a volunteer assisting the parish. Thank you for your generosity in offering to be a volunteer in our parish community. Light Refreshments will be provided.

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO ricorda che il nostro gruppo di preghiera continua Mercoledì` dalle ore 10am - 12.00pm nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Tutti benvenuti.

Knights of the Southern Cross Monthly Meeting is next Tuesday, Dec. 3, at 7:30pm, in Penola Hub. Interested men are welcome to attend.

John Hennessy. 0418 517 396.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) will be held on March in the Penola Hub. we are asking all Parish Groups to submit a report on last year's activities (one A4 page as a guideline) to be included in the AGM Booklet, as part of Parish accountability to one another. To enable the Parish Office staff to collate the reports and produce the booklet, **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR GROUP'S REPORT NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, 4th February 2025.** Please email your report if possible to werribee@cam.org.au or drop it into the Parish Office. We are hoping to see at least two representatives of your group attending the AGM. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. Exact date and time of the AGM will be confirmed later date.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL - 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. 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 30th November and 1st 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.

**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.

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