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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
Incorporating the Communities of
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Werribee North,
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

PARISH TEAMS

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THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A, 18TH AND 19TH APRIL 2026

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 Acts of the Apostles (Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33)*

On the day of Pentecost, Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd in a loud voice: 'Men of Israel, listen to what I am going to say: Jesus the Nazarene was a man commended to you by God by the miracles and portents and signs that God worked through him when he was among you, as you all know. This man, who was put into your power by the deliberate intention and foreknowledge of God, you took and had crucified by men outside the Law. You killed him, but God raised him to life, freeing him from the pangs of Hades; for it was impossible for him to be held in its power since, as David says of him: I saw the Lord before me always, for with him at my right hand nothing can shake me. So my heart was glad and my tongue cried out with joy: my body, too, will rest in the hope that you will not abandon my soul to Hades nor allow your holy one to experience corruption. You have made known the way of life to me, you will fill me with gladness through your presence. 'Brothers, no one can deny that the patriarch David himself is dead and buried: his tomb is still with us. But since he was a prophet, and knew that God had sworn him an oath to make one of his descendants succeed him on the throne, what he foresaw and spoke about was the resurrection of the Christ: he is the one who was not abandoned to Hades, and whose body did not experience corruption. God raised this man Jesus to life, and all of us are witnesses to that. Now raised to the heights by God's right hand, he has received from the Father the Holy Spirit, who was promised, and what you see and hear is the outpouring of that Spirit.' **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 15:1-2. 5. 7-11*

Response: *Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

Preserve me, God, I take refuge in you. I say to the Lord: 'You are my God. O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.'

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel, who even at night directs my heart. I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm.

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay.

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness for ever.

Response: *Lord, you will show us the path of life.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the first letter of St Peter (1 Peter 1:17-21)*

If you are acknowledging as your Father one who has no favourites and judges everyone according to what he has done, you must be scrupulously careful as long as you are living away from your home. Remember, the ransom that was paid to free you from the useless way of life your ancestors handed down was not paid in anything corruptible, neither in silver nor gold, but in the precious blood of a lamb without spot or stain, namely Christ; who, though known since before the world was made, has been revealed only in our time, the end of the ages, for your sake. Through him you now have faith in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory for that very reason – so that you would have faith and hope in God. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

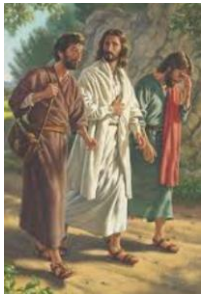
Alleluia, alleluia! Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak. Alleluia!

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GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 24:13-35)*

Two of the disciples of Jesus were on their way to a village called Emmaus, seven miles from Jerusalem, and they were talking together about all that had happened. Now as they talked this over, Jesus himself came up and walked by their side; but something prevented them from recognising him. He said to them, 'What matters are you discussing as you walk along?' They stopped short, their faces downcast. Then one of them, called Cleopas, answered him, 'You must be the only person staying in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have been happening there these last few days.' 'What things?' he asked. 'All about Jesus of Nazareth' they answered 'who proved he was a great prophet by the things he said and did in the sight of God and of the whole people; and how our chief priests and our leaders handed him over to be sentenced to death and had him crucified. Our own hope had been that he would be the one to set Israel free. And this is not all: two whole days have gone by since it all happened; and some women from our group have astounded us: they went to the tomb in the early morning, and when they did not find the body, they came back to tell us they had seen a vision of angels who declared he was alive. Some of our friends went to the tomb and found everything exactly as the women had reported, but of him they saw nothing.' Then he said to them, 'You foolish men! So slow to believe the full message of the prophets! Was it not ordained that the Christ should suffer and so enter his glory?' Then, starting with Moses and going through all the prophets, he explained to them the passages throughout the scriptures that were about himself. When they drew near to the village to which they were going, he made as if to go on; but they pressed him to stay with them. 'It is nearly evening' they said, 'and the day is almost over.' So he went in to stay with them. Now while he was with them at table, he took the bread and said the blessing; then he broke it and handed it to them. And their eyes were opened and they recognised him; but he had vanished from their sight. Then they said to each other, 'Did not our hearts burn within us as he talked to us on the road and explained the scriptures to us?' They set out that instant and returned to Jerusalem. There they found the Eleven assembled together with their companions, who said to them, 'Yes, it is true. The Lord has risen and has appeared to Simon.' Then they told their story of what had happened on the road and how they had recognised him at the breaking of bread.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.



GOSPEL REFLECTION: We should put ourselves in the shoes of the disciples in today's Gospel. Downcast and confused, they're making their way down the road, unable to understand all the things that have occurred. They know what they've seen a prophet mighty in word and deed. They know what they were hoping for that He would be the redeemer of Israel. But they don't know what to make of His violent death at the hands of their rulers. They can't even recognize Jesus as He draws near to walk with them. He seems like just another foreigner visiting Jerusalem for the Passover. Note that Jesus doesn't disclose His identity until they describe how they found His tomb empty but "Him they did not see." That's how it is with us, too. Unless He revealed Himself, we would see only an empty tomb and a meaningless death. How does Jesus make Himself known at Emmaus? First, He interprets "all the Scriptures" as referring to Him. In today's First Reading and Epistle, Peter also opens the Scriptures to proclaim the meaning of Christ's death according to the Father's "set plan" foreknown before the foundation of the world. Jesus is described as a new Moses and a new Passover lamb. He is the one of whom David sang in today's Psalm, whose soul was not abandoned to corruption but was shown the path of life. After opening the Scriptures, Jesus at table took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to the disciples exactly what He did at the Last Supper (see Luke 22:14–20). In every Eucharist, we reenact that Easter Sunday at Emmaus. Jesus reveals Himself to us in our journey. He speaks to our hearts in the Scriptures. Then at the table of the altar, in the person of the priest, He breaks the bread. The disciples begged Him, "Stay with us." So He does. Though He has vanished from our sight, in the Eucharist as at Emmaus we know Him in the breaking of the bread. **Scott Hahn**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use today's gospel acclamation as your prayer: '**Lord Jesus, open the Scriptures to us; make our hearts burn while you speak to us.**'

VOCATION VIEW: We can feel the Lord's call at the strangest places and times. The call can haunt us and pursue us until we say, "Lord, what will you have me do?"

RECENT DEATH: Antonino Battaglia, Mary Rigoni, Lino Scapin, Nguyen Kiêm Oanh, Heather Ball, Teresa Padilla, Ben Hale

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Manuel Cataquian, Jonathan and Charlotte Wijayarathne, Bartholomew & Mildred Ediriwickrema, Jan, Miecia and Zygyuch, Arnaldo DeMuri, Malcom and Trafford Egan, Antonina Manippa, Felicitas Cerdana

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, John Hassett, Julie Horkings, Anna, Lynne Worsley, Sheila Joseph

To add or renew names for the Prayer for the Sick, please complete a Mass offering envelope and return it to the parish office. Envelopes are available in the church brochure racks or at the parish office. Names will be kept on the list for two months.

REMINDER: Parishioners are asked to note that requests for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries, and similar intentions to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful must clearly indicate the date and time of the Mass you will be attending for the name to be mentioned. All requests must be received at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday afternoon, and Mass offering envelopes should be addressed to Administration. Envelopes are available in the church brochure racks or at the parish office

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

WEEKDAY LITURGY (20th to 25th April 2026)

Mon: 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy
Tues: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
Sat: **ANZAC DAY**
 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (25th and 26th April 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am Mass and 5.00pm
10.00am Mass at St. Michael - Little River
2.30pm South Sudanese Community Mass

ANZAC DAY



Next Saturday, 25th April 2026, we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in time of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. Today we dedicate ourselves to the cause of justice, freedom and peace, and for the wisdom and strength to build a better world.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) will be held on **Wednesday, 22nd April 2026 at 7.00pm in the Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street Werribee**. We are asking all Parish Groups to submit a report on year 2025 activities (one A4 page as a guideline) to be included in the AGM Booklet, as part of Parish accountability to one another. We are hoping to see at least two representatives of your group attending the AGM. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. *Fr. Albert*



A SYNOD IS NOT A PARLIAMENT - The Church is not a democracy where truth is decided by majority vote. A Synod is not about winning arguments or pushing agendas. Instead, it is a spiritual process of listening deeply—to God, to Scripture, to tradition, and to one another so that decisions are shaped by faith and mission, not ideology.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 20th to 27th April 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 25th / 26th Apr	Desiree Galea	John Hennessy	Lea Arida	Stealth D'Rosario	Peter Cullen
MUSIC 25th / 26th Apr	Joyful Voices	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Ensemble of Faih	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 25th / 26th Apr	Aroon Sequeira Wilson Monteiro Gerry Ilagan	Anna Obieta Alfred Obieta Kevin McGuane	Mary Nguyen Charles Emmanuel Rita Edemu	Katrina Gauci Graeme Roberts Dominic Thiep	Genni Douglas Nadia Richards Judy Andreson
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 20 Apr: M.H. Chong Mon 27 Apr: S. Raphael		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 20 Apr: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 24 Apr: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 20 Apr: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 19 Apr: C. Ilagan Sun 26 Apr: M. Galea		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 19 Apr: C. Ilagan Sun 26 Apr: S. Raphael		

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH – A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN - Join us for a beautiful and heartfelt gathering as we honour and give thanks for the incredible women in our lives, those who love, nurture, guide, and give so selflessly within their families and communities. **Saturday, 2nd May, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, St Andrew's Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee**. This special event is open to all women, whether you are a mother, a spiritual mother, longing to be a mother, grieving the loss of a mother or child, or simply someone who carries a motherly heart. You are seen, valued, and warmly invited. What to expect: • A time of prayer and reflection • A delicious, shared brunch • A creative bouquet-making activity to take home Come and be refreshed, encouraged, and surrounded by a community of women who walk alongside one another in faith and love. *Hosted by the Mary & Martha Women's Ministry "She is clothed with strength and dignity..." – Proverbs 31:25. We would love for you to join us. Bring a friend and celebrate together. BOOKINGS NOW OPEN.* <https://www.trybooking.com/DLHZQ>



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2026 - Next Sunday we celebrate Good Shepherd Sunday the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. During this coming week, perhaps you may like to make a prayer each day for more vocations to the priesthood and consecrated life. Perhaps there is a young person you may know to pray for by name this week.

MACKILLOP COLLEGE OPEN DAY - Thursday 30 April 2026 4.00pm – 6.30pm Final Tour at 5.45pm MacKillop College invites families to experience all that our college has to offer. Join us for a guided tour, meet our staff and students, and explore our facilities while learning more about life at MacKillop. For further information regarding the College please visit the College website: www.mackillop.vic.edu.au Enrolments for Year 7 2028 Applications close on Friday 14 August 2026



We're delighted to invite you to **Joseph's Corner's Special High Tea**, a celebration of hope, connection, and a new chapter in our journey... Enjoy an elegant afternoon of delicious treats, warm company, and inspiring conversation, all while helping families affected by addiction access the support they need, wherever they are. Your presence makes a difference - please join us for Tea, Talk, and Tangible impact. Event Details: Date: **Sunday 3 May 2026 Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm** Venue: Mount St. Joseph Girl's School, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona, 3018 Ticket Price: \$40 per person Buy your ticket using the link below or if you wish to pay at the door or email: hightea@josephscorner.org.au or phone Rob Quail on 0407687003

PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION SESSION - 2 MAY 2026

The annual May Information session has been scheduled. The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and the 50s, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. It is an opportunity to further discern your vocation. Wives most welcome. The session will be on Saturday morning, 2nd May and will be in person. If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but if you forget, then just turn up on Saturday morning. All are welcome.

Event Date: Saturday 2 May 2025 10.00am–11.30am

**Venue: Catholic Theological College
278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne**

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 Wednesday at 11.00am

Werribee Mercy Hospital

2nd Thursday at 2.30pm

Mercy Place Wyndham

3rd Tuesday at 11.00am

Acare Werribee

3rd Wednesday 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



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IS COMING TO MELTON - Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the intimacy alive. While the weekend is based around Catholic values, couples of all faiths are welcome. No group sharing is required. Come along and experience your special weekend at: St Dominic's Parish Melton When: June 26 – 28th 2026 Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday around 4:30pm

MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL – AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care. To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal



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

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