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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR A

20TH AND 21ST DECEMBER 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 7:10-14)*

The Lord spoke to Ahaz and said, 'Ask the Lord your God for a sign for yourself coming either from the depths of Sheol or from the heights above.' 'No', Ahaz answered 'I will not put the Lord to the test.' Then Isaiah said: 'Listen now, House of David: are you not satisfied with trying the patience of men without trying the patience of my God, too? The Lord himself, therefore, will give you a sign. It is this: the maiden is with child and will soon give birth to a son whom she will call Immanuel, a name which means "God-is-with-us".'

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 23:1-6*

Response: *Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.*

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness, the world and all its peoples. It is he who set it on the seas; on the waters he made it firm.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord? Who shall stand in his holy place? The man with clean hands and pure heart, who desires not worthless things.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord and reward from the God who saves him. Such are the men who seek him, seek the face of the God of Jacob.

Response: *Let the Lord enter; he is king of glory.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 1:1-7)*

From Paul, a servant of Christ Jesus who has been called to be an apostle and specially chosen to preach the Good News that God promised long ago through his prophets in the scriptures. This news is about the Son of God, who, according to the human nature he took, was a descendant of David: it is about Jesus Christ our Lord who, in the order of the spirit, the spirit of holiness that was in him, was proclaimed Son of God in all his power through his resurrection from the dead. Through him we received grace and our apostolic mission to preach the obedience of faith to all pagan nations in honour of his name. You are one of these nations, and by his call belong to Jesus Christ. To you all, then, who are God's beloved in Rome, called to be saints, may God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ send grace and peace.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 1:18-24)*

This is how Jesus Christ came to be born. His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph; but before they came to live together, she was found to be with child through the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a man of honour and wanting to spare her publicity, decided to divorce her informally. He had made up his mind to do this when the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary home as your wife, because she has conceived what is in her by the Holy Spirit. She will give birth to a son, and you must name him Jesus, because he is the one who is to save his people from their sins.' Now all this took place to fulfil the words spoken by the Lord through the prophet: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and they will call him Emmanuel, a name which means 'God-is-with-us'. When Joseph woke up he did what the angel of the Lord had told him to do: he took his wife to his home.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

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



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed (see Romans 16:25–26). This is the “Gospel of God” that Paul celebrates in today’s Epistle the good news that “God is with us” in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today’s First Reading is given in today’s Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a savior from David’s royal line (see Acts 13:22–23).

Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit (see Acts 10:38), and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God’s right hand in the heavens (see Acts 2:33–34; Ephesians 1:20–21). He is the “King of Glory” we sing of in today’s Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end (see Psalm 89:4–5). In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord (see Genesis 1:2). In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now “the beloved of God.” All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter the House of David and kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob. He has made our hearts clean; He has made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him. In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child God with us continues until the end of the age (see Matthew 28:20; Ezekiel 37:24–28). **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Learn by heart and pray often one of the most loved prayers of the Church, the Hail Mary: ‘*Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.*

VOCATION VIEW: Vocations from God are not always clear. Not all of us are like Joseph who had an angel appear to him saying: “Take Mary as your wife, and fear not.”

RECENT DEATH: Alvira Berton

ANNIVERSARY: Medin Cataquian, Adelino Salvalaggio, Danilo Favaro, Stella Martini, Irene Villamora Neri, Bartolo Cicero

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, Italo Tautunu, Alfredo Landicho Manicad

WEEKDAY LITURGY (22nd to 27th December 2025)

Mon: 9.00am Mass Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tues: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 9.00am Mass

Christmas Eve Mass

5.00pm Carols

5.30pm Children’s Mass

7.30pm Carols

8.00pm Family Mass

11.30pm Carols

12.00 midnight Mass

Thurs: **Christmas Day Mass**

9.00am Mass

11.00am Mass

10.00am Mass at St. Michael – Little River

Fri: 9.00am Mass

Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (27th and 28th December 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5pm Mass

ST VINCENT DE PAUL THANK YOU



The Werribee Conference of the St Vincent de Paul Society would like to sincerely thank all members of the St Andrew’s Parish community for their generous support of the Christmas Appeal collection at Masses in early December which raised \$2,200. Contributions to hampers distributed to households during December is also very much appreciated and gratefully received by companions who call on the Society in their time of need. May you have a joyous Christmas and abundant blessings in 2026.

MASSES FOR NEW YEAR

Wednesday, 31st December 2025



- 9.00am Mass

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

Thursday, 1st January 2026



- 10.00am Mass Solemnity of Mary Mother of God and Beginning of the New Year

CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE BROCHURE RACKS AND ON THE PEWS IN THE CHURCH.

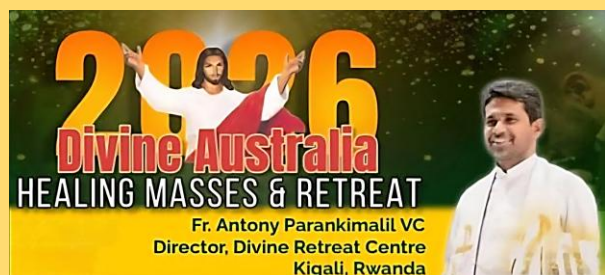
PARISH OFFICE HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS TIME - Parish Office will close for Christmas on Wednesday, 24th December 2025 and re-open on Tuesday, 6th January 2026 at 9am

CHRISTMAS TIMETABLE FOR THIS YEAR 2025 ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE BROCHURE RACKS AND IN THE FOYER.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 21st to 29th December 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 27 th / 28 th Dec	Josephine Fernando	Lillian Jilbert	Stella Onos	Natasha Krishnakumar	Stephen Hart
MUSIC 27 th / 28 th Dec	Joyful Voice Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Ensemble of Faith	Volunteer
Communion Minister 27 th / 28 th Dec	Reuben Charles Anson John Desiree Galea	Jude Disanayaka Anna Obieta Nimal Pandithakoralege	Nelly Bautista Mary Nguyen Ana Balanza	Cora Demate Dominic Thiep Michelle Calafiore	Nadia Richards Maria Parba Katerine Canet
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 22 Dec: C. Ilagan Mon 29 Dec: M. H. Chong		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 22 Dec: Z. Prasad Fri 29 Dec: P. Palamara Mon 22 Dec: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 21 Dec: C. Demate Sun 28 Dec: J. Francisco		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 21 Dec: G. Ilagan Sun 28 Dec: N. George		

PARISH ROSTERS FOR 2026 - If you are currently on one of our rosters for Reading, Music, Church Cleaning/Vacuuming, Altar Cloths, Communion Service, etc. and **DO NOT WISH to continue** on the new roster for 2026, please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible, so you can be removed from the new rosters. If we don't hear from you, we assume you are happy to continue on the roster. Thank you for your continued commitment and assistance in this matter. We are also looking for ***new people to join our cleaning and vacuuming roster***, if you can spare an hour or two, we would love to hear from you! Please call the Parish Office on 9741 4144, Tuesday to Friday from 9am to 4pm.



17th January 2026
9.00am to 5.00pm
Our Lady of Southern Cross Primary School
2 - 20 Howqua Way
Wyndham Vale

For more information contact
Ralph - 0425 797 355
Nicola - 0410 423 350



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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 year 2025 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 Friday, 13th February 2026. 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.

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

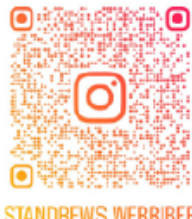
HOME BASED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM (HBRE) AT ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE

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. *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. *Thank you - Benita*

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CARITAS AUSTRALIA: *Be a light in the darkness for families facing adversity this Christmas.*

This Christmas, we are inviting Australians to "be a light in the darkness" for families who are living through the trauma of war, displacement, and poverty. The intensity of the conflict in Ukraine has increased and more people are experiencing displacement and poverty. But with your support, we can bring hope to these families. Our partner, Caritas Ukraine are on the ground working hard to prepare food kits, emergency shelter kits and psychosocial assistance to families facing adversity.

Donate today at <https://www.caritas.org.au/christmas-appeal/be-the-light-in-darkness/>



CELEBRATING THE CLOSURE OF JUBILEE 2025 - Join us as we celebrate the closure of the Jubilee Year! Sunday 28th December 2025 10.00am–12.00pm at Our Lady of Lavang Shrine, 225 Hutton Road Keysborough. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli will be leading Mass at Our Lady of Lavang Shrine. Mass will also be celebrated in Vietnamese. Tea and coffee will be provided afterwards.

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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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