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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
Fr. Martin Adichilamackal
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Rev. Deacon William Daw

Pastoral Worker

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Benita Ediriwickrema

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PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary School

– Ph. 9741 3686
Principal: Melissa
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Principal: Joanne Webster

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Southern Cross Primary

School – Ph. 9974 8500
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Principal: Simon Dundon

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8742 3381
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Principal: Chris Caldwell

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Ph. 8734 2444
Principal: Rose Connolly

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 29TH AND 30TH AUGUST 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 prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 20:7-9)

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be seduced; you have overpowered me: you were the stronger. I am a daily laughingstock, everybody's butt. Each time I speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim: 'Violence and ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult, derision, all day long. I used to say, I will not think about him, I will not speak in his name anymore. Then there seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear it.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 62:2-6. 8-9

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long; for you my soul is thirsting. My body pines for you like a dry, weary land without water.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary to see your strength and your glory. For your love is better than life, my lips will speak your praise.

So I will bless you all my life, in your name I will lift up my hands. My soul shall be filled as with a banquet, my mouth shall praise you with joy.

For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 12:1-2)

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the world around you, but let your behaviour change, modelled by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants, what is the perfect thing to do. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

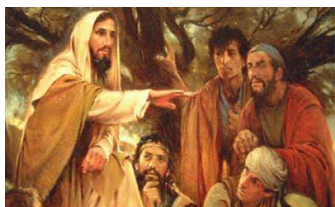
Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 16:21-27)

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven preserve you, Lord,' he said. 'This must not happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not God's way but man's.' Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in exchange for his life? 'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward each one according to his behaviour.'

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: Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach. But God does not deceive and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just (see Jeremiah 20:11–12) and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see Hebrews 12:5–7). What Jeremiah learns is what Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself, your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His Gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies our whole beings as living sacrifices to God. By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have. God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship, giving our lives to the service of His will (see Hebrews 10:3–11; Psalm 50:14, 23). Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This is our natural temptation, as well: to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan. That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds to think as God thinks, to will what He wills. In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see Hebrews 13:15). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet our souls will be satisfied. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Throughout this week, recite a verse from today's psalm (62:8–9): ***For you have been my help; in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.***

VOCATION VIEW: Don't run away from what you are called to be. Christians take the less travelled road. "What does it profit us if we gain the whole world but ruin ourselves in the process?"

RECENT DEATH: Lorenzo Azzopardi, John Fastuca, Domenica Sortino, Vilma Aruliah, Elizabeth (Beth) Strahan

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Rowena Ilagan, Charlie Bonanno, Johnny Bonanno, Sally Tan Siew Mee, Antonia Cardeño, Julito Cardeño, Elmena Lamela, Mate and Helena Matesin, Augustin and Marija Jerkovic, Lauren Jerkovic, Nikolaus Innerhofer, Edward Messina, Edna Domingo, Daniel and Patricia Snaize, Melinda Houston, Kerry Marsden

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, John Hassett, Julie Horkings, Anna, Lynne Worsley, Rafael, Janet, Vlad, Mark, Sweetie and Gail D'Monte, Leanne Bell, Antonio Tejero, Mary Therese Donaghy, Rustico Socorrin, Bitaya Hikolo 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

WEEKDAY LITURGY (31st Aug. to 5th Sept. 2026)

Mon: 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy
Tues: 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Novena to St. Anthony at Penola Hub
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (5th and 6th September 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Mass
5.00pm Karenni Community Mass – Penola

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



SYNODALITY IS A CONVERSION

True synodality requires conversion of hearts, attitudes, and sometimes structures. It asks us to let go of habits that no longer serve the mission.

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

St. Andrew Sculpture

We are asking financial support for the preservation St. Andrew's statue.

Current:



Recovering, renovating and installing the statue of St. Andrew's as at present which cost us \$19,850.

Proposed:



Many parishioners have suggested to have the installation as in the photo about elevating the statue and safeguarding it. Cost for this project will be \$10,600

REPAIRS AND REPAINTING OF OUR SACRED STATUES



Dear Brothers and Sister. We continue our work of repairing, renovating and repainting our sacred statues. You can see in these pictures the statue of the Sacred Heart outside and our Lady's statue inside been done beautifully. We thank the parishioners who have donated towards this work and welcome others who would like to contribute.

FUND NEEDED FOR REPAIRS & RENOVATION

1 SACRED HEART STATUE	2695	- 35,000
2 STATUE OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	350	- 30,000
3 ST. JOSEPH'S STATUE	650	- 25,000
4 ST. ANTHONY'S STATUE	700	- 20,000
5 ST. RITA'S STATUE	330	- 15,000
6 ST. ANDREW'S CARVING	19850	- 10,000
7 CRUCIFIX FOR THE NEW CHURCH	3600	- 5,000
8 ELEVATION OF THE CARVING	10600	
TOTAL	38775	
FUND RAISED	6665	
38775-6665=32110		
TOTAL TO BE RAISED	32110	



NATIONAL YOUTH CONFERENCE CHOSEN 2026, JESUS YOUTH VICTORIA

invites you to 'CALLED'

"I have called you by name, You are mine." Isaiah 43:1

FRIDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER | 6-8:30PM
St Peter Apostle Mission Parish,
38 Guinane Avenue, Hoppers Crossing

Join us for a fun night of games, testimonies, inspiring talks, music and fellowship.



ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 30th August 2026 to 7th September 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 5 th / 6 th Sept.	Gerry Ilagan Josephine Fernando	Laura Chamberlain John Hennessy	Rose Chu Edna Silva	Titus Lizardo Anthony Acciarito	Nadia Richards Neha Cherlau
MUSIC 5 th / 6 th Sept.	St. Andrew's Youth (Boys & Girls) Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Sariling Tinig Choir	Ensemble of Faith	King Jesus Choir
Communion Minister 5 th / 6 th Sept.	Anson John Rhea Fernandes Reuben Charles	Lillian Jilbert Nimal Pandithakoralege Dominic Fernandes	Stella Onos	Stealth D'Rosario Grace Iaria Dennis Vanspall	Maria Parba Sindhu Moreira Genni Douglas
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 31 Aug: M. H. Chong Mon 7 Sept: S. Raphael		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 31 Aug: Z. Prasad Fri 4 Sept: S. Hadgie Mon 31 Aug: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 30 Aug: C. Ilagan Sun 6 Sept: C. Demate		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 30 Aug: S. Raphael Sun 6 Sept: A. Senivayopu		

A STRUCTURED COURSE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING

**'CONFIDENCE BUILDING: BE
HEARD AND UNDERSTOOD WITH
CLARITY AND INTEREST.'**

COURSE DETAILS

-  DURATION: 10-WEEK PROGRAM
-  STARTS: 19TH OF AUGUST
-  DAY: EVERY WEDNESDAY
-  TIME: 7.00PM TILL 8.30PM
-  LOCATION: PENOLA HUB, 33 MORTIMER STREET, WERRIBEE

PROGRAM NOTES

-  ALL AGES WELCOME
-  ONLY \$30.00 FOR THE ENTIRE PROGRAM

REGISTRATION

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BY MESSAGING DUNCAN RAO



SCAN TO REGISTER

OR CONTACT:

[0414 947 567]

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THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We meet every Tuesday at 1pm - 2:30pm in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer St. Werribee to praise and worship the Lord, share scripture and pray to the Holy Spirit for our needs and the needs of others. We conclude with weekly fellowship. All are welcome! Susanne - 0438 372 952

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO

- ricorda che il nostro gruppo di preghiera continua ogni Mercoledì dalle ore 10am alle 12.00pm nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Tutti benvenuti.

PEONIES CRAFT GROUP

- It is a friendly group, which meets every Thursday at 10.00am until mid-day at the Penola Hub. We meet for companionship, having a cup of tea or coffee together and sewing, knitting, crochet or whatever craft each person likes to do. Sometimes we just come along to meet with our friends. We welcome all ages

DIVINE MERCY GROUP - is on every Friday, after the 9am Mass in the church. Everyone is welcome to join.

LA SACRA FAMIGLIA - si riunirà 28/08 7.00pm. unisciti a noi per risvegliare lo Spirito della Comunità italiana Penola Hun 33 Mortimer Street Werribee

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE - The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting: *Tuesday, 22 September 2026 beginning 19:00 – 20:00 Location: via ZOOM.* Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

Live Your Best Life in Love... A Marriage Encounter weekend is a gift for every married couple and priest. Every married couple and priest deserve to experience this very special weekend. Time-out to focus on your most precious relationships. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep it alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. We have just one weekend remained for 2026 - don't miss this opportunity to nurture your most precious relationship. **Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: November 6-8th, 2026 St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South.** Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.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. *St. Andrew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.*

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