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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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PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary

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Principal: Melissa
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Principal: Joanne Webster

Our Lady of the

Southern Cross Primary

School – Ph. 9974 8500

Principal: Justin Hilton

St. John the Apostle PS

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Principal: Simon Dundon

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Principal: Troy Rickard

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Principal: Chris Caldow

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Principal: Rose Connolly

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A, 11TH AND 12TH 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 2:42-47)*

The whole community remained faithful to the teaching of the apostles, to the brotherhood, to the breaking of bread and to the prayers. The many miracles and signs worked through the apostles made a deep impression on everyone. The faithful all lived together and owned everything in common; they sold their goods and possessions and shared out the proceeds among themselves according to what each one needed. They went as a body to the Temple every day but met in their houses for the breaking of bread; they shared their food gladly and generously; they praised God and were looked up to by everyone. Day by day the Lord added to their community those destined to be saved. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 117:2-4. 13-15. 22-24*

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.'

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper. The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour. There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad.

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING: *A reading from the first letter of St Peter (1 Peter 1:3-9)*

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who in his great mercy has given us a new birth as his sons, by raising Jesus Christ from the dead, so that we have a sure hope and the promise of an inheritance that can never be spoilt or soiled and never fade away, because it is being kept for you in the heavens. Through your faith, God's power will guard you until the salvation which has been prepared is revealed at the end of time. This is a cause of great joy for you, even though you may for a short time have to bear being plagued by all sorts of trials; so that, when Jesus Christ is revealed, your faith will have been tested and proved like gold only it is more precious than gold, which is corruptible even though it bears testing by fire and then you will have praise and glory and honour. You did not see him, yet you love him; and still without seeing him, you are already filled with a joy so glorious that it cannot be described, because you believe; and you are sure of the end to which your faith looks forward, that is, the salvation of your souls. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me but still believe! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 20:19-31)*

In the evening of that same day, the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you,' and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. When the disciples said, 'We have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless I see the holes that the nails made in his hands and can put my finger into the holes they made, and unless I can put my hand into his side, I refuse to believe.' Eight days later the disciples were in the house again and Thomas was with them. The doors were closed, but Jesus came in and stood among them. 'Peace be with you' he said. Then he spoke to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here are my hands. Give me your hand; put it into my side. Doubt no longer but believe.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him: 'You believe because you can see me. Happy are those who have not seen and yet believe.' There were many other signs that Jesus worked and the disciples saw, but they are not recorded in this book. These are recorded so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing this you may have life through his name. **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: We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Epistle. Today's First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God (see 1 Peter 4:17). We see them doing what we still do devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread." The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst; He showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission: to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them. We must walk by faith and not by sight we must believe and love what we have not seen (see 2 Corinthians 5:7). Yet, the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on. Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass. Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, and receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God. Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people (see Hosea 2:25). This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (see Revelation 4:11). And in every Mass on earth, we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed. In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in today's Psalm. This is the day the Lord has made when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes. **Scott Hahn**

PRAYER AT HOME: Repeat Thomas' great acclamation of faith often: **"My Lord and my God."**

VOCATION VIEW: It is only through people like you that others will be able to say: "We have seen the Lord." With the resurrection to empower you and with Jesus to lure you, you too can inspire others who have not seen to believe.

RECENT DEATH: Gabriele Wanger (Germany, sister of Birgit Minness), Margaret Boccolatte, Maria Zaida Lopez

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Margarita Delos Reyes, Romeo Moso, Ernesto (Ernie) Acciarito, Elazabeth Violet, Melingui Andela Marie Angel, Rohan Fernando, Mary Pallandini, Giovanni Guzzardi, Luci Abela

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

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

TAKE AWAY SHEET VIA EMAIL – Due to some technical issue, we are unable to send Take Away Sheet via email for the past 3 weeks. You can access the Take Away Sheet through our website: www.melbatholic.org/s/werribee Once the issue is resolved, we will start sending Take Away Sheet to your email. We apologise for the inconvenience. Thank you for your patience and understanding..

WEEKDAY LITURGY (13th to 18 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
6.30pm Rosary, Praise and Worship, Healing Mass and Adoration
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (18th and 19th April 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am Mass and 5.00pm
10.00am Wyndham Vale Community Mass at Our Lady of Southern Cross Primary School

A BIG
Thank
YOU

We would like to say a Big Thank You to everyone who contributed and helped to make Holy Week Celebration a sacred, safe and successful – Working Bee Team, Altar Servers and Youth Group, Readers, Communion Ministers, Choirs, Sacristans, Church Cleaners, Flower Arrangers, Technicians, Traffic Marshalls and all those who participated in the Annual Ecumenical Station of the Cross. Also, thank you to those who catered and helped in the fellowship after the Station of the Cross. **Fr. Albert.**

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

Healing Mass
with Divine Australia
17 APR 2026
Friday

ROSARY PRAISE & WORSHIP
6:30 - 7:00 PM

HOLY MASS
7:00 - 8:00 PM

ADORATION
8:00 - 8:30 PM

Everyone is welcome.
Let us pray for healing together.

St. Andrew's Church, Werribee

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) will be held on Thursday, 23rd 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. To enable the Parish Office staff to collate the reports and produce the booklet, **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR GROUP'S REPORT NO LATER THAN Friday, 17th April 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.



SYNODALITY IS NOT NEW: Synodality is not a modern invention. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians gathered to pray, listen, and discern together. In the Acts of the Apostles, the Church faced difficult questions and resolved them not through power struggles, but through prayer, dialogue, and trust in the Holy Spirit.

WYNDHAM VALE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Incorporating Manor Lakes, Bluestone, Harpley, Jubilee, Mambourin

Community Mass

SUNDAY | APR
19
10:00 AM

All welcome.
Mass will be followed by fellowship.
Please bring a plate to share if you can.

OUR LADY OF SOUTHERN CROSS
2/20 HOWQUA WAY, MANOR LAKES VIC 3024

CARITAS AUSTRALIA LEBANON EMERGENCY APPEAL

Lebanon is facing one of its most severe humanitarian crises in years, as a sudden surge in violence and mass evacuation orders force families to flee with nothing. Within 24 hours, Caritas Lebanon reported 667,831 newly displaced people seeking safety. Despite the volatile environment, Caritas Lebanon teams are operating across seven governorates, delivering food, essential items, healthcare, psychosocial support, water and hygiene assistance, and protection services. Let us stand in solidarity with our partners in Lebanon. Learn more or make a donation today at

www.caritas.org.au/lebanon



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

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 12TH and 20TH April 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 18 th / 19 th Apr	Josephine Fernando	Red Dubier	Olivia Ochi	Katrina Gauci	Young Adult Group
MUSIC 18 th / 19 th Apr	St. Philomena's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Joseph the Dreamer Choir	Young Adult Group
Communion Minister 18 th / 19 th Apr	Wilson Monteiro Gerry Ilagan	Alfred Obieta Kevin McGuane Laura Chamberlain	Charles Emmanuel Rita Edemu Stella Onos	Graeme Roberts Dominic Thiep Eric Demate	Nadia Richards Judy Andreson Sindhu Moreira
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 13 Apr: C. Ilagan Mon 20 Apr: M.H. Chong		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 13 Apr: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 17 Apr: A. Majok, N. Deng Mon 13 Apr: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 12 Apr: O. Lesoa Sun 19 Apr: C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 12 Apr: C. Ilagan Sun 19 Apr: C. Ilagan		

EL SHADDAI PRAYER GROUP - We meet every Tuesday at 1.00pm - 2.30pm in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, 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 and cultures. Please contact the Parish office for further details.

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

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

A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND is a gift for every married couple. Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. Our next weekend is just a few weeks away. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:

April 24 - 26th, St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. November 6 - 8th 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



ANCHORED - Helping Kids Thrive: Developmental Changes and Digital Wellbeing - Tuesday 28 April 2026, 7pm-8pm Online. Facilitated by Real Talk, this practical and faith-centred webinar will help parents and caregivers of children aged 12 and under better understand key stages of childhood and adolescence, set healthy digital boundaries and respond with confidence and care. Register now.

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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