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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

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A **7TH AND 8TH FEBRUARY 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 Isaiah (Isaiah 58:7-10)*

Thus says the Lord: Share your bread with the hungry, and shelter the homeless poor, clothe the man you see to be naked and turn not from your own kin. Then will your light shine like the dawn and your wound be quickly healed over. Your integrity will go before you and the glory of the Lord behind you. Cry, and the Lord will answer; call, and he will say, 'I am here.' If you do away with the yoke, the clenched fist, the wicked word, if you give your bread to the hungry, and relief to the oppressed, your light will rise in the darkness, and your shadows become like noon.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 111:4-9

Response: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright: he is generous, merciful and just. The good man takes pity and lends; he conducts his affairs with honour.

The just man will never waver he will be remembered for ever. He has no fear of evil news; with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord.

With a steadfast heart he will not fear; open-handed, he gives to the poor; his justice stands firm for ever. His head will be raised in glory.

Response: A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

SECOND READING: *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 2:1-5)*

When I came to you, brothers, it was not with any show of oratory or philosophy, but simply to tell you what God had guaranteed. During my stay with you, the only knowledge I claimed to have was about Jesus, and only about him as the crucified Christ. Far from relying on any power of my own, I came among you in great 'fear and trembling' and in my speeches and the sermons that I gave, there were none of the arguments that belong to philosophy; only a demonstration of the power of the Spirit. And I did this so that your faith should not depend on human philosophy but on the power of God.

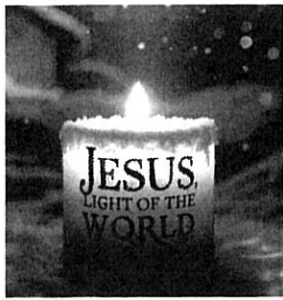
THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 5:13-16)
Jesus said to his disciples: 'You are the salt of the earth. But if salt becomes tasteless, what can make it salty again? It is good for nothing and can only be thrown out to be trampled underfoot by men. 'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill-top cannot be hidden. No one lights a lamp to put it under a tub; they put it on the lampstand where it shines for everyone in the house. In the same way your light must shine in the sight of men, so that, seeing your good works, they may give the praise to your Father in heaven.'

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world. As His disciples, we too are called to be "the light of the world," He tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see John 1:4-4, 9; 8:12; 9:5). All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel. God forever aligned His kingdom with the kingdom of David and his sons by a "covenant of salt," salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see 2 Chronicles 13:5, 8; Leviticus 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24). Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations toward the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see Isaiah 2:2; 60:1-3). And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 42:6; 49:6). The liturgy shows us this week that the Church,

and every Christian, is called to fulfill Israel's mission. By our faith and good works, we are to make the light of God's life break forth in the darkness, as we sing in this week's Psalm. This week's readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket. We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God's mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved. There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbors and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel. So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives "Christ, and him crucified." **Scott Hanhs**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use a candle this week each time you pray. Use an adaptation of the gospel acclamation: *I am the light of the world, says the Lord; the one who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia!*

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus speaks on Vocations: "You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world. Your light must shine before people so that they may see your goodness in your acts, giving praise to your heavenly Father."

RECENT DEATH: Antonino Squadrito, Delia Flores Fabreag, Mafalda Romano, Juliet Tejero, Annalee Nabua, Isetta Trinca Dalto (Bavaria, Italy), Rosa Guerrero

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Avelina Ison-Nunez, Lucina Malabanan-Napiza, Saviour Galea, Rohan Fernando, All the deceased members of Gottardo family, Mel Family, Baccichet Family and Brunato Family, Ernesto Di Marchi, Agata (Tina) Ravaneschi, Giuseppe and Vitina D' Abaco

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege

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 Sunday Bulletin 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 (9th / 14th February 2026)

Mon: 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy

Tues: 9.00am Mass
9.00am Mass

Wed: *Feast of our Lady of Lourdes*
9.00am Mass
7.00pm Rosary followed by Mass

Thurs: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass

Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (14th and 15th February 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5pm Mass
10.00am Wyndham Vale Community Mass at
Our Lady of Southern Cross Primary School

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.



WELCOME to St. Andrew's Parish



Fr. Martin Adichilamackal
Assistant Priest

Fr. Martin Adichilamackal has joined us as our new Assistant Priest.

He celebrated his Silver Jubilee of Priesthood last year and has recently returned from his sabbatical leave. All parishioners are invited to welcome him at the fellowship to be held after the 11.00am Mass on the presbytery veranda.



REGISTER
NOW



St Andrew's Catholic Primary School Werribee

2027 FAMILY INFORMATION NIGHT
25th February 2026 at 6pm

SCHOOL TOURS

10th & 17th March 2026 at 9:15am
Please register via QR Code.
See flyers on the notice board.

THE YEAR OF ST FRANCIS



WITH BROTHER
STEPHEN JOHN
OFM CAP



Join our youth & young adults
for a combined pizza party
celebration as we begin the
Year of St Francis in 2026!

WHO: Grade 6 to 17yrs PLUS 18-25yrs

WHEN: Sunday 8th February - 5pm Mass, 6.15pm
Prayer, Talk & Dinner

WHERE: 33 Mortimer St, Werribee



What's the meaning of life?
Who is God?
What if?



STAY CURIOUS

Come & See!

Alpha is a safe space
to ask questions, share doubts
& grow with others.

Starts March 5 7:00 PM
Penola Community Hub

Gather for a meal, video &
conversation.

Open to all! Check the link:
bit.ly/AlphaWerribeeInvite

Email Us:
Alpha.StAndrews.Parish@gmail.com

St Valentine and the Theology of the Body

with Lawrence Kai



Love, Intimacy & Desire – A Practical Intro to the Theology of the Body

Lawrence Kai is the host of the internationally renowned
Catholic podcast *The Myth Pilgrim* and the founder of
Shepherd's Heart. He works today as a Spiritual Director,
Catholic Life Coach and speaker, with a zeal to serve the
Lord with warmth and clarity. In 2025, he completed two
units with the Theology of the Body Institute.

St Andrew's Young Adults

WHO: Ages 18-25

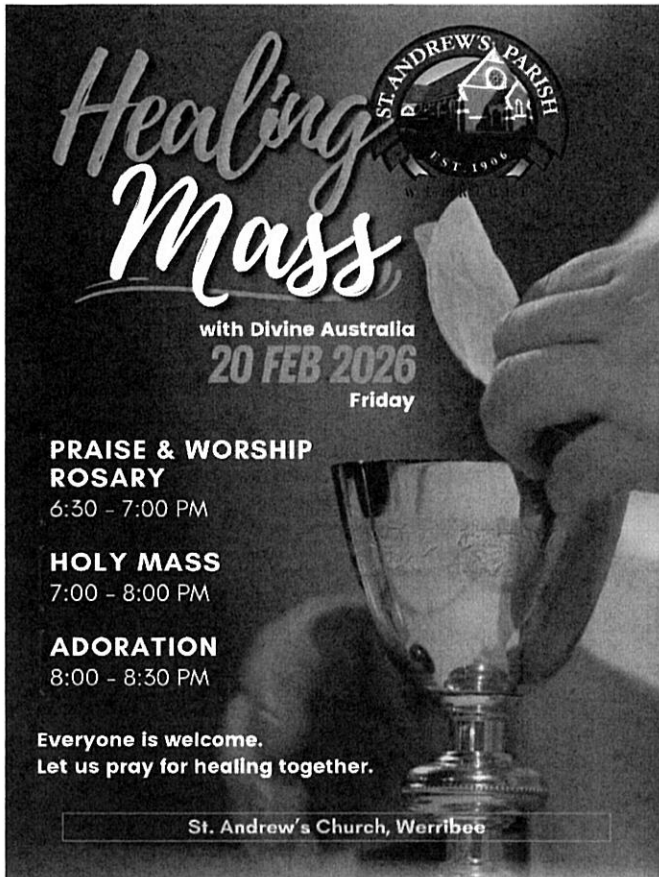
WHEN: Sunday 15th February
5pm Mass, 6.15pm Talk & Dinner

WHERE: The Penola Hub - 33
Mortimer Street, Werribee

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 8th to 16th February 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 14 th /15 th Feb	Rajeev Kondanara	John Hennessy	Franklin and Alex Ochi	Anthony Acciarito	Youth Group
MUSIC 14 th /15 th Feb	St. Carlo's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Joseph the Dreamer Choir	St. Andrew's Youth Group
Communion Minister 14 th /15 th Feb	Thiloshini Perera Philo Fernandes Aroon Sequeira	Laura Chamberlain Peter Walters David Cox	Charles Emmanuel Rita Edemu Stella Onos	Sheridan Fevaleaki Katrina Gauci Graeme Roberts	Maria Parba Susanne Sweeny Sindhu Moreira
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 9 Feb: C. Ilagan Mon 16 Feb: S. Raphael		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 9 Feb: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 13 Feb: A. Majok, N. Deng Mon 9 Feb: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 8 Feb: M. Galea Sun 15 Feb: C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 8 Feb: S. Anandamma Sun 15 Feb: Volunteer		

OUR LADY'S STATUE – Roster for our Lady's Statue for 2026 is now available in the Foyer. If you would like to have the statue at your home, please fill in the Roster Sheet or call the Parish Office on 9741 4144. Thank you



Healing Mass
with Divine Australia
20 FEB 2026
Friday

**PRAISE & WORSHIP
ROSARY**
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

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

Manor Court Werribee Aged Care

4th Thursday at 10.30am

St. Vincent's Aged Care

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday at 2.00pm

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

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

Join Us for **MARY & MARTHA – A WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING!** Ladies, you are warmly invited to our Mary & Martha Women's Ministry meeting. This is a time to step away from the busyness of life and enter into a space of faith, fellowship, and renewal. Just as Mary sat at the feet of Jesus and Martha served with love, we come together to grow in our faith and support one another in our unique callings. Whether you're seeking spiritual nourishment, meaningful friendships, or simply a place to belong, Mary & Martha is where hearts are lifted, burdens are shared, and God's grace abounds. 📅 **When:** Tuesday, 10th Feb 2026, 7 pm, 📍 **Where:** Penola Hub 🙌 All women are welcome! Let's journey in faith together—see you there!

LENTEN RETREAT 2026 - Is Lent changing you OR Just your diet? Join us at St. Peter's to explore From Lent to Life – Walking the Way of Faith with Fr. Elio Capra SDB, Salesians of Don Bosco Priest and Lecturer at Catholic Theological College, Melbourne. Saturday, 21st February, 9:30am to 3:00pm in the Parish Hall. Cost \$20 (includes morning tea, lunch, Lenten gift bag). Please register using the QR code or fill in the form at <https://forms.gle/YWTZk5GQEYHS9jMF9> Enquiries please call the Parish office on 97494300



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.

f 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.