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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A – 28TH FEBRUARY AND 1ST MARCH 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 book of Genesis (Genesis 12:1-4)*

The Lord said to Abram, 'Leave your country, your family and your father's house, for the land I will show you. I will make you a great nation; I will bless you and make your name so famous that it will be used as a blessing. 'I will bless those who bless you: I will curse those who slight you. All the tribes of the earth shall bless themselves by you.' So Abram went as the Lord told him. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 32:4-5. 18-20. 22*

Response: *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Response: *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy (2 Timothy 1:8-10)*

With me, bear the hardships for the sake of the Good News, relying on the power of God who has saved us and called us to be holy – not because of anything we ourselves have done but for his own purpose and by his own grace. This grace had already been granted to us, in Christ Jesus, before the beginning of time, but it has only been revealed by the Appearing of our saviour Christ Jesus. He abolished death, and he has proclaimed life and immortality through the Good News.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

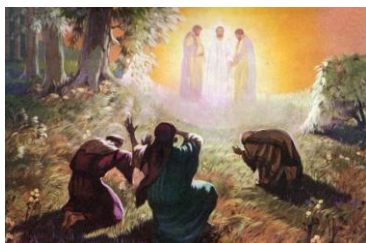
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 17:1-9)*

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone. There in their presence he was transfigured; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became as white as the light. Suddenly Moses and Elijah appeared to them; they were talking with him. Then Peter spoke to Jesus. 'Lord,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He was still speaking when suddenly a bright cloud covered them with shadow, and from the cloud there came a voice which said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; he enjoys my favour. Listen to him.' When they heard this, the disciples fell on their faces, overcome with fear. But Jesus came up and touched them. 'Stand up,' he said 'do not be afraid.' And when they raised their eyes they saw no one but only Jesus. As they came down from the mountain Jesus gave them this order. 'Tell no one about the vision until the Son of Man has risen from the dead.' **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 Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses. Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God's presence. He too spoke with God, and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter (see Exodus 24, 34). But in today's Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today's Epistle calls God's "design from before time began." With His promises to Abram in today's First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal Himself and

bestow His blessings on all humanity. He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be the father of a host of nations (see Genesis 17:5). In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham, He raised up Moses (see Exodus 2:24; 3:8) and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons (see Jeremiah 33:26). In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills His divine plan from of old. Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David (see Genesis 22:15–18; Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:1). Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 18), and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well pleased (see Isaiah 42:1). Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today. By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham (see Galatians 3:7–9; Acts 3:25). He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised. We know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death. So like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: "Listen to Him!" **Scott Hahn**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use today's response to the psalm as your prayer this week: '**Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.**'

VOCATION VIEW: The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.

RECENT DEATH: Theo George, Salvatore Pante

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Marie Cairns (8am), Rogelio Camacho (8am), Mario Sammartino (11am)

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan, John Hassett, Julie Horkings

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 (2nd to 7th March 2026)

Mon: Communion Service with Liturgy
Tues: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
 7.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (7th and 8th March 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5pm Mass
 2.00pm Burmese Community Mass

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

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS!!!



There will be a training for all Altar Servers on Friday, 13th March 2026 at 8.00pm in the Church to serve on Holy Week Masses. Parents please encourage your child/children to this great opportunity to serve the Lord at the altar. Only those who attend will be rostered for Holy Week Masses. New Altar Servers (those who have received their First Holy Communion) are welcome to join. Thank you and see you all there. Fr. Albert and Fr. Martin

KEY SESSION DATES, 2026

Mar 05 Is there more to life than this?
 Mar 12 Who is Jesus?
 Mar 19 Why Did Jesus Die?
 Mar 26 How Can I Have Faith?
 Apr 09 Why and How Do I Pray?
 School Holiday: Apr 03 - 17
 Apr 23 Why & How Should I Read the Bible?
 Apr 30 How Does God Guide Us?
 May 02 Alpha Weekend Retreat
 May 07 How Can I Resist Evil?
 May 14 Why & How Should I Tell Others?
 May 21 Does God Heal Today?
 May 28 What About The Church?

Alpha Program will run Thursdays,
 7 to 9 PM.

Sessions are **FREE**
 Includes meal,
 video and
 conversations.



Scan the QR Code
 or register via the link below now!
<https://bit.ly/AlphaWerribeeInvite>

Alpha

You are invited to

COME & SEE

Open to all.

Everyone is welcome
 regardless of race, religion,
 or cultural affiliation.

Alpha is a safe-space
 where you can ask any question.

Alpha can help individuals explore
 topics about life, death, faith, and
 many more.

Alpha has impacted both church-goers
 and those who do not go to church alike.

Alpha @ St Andrew's
 Venue: 33 Mortimer St
 Werribee

Email:
Alpha.StAndrews.Parish@gmail.com



Everyone has questions

- * Is there more to life than what I have?
- * Are we actually living,
 or just managing a very long to-do list?
- * Why is "I'm fine" usually a lie?

Join us Explore
 Alpha



ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 1st to 9th March 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 7 th / 8 th Mar	Martina Nettis	Red Rubier	Maria Malanyaon	Sandy Henderson	Petter Cullen
MUSIC 7 th / 8 th Mar	St. Andrew's Youth Choir (Boys and Girls)	St. Anthony's Choir	Padre Pio Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Andrew's Childrens Choir
Communion Minister 7 th / 8 th Mar	Ann-Marie Palmer Desiree Galea	Jude Disanayaka Anna Obieta Alfred Obieta	Titus Lizardo Jen Climie	Grace Iaria Dominic Thiep Dennis Vanspall	Judy Anderson Genni Douglas Katrine Canet
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 2 Mar: Mon 9 Mar:	S. Raphael J. Hennessy	
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 2 Mar: Fri 6 Mar: Mon 2 Mar:	C. Camilleri, G. Iaria A. Majok, N. Deng Volunteer	
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 1 Mar: Sun 8 Mar:	J. Francisco O. Lesoa	
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 1 Mar: Sun 8 Mar:	Jodie Siu Volunteer	

ST MARTHA OF BETHANY CAMPUS - As many of you will be aware, we have been working towards opening a new campus of Bethany-St Martha of Bethany in Tarneit. We are incredibly excited about this new campus and what it will mean for our community. Originally it was to open in 2027, however the statutory planning permit process is taking longer than anticipated-as they often do-and as a result, we will now open in 2028. Families living within the catchment area remain fully eligible to enrol at Bethany Catholic Primary School and will have the opportunity to transition to St Martha's campus once it opens. There are many positives to the delayed timeframe, including the ability to lengthen the schedule for the build, which we will hopefully commence before the end of the year, as well as providing time and opportunity to plan carefully for this addition to Bethany and our own St Mary of Bethany Campus. Our commitment continues to be to providing the best learning facilities to meet the educational needs of students and thriving communities now and for the future. We look forward to sharing further updates with you on this in due course.

The Wyndham Vale Catholic Community
(Incorporating Manor Lakes, Bluestone, Harpley, Jubilee, Mambourin)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:30 PM | FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 2026
2-20 HOWQUA WAY MANOR LAKES, VIC 3024



Our Lady of the Southern Cross Primary School

Everyone is welcome to join us!

EL SHADDAI PRAYER GROUP - for the coming weeks from Tuesday 24th February to Tuesday 31st March, El Shaddai Prayer Group is running a LENTEN program. We will be reflecting on the Sunday scripture readings, using excellent resources put out annually by the Diocese of Woollongong. Lenten Program – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong Booklets are provided. All are welcome to join us. TUESDAYS 1pm - 2:30pm followed by tea and coffee. Penola Hub 33 Mortimer St, Werribee.

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

HELP AT HOME - MERCY HEALTH is a Catholic not-for-profit provider of trusted home care services guided by the mission of the Sisters of Mercy, founded by Catherine McAuley in 1831. Inspired by her legacy of service and compassion, we continue to care for those in need with dignity, respect, and love. If you or a loved one could benefit from in-home support tailored to your individual needs, delivered with the warmth and values of our Catholic faith call us today on **1300 164 833** or at mpenquiries@mercy.com.au. Let Mercy come to you. For those who may need a break from being a primary carer for a loved one we are currently offering a discount for respite care available at Our Mercy Place Wyndham. Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

SAINT JOSEPH MEN'S DINNER

In honour of the Solemnity of St Joseph, you are invited to join men from around Melbourne for Holy Mass, fraternity and a meal.

WHO
Men aged 18+ (young men aged 15-17 may attend with their fathers).
Dress Code: Semi-Formal

WHEN
Thursday 19th March 2026
• 6.30pm - Holy Mass
• 7.30pm - Dinner

WHERE
St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
• 28 College Street, Caroline Springs VIC
Dinner Location: WestWaters
• 10/20 Lake Street, Caroline Springs VIC

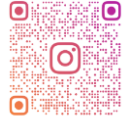
RSVP
Please RSVP by Thursday 12th March

Entertainment
John "Percy" Canavan

Keynote
Mark Wolfenden



CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL will be holding its inaugural Easter Fete on Saturday 28th March from 11:00am–4:00pm. All are welcome. There will be rides, food stalls, fairy floss, singing and dancing, games and plenty of fun for the whole family."

CORPUSCHRISTIFETE

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

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.

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