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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Incorporating the Communities of
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Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

PARISH TEAMS

Pastoral Team:

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP
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PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary School – Ph. 9741 3686
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Principal: Rose Connolly.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER AND DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY - 6TH / 7TH APRIL 2024

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: Acts 4:32-35

The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own, but they had everything in common. With great power the apostles bore witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great favour was accorded them all. There was no needy person among them, for those who owned property or houses would sell them, bring the proceeds of the sale, and put them at the feet of the apostles, and they were distributed to each according to need. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

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

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just:

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

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

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one that testifies, and the Spirit is truth.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; Blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in 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: Today we consider the presence of the Risen Lord. Where is he found? Each of the readings offers an answer to this question. The Risen Christ is found in the community of believers who follow the example of Jesus. Even non-believers recognized something marvelously different about the Christian community, and they exclaimed: These Christians, see how they love one another. The Risen Christ is found in those who accept the truth of the resurrection on the word of others. The word of God preached by others has often brought

us out of darkness into light, from the stranglehold of death to the birth of new life. The preaching of the disciples has been not only instructive, it has also been transformative. The Risen Christ is found in the forgiveness of sin. Jesus made the frightened disciples ministers of divine forgiveness. The Spirit reconciles inners with God and, thereby, with the rest of the believing community. Forgiveness is a tangible sign of Christ's mystical presence. The Risen Christ is found in the physical manifestation of Christ's own wounds, the wounds that he offered to be touched. Since the community is the body of Christ, we touch the wounds of Christ when we touch the wounds of the community, when we go out to the sick and infirm, the dispossessed and the violated. As shocking as these wounds may appear, they are really glorious, because the Risen Lord has identified with them and has made them his own. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

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

VOCATION VIEW: Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life, achieved from a conquered tomb. Meaning for life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you..."

RECENT DEATH: Ray Carlton, Spira Attard, Jackie Zuvela, Vito Acciarito, Ernesto Acciarito, Pasquale Todaro

ANNIVERSARIES: Theresa Sciberras, Giovanni Brunato (Italy), Giuseppina Palmieri

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Ryan Fitzgerald

The names for Prayers for the Sick will be kept for two months. If you want to renew or add any names, please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or send email to werribee@cam.org.au

REMINDER: Parishioners please note that names for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries etc. to be included in the Sunday Bulletin must indicate the time of Mass you will be attending for name to be mentioned and request must be at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday afternoon and please address envelopes to the Admin St

WEEKDAY LITURGY (8th to 13th April 2024)

Mon: 9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tues: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass followed by confession

WEEKEND MASSES (13th / 14th April 2024) EASTER SUNDAY

Sat: 6.00pm Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm
 2.00pm Burmese Community Mass

DAILY ROSARY ON ZOOM - We are inviting you to join us to pray the Rosary at home with the family.

Please join us via Zoom Meeting every night at 6.55pm for 7.00 pm start

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2764655672?pwd=bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkI6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672 Password: 9rGLKz

Let us continue to pray together for each other.
 Stay safe and God bless you all.

LEGION OF MARY - Praesidium: Immaculate Heart of Mary - Every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm at Penola Hub. For more information, please call the Parish Office 9741 4144

PARISH OFFICE HOURS STARTING APRIL 2024

Tuesday – Friday 9.00am – 12.30pm
 Parish will be closed from 12.30pm to 1.00pm and will reopen 1.00pm – 4.00pm

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ends this Sunday, 7th April 2024. Adjust your clock **ONE HOUR BACKWARD** at 3.00am (Australian Eastern Daylight)





As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2024. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next Week or visit

caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online. Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion

**Feast of the Divine Mercy Sunday,
7th April 2024**



**Saint Faustina
and
Saint Pope John Paul II
Pray for us**

**2.00pm Rosary,
Chaplet of the Divine
Mercy, Adoration and
Benediction**

**3.00pm Divine Mercy
Festive Mass**

**Followed by fellowship at the
Presbytery Veranda. You can bring a plate.**

All are Welcome!

Further enquiries: Philomena – 0430 041 461

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 7th to 15th April 2024

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 13th / 14th Apr.	Agnes D'Lima	Darren Giese	Anuki Pandithakoralege	Sandy Henderson	Andrew Canet
MUSIC 13th / 14th Apr.	Philu & Co.	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	Padre Pio Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Andrew's Children's Choir
Communion Minister 13th / 14th Apr.	Kristine Ventura Desiree Galea Noelene Keogh	Peter Walters David Cox John Hennessy	Jen Climie Mary Nguyen Anson John	Katrina Gauci Graeme Roberts Dominic Thiep	Francisca Etta Judy Anderson Genni Douglas
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)	This week: Next week:	Mon 8 Apr: M. Chong Mon 15 Apr: J. Hennessy			
CLEANER	Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 8 Apr: Z. Prasad, A. Majok Fri 12 Apr: P. Palamara, N.Deng Mon 8 Apr: Volunteer			
ALTAR CLOTH	This week: Next week:	Sun 7 Apr: C. Ilagan Sun 14 Apr: M. Galea			
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This week: Next week:	Sun 7 Apr: B. Onuoha Sun 14 Apr: D. Vanspall			

DEAR YOUTH AND PARENTS

A wonderful opportunity for our Youth to attend ***IGNITE CONFERENCE 24 IN SYDNEY* - RISE UP!** Ignite is a large Catholic Youth Conference run by the Emmanuel Community, with live worship music, vibrant rallies, amazing Catholic speakers, small group workshops and so much more. Youth from all over Australia gather to learn more about their Catholic Faith together in an amazing joy filled atmosphere. *Ignite is OPEN TO ALL AGES* There will be a meeting next week - 8pm to 9pm - TUESDAY 9TH APRIL at Penola Hub to learn more about the Ignite Conference and proposed travel arrangements and accomodation. We will also be discussing FUNDRAISING options that could assist our youth to attend. EXPRESSIONS of INTERESTS and a DEPOSIT of \$300 is required by April 25th to secure flights and accommodation.

Ignite Conference 2024 SYDNEY

DATES - Thursday 26th - Sunday 29th Sept - SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Entry to Ignite - \$305 (including lunch and dinner meals and snacks for Friday and Saturday and Sunday)

Flight costs and accommodation are extra. The estimated costs (before fundraising) could be \$1200 per person approx - hence our need to fundraise to assist families with costs. Please contact Susanne 0438 372 952 for more information. <https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>

Children's Liturgy

Good news! We are now extending our Children's Liturgy to our 9:30 AM Mass starting April onwards. We thank a few parents who have said yes to minister to our children. We invite more parents to join so that our volunteers can also attend Mass on certain Sundays. Please contact kemp.vinson@cam.org.au if you are interested. You can either be a "Main Facilitator" or a "Volunteer Guide".



Our **ALPHA** course sessions are taking a break during holiday. We will resume Alpha on 17 April 2024.

Ministry of C.A.R.E.

Christ's Arms Reaching Everybody

We are looking for volunteers who want to give Holy Communion to those who cannot physically go to Mass. Please contact kemp.vinson@cam.org.au or call the parish office at 9741 4144



PARISH HISTORY COMMITTEE

We are forming a parish history committee that will serve as a group that will gather data, summarise and tell the story of our parish life from 1980 onwards. The main output is to publish a material that captures the highlights of the parish from 1980 onwards. If you are interested, please contact kemp.vinson@cam.org.au or call the parish office at 9741 4144.

PARISH NEWS

ST ANDREWS PARISH WERRIBEE

Few copies of the **parish newsletter** are made available to those who are not able to access the parish updates we have shared in our Facebook page. This newsletter is published monthly and aims to highlight parish events that transpired in the previous month. If you are interested to be part of this, kemp.vinson@cam.org.au or call the parish office at 9741 4144.



COME AND VISIT OUR PARISH LIBRARY

Some books from our **parish library** are posted in our Parish Facebook page for reference purposes. If you are interested in borrowing those books, please contact the parish office on 9741 4144

ELSHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - Join us as we lift our voices in songs of praise and worship. We meet every Tuesday at 1pm to 2:30pm in the Penola Hub - 33 Mortimer St Werribee followed by tea and coffee. Deepen your relationship with Jesus, through praise and worship, prayer and reflection. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Susanne on 0438 372 952

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO ITALIANO Ricorda l'incontro settimanale del mercoledì mattina dalle 10am alle 12noon nella Penola Hub 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Unitevi a noi in preghiera, siete 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.

MACKILLOP COLLEGE OPEN DAY - Wednesday 1 May 2024 4.00pm – 6.30pm Final Tour at 5.45pm All welcome to attend and tour the College. For further information regarding the College please visit the College website: www.mackillop.vic.edu.au Enrolments for Year 7 2026 Applications close on Friday 16 August 2024

THE CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA AND WAGGA WAGGA is offering a one-day retreat for women on *Saturday 20 April 2024, 10.00am–3.15pm at St Mary's Catholic Church 76 Hargraves Street Castlemaine. COST – FREE.* The day includes Mass, adoration, Confession, two spiritual reflections by Fr Dean Mathieson and a Q&A session, and concludes with the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3pm. Lunch and refreshments provided. Bookings are free, but please register for catering purposes.

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 baptise 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.



Interested in finding out more about NFP?

A new online program for couples to learn about Natural Family Planning

WWW.NATURALPLAN.ORG



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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