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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

Clergy

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP
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– Ph. 9741 3686
Principal: Melissa
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Principal: Rose Connolly

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 15TH AND 16TH 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 Isaiah (Isaiah 56:1.6-7)*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest. Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 66:2-3 5-6. 8*

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 11:13-15. 29-32)*

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

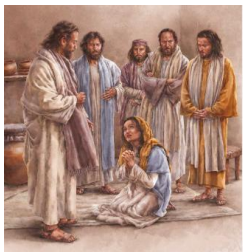
Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 15:21-28)*

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Give her what she wants,' they said, 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said, 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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: Most of us are the foreigners, the non-Israelites, about whom today's First Reading prophesies. Coming to worship the God of Israel, we stand in the line of faith epitomized by the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. Calling to Jesus as Lord and Son of David, this foreigner shows her great faith in God's covenant with Israel. Jesus tests her faith three times. He refuses to answer her cry. Then, He tells her His mission is only to Israelites. Finally, He uses "dog," an epithet used to disparage non-Israelites (see Matthew 7:6). Yet she persists, believing that He alone offers salvation. In this family drama, we see fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy and the promise we sing of in today's Psalm. In Jesus, God makes known among all the nations His way and His salvation (see John 14:6). At the start of salvation history, God called Abraham (see Genesis 12:2). He chose his offspring, Israel, from all the nations on the face of the earth to build His covenant kingdom (see Deuteronomy 7:6–8; Isaiah 41:8). In God's plan, Abraham was to be the father of many nations (see Romans 4:16–17). Israel was to be the firstborn of a worldwide family of God, made up of all who believe what the Canaanite professes; that Jesus is Lord (see Exodus 4:22–23; Romans 5:13–24). Jesus came first to restore the kingdom to Israel (see Acts 1:6; 13:46). But His ultimate mission was the reconciliation of the world, as Paul declares in today's Epistle. In the Mass we join all peoples in doing Him homage. As Isaiah foretold, we come to His holy mountain, the heavenly Jerusalem, to offer sacrifice at His altar (see Hebrews 12:22–24, 28). With the Canaanite, we take our place at the Master's table to be fed as His children. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: This week, recite the psalm and refrain: ***O God, let all the nations praise you! O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help. O God, let all nations praise you!***

VOCATION VIEW: It's so easy to push people out of our lives. But the Lord knows no boundaries or races or colours. Spread the Good News that we are all God's people.

RECENT DEATH: Salvador Go, Francis John Go, Mr. Sunny, Vilma Aruliah

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Charlie Bonanno, Johnny Bonanno, Maria Bonanno, Maria Maryarate, Richard D' Silva, Lourdunathan D., Richard Fernandes, Nestor Lim, Vitina And Giuseppe D' Abaco, Marcello Brunato, Giovanna Todaro

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

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 (17th to 22nd August 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 (22nd and 23rd August 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm Mass (*Tarneit West Community attending*)
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Mass
10.00am Mass at St. Michael – Little River
2.30pm South Sudanese Community Mass

THE 2026 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

DONATE
ONLINE



is now underway and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends,

We pray for the vital ministries of the Archdiocese of Melbourne, that they may continue to flourish and bear abundant fruit. We pray for our seminarians, our retired priests, and all who serve in these important works. May the Archbishop's Campaign be met with the generous support of the faithful, and may all who labour in these ministries, especially our seminarians and our priests, including those now retired after years of faithful service, be sustained and filled with the light of God's love.

SYNODALITY AND THE EUCHARIST



The Eucharist is the heart of synodality. Around one table, many are gathered as one Body. What we celebrate sacramentally must shape how we live communally.



There is email circulating around in the name of Fr. Albert asking for a gift cards or reward cards. These are SCAM EMAIL. **Do not reply** to the email under any circumstances. **Do not click** any links or download attachments. **Delete the email** immediately from your inbox and trash folder. Please be vigilant.

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 \$10,000

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.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 16th to 24th August 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 22 nd / 23 rd Aug.	Linda Bravo Anne-Marie Palmer	Lillian Jilbert Gloria Udorly	Lea Arida Angelo Bautista	Stealth D'Rosario Jessica Adams	Andrew Canet Stephen Hart
MUSIC 22 nd / 23 rd Aug.	Joyful Voice Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Leituala Choir	Alpha Choir	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 22 nd / 23 rd Aug.	Rhea Fernandes Wilson Monteiro	Anna Obieta Alfred Obieta Jude Disanayajke	Stella Onos Sherine Raphael	Dennis Vanspall Sheridan Fevaleaki Titus Lizardo	Genni Douglas Katherine Canet Stephen Hart
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 17 Aug: J. Hennessy Mon 24 Aug: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 17 Aug: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 21 Aug: M. Majok, N. Deng Mon 17 Aug: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 16 Aug: O. Lesoa Sun 23 Aug: C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 16 Aug: S. Raphael Sun 23 Aug: Volunteer		

Have you heard of the Mary & Martha group and wondered what it is about? Would you like to 'try before you buy'? Are you unable to get away from the family on weeknights but want to connect with other women from our church and the bible? If you are a woman aged 18 or over and said yes to any of these, come along to Mary & Martha next Saturday, 12-3pm, in the Penola Hub (33 Mortimer Street, Werribee). Contact Jocelyn for any information jocelyngemoh@gmail.com



Healing Mass

With Divine Australia
21st August 2026
Friday

*Rosary and Praise and Worship | 6.30pm – 7.00pm
Holy Mass | 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Adoration | 8.00pm – 8.30pm

Everyone is welcome. Fellowship follow after



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

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]
[DAVINCENT63@GMAIL.COM]

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

**ST ANDREW'S
YOUNG ADULTS
PRESENTS**

Friendship Night!

A NIGHT OF GAMES,
AN INSIDE ON CATHOLIC
FRIENDSHIPS,
TEAM BUILDING
ACTIVITIES AND
SMALL GROUP
DISCUSSIONS

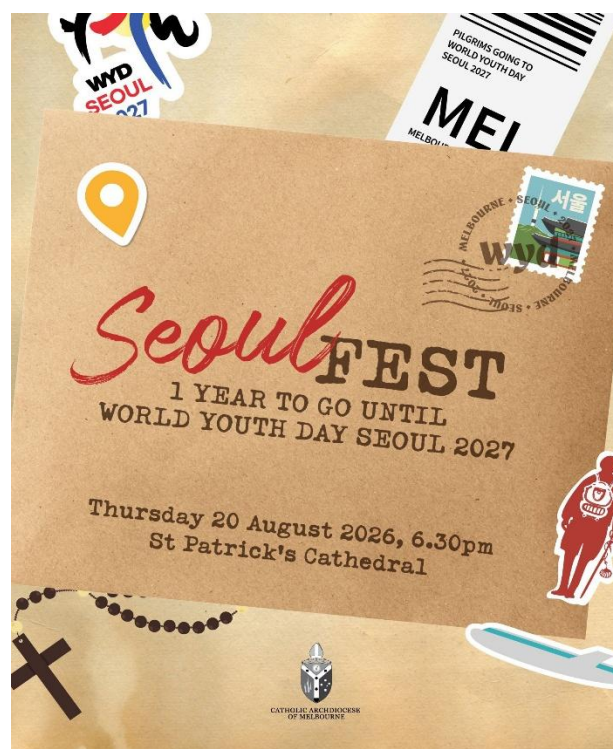
16TH AUGUST

18-25 YEARS

**6.15PM - AFTER
5PM MASS**

PENOLA HUB

This is friendship night (basically a night full of games). If you have not been before, this would be the perfect night to attend as it's another chance to get to know each other and get competitive over games. See you all then for an awesome night!!!!



2027 WORLD DAY YOUTH SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

If you want to come to WYD next year, come along to our first catch up meeting! This is a chance to get to know other pilgrims attending and chat more about fundraising! **Parents are required to attend with their 16 and 17 year olds.** (WYD is open to youth 16 - 35 years. Youth aged 16 years before August 2027 as welcome to attend.) Sunday 30th AUGUST, 6:00PM - 7:30PM, PENOLA HUB, 33 Mortimer Street Werribee. Please RSVP to Susanne 0438 372 952.

AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED (ACN)

Supporting the persecuted: Help rebuild a Cathedral in the Philippines

In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed. Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region. To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit:

aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject
Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.



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.

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