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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

Pastoral Team:

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP
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PARISH SCHOOLS

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FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B - 17TH / 18TH FEBRUARY 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: Genesis 9:8-15

God said to Noah and to his sons with him: "See, I am now establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that was with you: all the birds, and the various tame and wild animals that were with you and came out of the ark. I will establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all bodily creatures be destroyed by the waters of a flood; there shall not be another flood to devastate the earth." God added: "This is the sign that I am giving for all ages to come, of the covenant between me and you and every living creature with you: I set my bow in the clouds to serve as a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth, and the bow appears in the clouds, I will recall the covenant I have made between me and you and all living beings, so that the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all mortal beings."

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9.

Response: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

Your ways, O LORD, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior.

Remember that your compassion, O LORD, and your love are from of old. In your kindness remember me, because of your goodness, O LORD.

Good and upright is the LORD, thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and he teaches the humble his way.

Response: Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth to those who keep your covenant.

SECOND READING: 1 Peter 3:18-22

Beloved: Christ suffered for sins once, the righteous for the sake of the unrighteous, that he might lead you to God. Put to death in the flesh, he was brought to life in the Spirit. In it he also went to preach to the spirits in prison, who had once been disobedient while God patiently waited in the days of Noah during the building of the ark, in which a few persons, eight in all, were saved through water. This prefigured baptism, which saves you now. It is not a removal of dirt from the body but an appeal to God for a clear conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers subject to him.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Alleluia

GOSPEL: Mark 1:12-15

The Spirit drove Jesus out into the desert, and he remained in the desert for forty days, tempted by Satan. He was among wild beasts, and the angels ministered to him. After John had been arrested, Jesus came to Galilee proclaiming the gospel of God: "This is the time of fulfillment. The kingdom of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the gospel."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

NEW ENVELOPES FROM FEBRUARY TO JULY 2024 - Stewardship Receipts and new sets of envelopes in street alphabetical order are available for collection after all masses in front of the Altar steps. It would help greatly if you could deliver some in your area. Thank you!

St. Andrew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Today's readings show us that Lent is a time for us to receive God's grace. We are not the ones who, through our penance, are meant to accomplish great things. Rather, it is God who acts; it is God who makes the sacrifice; it is God who accomplishes great things for us. Each reading describes a different kind of conflict within which we might find ourselves: a world-wrenching upheaval, such as happens during social discord, war or natural disaster; the struggle between right and wrong, between fidelity and disobedience; the struggle with temptation. In the midst of the conflicts of life, God initiates a covenant with us. God saves the world from the chaos into which it was thrown, makes a covenant with all living things and with the earth, and sets a bow in the heavens as a perpetual reminder of the covenant. Christ dies for sinners, and offers them baptism that will save them from the chaos of their lives. The Spirit drives Jesus into the desert, there to be tested, but to emerge triumphant. His victory is not for him alone, but for all who will heed his words and follow his example. The bow in the sky is a sign of the good news of the covenant; baptism is both the good news of salvation for us and our pledge of fidelity to God; Jesus' proclamation is that the reign of God is at hand. With the psalmist we praise God for inviting us into this covenant relationship. **Dianne Bergant CSA**



PRAYER AT HOME: The response to today's psalm makes a wonderful prayer for this week: **"Your ways, O Lord, are love and truth, to those who keep your covenant."**

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert. Where is the Spirit leading you?

RECENT DEATH: Josie Menegazzo, Irene Johnston, Sam Galea, Maurice Haddad

ANNIVERSARIES: Theresa Sciberra, Salvatore Piccolo, Mate and Helena Matesin, Gaetano Todaro, Gregorio Russo, Rosa Russo, Giovanni Trifilo, Anna Trifilo, Concetto Torre, Maryse Sawmy, Marc Burzoo

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege

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 Staff.

WEEKDAY LITURGY (19th to 24th February 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 followed by Station of the Cross
 7.00pm Station of the Cross followed by Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass followed by confession

WEEKEND MASSES (24th / 25th February 2024)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5pm Mass
 10.00am Mass at St. Michael – Little River

DAILY ROSARY ON ZOOM

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2764655672?pwd=5bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkZ6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672

Password: 9rGLKz

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

STATION OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY DURING LENT

starting 16th February to Good Friday, 29th March 2024
 9am Mass followed by Station of the Cross and
 7pm Station of the Cross followed by Mass



OUR LADY'S STATUE ROSTER - for our Lady's Statue for 2024 is available at the Altar Steps. If you would like to have the statue at your home please fill provide your name and phone number on the roster sheets. Thank you.

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

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS – All volunteers are required to sign the St. Andrew's Code of Conduct. If you have not done it yet, please sign 2 copies, one for you to keep and one to be submitted to the parish office. Copies of the booklet are available at the Altar steps or at the Parish Office. Thank you – St. Andrew's Safeguarding Committee

If you want to subscribe for St. Andrews Parish Take Away Sheet please follow the link below
<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj75AAD&req=subscribe>
 or check our website.

BISHOP PASTORAL VISIT TO OUR PARISH – Bishop Martin Ashe will be visiting St. Andrew's Parish on 1st, 2nd and 3rd March 2024. There will a Parish Forum on Saturday, 2nd March at 3.00pm in Penola Hub. Please **SAVE THE DATE** to meet Bishop Martin and discuss the future of our parish. More information will be coming out closer to the date.

YOU'RE INVITED TO ALPHA.

Alpha

Explore.

Join a one-of-a-kind, open-ended, open-minded, open-hearted, pressure free, small group conversation.



COME AND SEE.

ALPHA @ ST. ANDREW'S
STARTS ON 21 FEB 2024
7PM TO 9PM | PENOLA HUB



First Sunday of Lent
17 & 18 February



This year, Project Compassion brings you the stories of three resilient women: Ronita from the Philippines, Leaia from Samoa and Memory from Malawi. While from three different corners of the world and facing vastly different challenges, they are all united by one dream: to create a better world for all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

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

ALPHA at ST ANDREWS - We will start our Alpha Course on 21 Feb 2024 at 7PM. This is a good opportunity to invite non-Christian friends who may be interested about the BIG questions in life. Refer to posters on bulletin boards for the Alpha schedule. Please scan and register as slots are limited.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 18th to 26th February 2024

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 24 th / 25 th Feb	Gloria Udorly	Lillian Jolbert	Perpetua Gitau	Eric Demate	Katerine Canet
MUSIC 24 th / 25 th Feb	Phillu and Co.	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	St. Andrew's Choir	Ensemble of Faith	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 24 th / 25 th Feb	Kristine Ventura Gerry Ilagan Philo Fernandes	Anna Obieta Alfred Obieta John Hennessy	Mary Nguyen Anson John Jen Climie	Graeme Roberts Katrina Gauci Dominic Theip	Maria Parba Susanne Sweeny Judy Anderson
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)	This week: Next week:	Mon 19 Feb: M. Chong Mon 26 Feb: John Hennssy			
CLEANER	Cleaning: Vacumming:	Mon 19 Feb: Z. Prasad, A. Majok Fri 23 Feb: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy, A. Majok Mon 19 Feb: Volunteer			
ALTAR CLOTH	This week: Next week:	Sun 18 Feb: J. Francisco Sun 25 Feb: O. Lesoa			
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This week: Next week:	Sun 18 Feb: C. Ilagan Sun 25 Feb: S. Raphael			

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - After months of campaigning for volunteers and assessing if we have enough participants, our Children's Liturgy is back for all 11AM Masses. Children aged 3 to 9 years old are invited to attend this during 11AM Mass. One parent or guardian should accompany 3-year old children. We are looking for volunteers who can assist us with the 9:30 AM Masses as well. Please contact kemp.vinson@cam.org.au if you are interested. You can either be a "Main Facilitator" or a "Volunteer Guide".

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.

MINISTRY OF CARE - 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 NEWSLETTER - Few copies of the parish newsletter is 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.

WYNDHAM VALE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Monthly Mass
 OUR LADY OF SOUTHERN CROSS
 2/20 HOWQUA WAY, MANOR LAKES VIC 3024

FEB 18 10:00 AM	MAR 17 10:00 AM	APR 21 10:00 AM
MAY 19 10:00 AM	JUN 16 10:00 AM	JUL 21 10:00 AM
AUG 18 10:00 AM	SEP 15 10:00 AM	OCT 20 10:00 AM
NOV 17 10:00 AM		

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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.

TARNEIT WEST CATHOLIC Community Mass
 ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE SCHOOL
 54-76 KINGBIRD AVE., TARNEIT VIC 3029

FEB 24 5:00 PM	MAR -	APR 27 5:00 PM
MAY 25 5:00 PM	JUN -	JUL 27 5:00 PM
AUG 31 5:00 PM	SEP -	OCT 26 5:00 PM
NOV 30 5:00 PM		

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St Andrew's Primary School Werribee

2025 FOUNDATION ENROLMENT INFORMATION NIGHT
29th February
6:00pm

REGISTER NOW →

www.sawerribee.catholic.edu.au
 or contact the office 9741 3686



ASHES OF EASTER

Concert with Peter Kearney.

A prayerful sequence of songs, stories and reflections on Lenten and Easter themes.

Hosted by St. James the Apostle Parish. Wednesday 28th February 2024 at 7.30pm

St. James the Apostle Church, 336 Derrimut Rd Hoppers Crossing North.

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

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.



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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