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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

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C

20TH / 21ST SEPTEMBER 2025

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

FIRST READING: *A reading from the prophet Amos (Amos 8:4-7)*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country, you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat? Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel, by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweepings of the wheat.' The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.' **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 112:1-2. 4-8*

Response: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord!

May the name of the Lord be blessed both now and for evermore!

High above all nations is the Lord, above the heavens his glory. Who is like the Lord, our God, who has risen on high to his throne yet stoops from the heights to look down, to look down upon heaven and earth?

From the dust he lifts up the lowly, from the dung heap he raises the poor to set him in the company of princes, yes, with the princes of his people.

Response: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

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

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich, but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. *Alleluia!*

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 16:10-13) Shorter version*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

The steward in today's Gospel confronts the reality that he can't go on living the way he has been. He is under judgment. He must give account for what he has done. The exploiters of the poor in today's First Reading are also about to be pulled down, to be thrust from their stations (see Isaiah 22:19). Servants of mammon, or money, they're so in love with wealth that they reduce the poor to objects; they despise the new moons and sabbaths the observances and holy days of God (see Leviticus 23:24; Exodus 20:8). Their only hope is to follow the steward's path. He is no model of repentance. But he makes a prudent calculation to use his last hours in charge of his master's property to show mercy to others, to relieve their debts. He is a child of this world, driven by a purely selfish motive to make friends and be welcomed into the homes of his master's debtors.

Yet his prudence is commended as an example to us, the children of light (see 1 Thessalonians 5:5; Ephesians 5:8). We too must realize, as the steward does, that what we have is not honestly ours, but in truth belongs to another, our Master. All the mammon in the world could not have paid the debt we owe our Master. So He paid it for us. He gave His life as a ransom for all, as we hear in today's Epistle. God wants everyone to be saved, even kings and princes, even the lovers of money (see Luke 16:14). But we cannot serve two Masters. By His grace, we should choose to be, as we sing in today's Psalm, "servants of the Lord." We serve Him by using what He has entrusted us with to give alms, to lift the lowly from the dust and dunghills of this world. By this we will gain what is ours and be welcomed into eternal dwellings, the many mansions of the Father's house (see John 14:2). **Dr. Scott Hahn**

PRAYER AT HOME: This prayer is attributed to St Ignatius of Loyola. Use it daily this week. *'Lord Jesus Christ, take all my freedom, my memory, my understanding, my will. All that I have and cherish you have given me. I surrender it all to be guided by your will. Your grace and your love are wealth enough for me. Give me these, Lord Jesus, I ask for nothing more.'*

VOCATION VIEW: Do you think it is the Lord who is motivating you to make lots of money, to use people, to grab for power, to attend to the needs of others?

RECENT DEATH: Thelma Fernandes, Alzacio Ezpeleta

ANNIVERSARY: Pasquale Todaro, Cyril Fernando, Kelly Jennings, Maria Margarate, D. Lourdunathan, Alice Toffoli, Rosalinda and Lourdes Ocampo, Warren Munro

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Crispin De Zilva, Lynne Worsley, Dorothy Rayner, Maria Trang Nguyen, Peter Tho Huynh, Saraswathy Govindasamy, John Hassett, Rustico Socorin, Cecilia Maria, Teresa Goegan, Dinah Elly, Eutiquio Valenzuela, Tony Grech, William Harris, Annette Landicho Manicad Lapworth, Charlie (Carmel) Restall, Italo Tautunu, Alfredo Landicho Manicad

WEEKDAY LITURGY (22nd to 27th September 2025)

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

WEEKEND MASSES (27th / 28th September 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm Mass
 10.00am St. Michael Church – Little River
 2.30pm South Sudanese Community Mass

SOCIAL SERVICES SUNDAY: ANCHORS OF HOPE

Sunday 21 September 2025 marks Social Services Sunday in the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised in Victoria, reaching the lives of more than 300,000 people each year. We recognise and appreciate their commitment and compassion, and reflect on our shared call to be anchors of hope in building a more just and equitable society. *Reflection question: How might we better support each other to support those doing it tough in our communities and society?*

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

MASS AT THE HOSPITAL & 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 Tuesday 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



St. Andrew's Parish – Werribee

LEGION OF MARY

Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium

You are invited to join us every **TUESDAY** at 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the Penola Hub. All welcome.



ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 21st to 29th September 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 27 th / 28 th Sept	Gloria Udorly	David Cox	Nelly Bautista	Aubrey Gantalao	Angelo Moreira
MUSIC 27 th / 28 th Sept	Joyful Voices Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Volunteer	Ensemble of Faith	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 27 th / 28 th Sept	Kim Beyer Gerry Ilagan Philu Fernandes	John Hennessy Kevin McGuane Alfred Obieta	Nelly Bautista Ana Balanza Mary Nguyen	Cora Demate Anthony Acciarito Michelle Calafiore	Genni Douglas Katherine Canet Nadia Richards
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 22 Sept: J. Hennessy Mon 29 Sept: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 22 Sept: M. Tong, N.Chol Fri 26 Sept: A. Majok, N. Deng Mon 22 Sept: Volunteer		
N. Deng		This week: Next week:	Sun 21 Sept: M. Galea Sun 28 Sept: C. Demate		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 21 Sept: Priya Sun 28 Sept: C. Ilagan		



Join us at El Shaddai Prayer Group on Tuesday 23rd September.
Special guest - **Milton Roberts** the founder of the El Shaddai Prayer Group **28 YEARS AGO!**
Come along and hear his personal testimony of faith.
1pm - 2:30pm followed by fellowship.
ALL ARE WELCOME.
Penola Hub: 33 Mortimer St. Werribee.

For more information contact Susanne 0438372952



Novena to our Lady of Fatima

Friday, 3rd October to Saturday, 11th October 2025



WE INVITE YOU TO OUR OCTOBER NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA. THE NOVENA WILL BE HELD AT ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH, 105 Greaves St. Nth., Werribee

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BRING FLOWERS FOR OFFERING TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY DURING THE NOVENA.

Novena Times and Dates

October 03 Friday	7:00pm*
October 04 Saturday	5:30pm**
October 05 Sunday	4:30pm***
October 06 Monday	7:00pm
October 07 Tuesday	7:00pm
October 08 Wednesday	7:00pm
October 09 Thursday	7:00pm
October 10 Friday	7:00pm
October 11 Saturday	5:00pm

*followed by First Friday Mass, Exposition and Benediction
**followed by 6:00pm mass
***followed by 5:00pm mass

A PROCESSION AROUND THE CHURCH GROUND FOLLOWED BY 6:00pm MASS WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE LAST DAY.
THERE WILL BE A FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE MASS.
YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO BRING A PLATE TO SHARE.

St. Andrew's Italian Committee

Invites you to a night of

PIZZA and ENTERTAINMENT



Saturday, 4th October 2025

7.00pm – 10:30pm

EXPERIENCE ITALY IN AUSTRALIAN WAY

Pizza, Tea and Coffee provided
BYO: Nibbles and Drinks

Venue: Penola Hub
33 Mortimer Street
Werribee

\$35.00 – Adult
\$15.00 – Children under 12 years old
Children under 5yrs. old are free



St. Andrews Parish Fair

Saturday, 22nd November 2025

12.00noon to 2.00pm

St. Andrew's Primary School Ground

Show your hidden talent and receive fabulous prizes.

Age Category: A) 8 – 12 years old
B) 13 – 17 years old
C) 18 + years old

Registration forms are available at the altar steps or scan the QR code.
Submit completed form by Friday, 14th November at the Parish Office.



SCAN to Register online

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED - to help with the selling Car Raffle Tickets after all weekend Masses. If you can help, please put your name and phone number on the roster on the Altar steps. Thank you.

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.



Catholic Theological College
Invites you to our October 2025
Engaging Your Faith online presentations
From \$25 per session.
For more information:
ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS
EXPERIENCE THE BREADTH OF THE CHURCH
CONNECT WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE
BE EMPOWERED TO LIVE YOUR FAITH

Year 9 – 25 years plus leaders

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA • 30 NOVEMBER – 2 DECEMBER 2025

Registrations for ACYF will be closing very soon. If you wish to register or know someone who does, please contact Fr James by Tuesday, 30th September, after which registration will be closed.

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WERRIBEE PARISH FAIR

ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS
110 GREAVES ST NORTH WERRIBEE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22 2025 10:00AM TILL 5:00PM

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- RAFFLE
- RIDES
- LIVE MUSIC
- FOOD & DRINKS
- SINGING COMPETITION
- GAMES
- BAKE STALL
- RAFFLES
- FACE PAINTING
- MARKETS & MORE!

SINGSTAR COMPETITION AGE GROUPS
8-12 YRS
13-17 YRS
18+ YRS

REGISTER NOW!

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT PARISH OFFICE 9741 4144

RayWhite DOON HOMES St. Andrew's Catholic Parish Werribee EVERYDAY SPARKY Le Pine 3POINT

MARCH FOR THE BABIES - Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday, 11th October - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne Wear pink and blue for the Babies! www.marchforthebabies.com This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008

CATHOLIC FORMATION EVENTS WEBSITE - Discover Catholic Podcasts and events happening across Australia—retreats, pilgrimages, workshops, and more. Visit www.CathEvents.org.au to find opportunities to grow in faith and community. Event organisers can also list their events for free, helping more people connect and participate.

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.



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.