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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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY 27TH / 28TH 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 walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

FIRST READING: *A reading from the prophet Amos (Amos 6:1. 4-7)*

The almighty Lord says this: Woe to those ensconced so snugly in Zion and to those who feel so safe on the mountain of Samaria. Lying on ivory beds and sprawling on their divans, they dine on lambs from the flock, and stall-fattened veal; they bawl to the sound of the harp, they invent new instruments of music like David, they drink wine by the bowlful, and use the finest oil for anointing themselves, but about the ruin of Joseph they do not care at all. That is why they will be the first to be exiled; the sprawlers' revelry is over. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalms 145:6-10*

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger.

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING: *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy (1 Timothy 6:11-16)*

As a man dedicated to God, you must aim to be saintly and religious, filled with faith and love, patient and gentle. Fight the good fight of the faith and win for yourself the eternal life to which you were called when you made your profession and spoke up for the truth in front of many witnesses. Now, before God the source of all life and before Jesus Christ, who spoke up as a witness for the truth in front of Pontius Pilate, I put to you the duty of doing all that you have been told, with no faults or failures, until the Appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who at the due time will be revealed by God, the blessed and only Ruler of all, the King of kings and the Lord of lords, who alone is immortal, whose home is in inaccessible light, whom no man has seen and no man is able to see: to him be honour and everlasting power. Amen.

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 16:19-31)*

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'There was a rich man who used to dress in purple and fine linen and feast magnificently every day. And at his gate there lay a poor man called Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to fill himself with the scraps that fell from the rich man's table. Dogs even came and licked his sores. Now the poor man died and was carried away by angels to the bosom of Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. 'In his torment in Hades he looked up and saw Abraham a long way off with Lazarus in his bosom. So he cried out, "Father Abraham, pity me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames." "My son," Abraham replied "remember that during your life good things came your way, just as bad things came the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted here while you are in agony. But that is not all: between us and you a great gulf has been fixed, to stop anyone, if he wanted to, crossing from our side to yours, and to stop any crossing from your side to ours." 'The rich man replied, "Father, I beg you then to send Lazarus to my father's house, since I have five brothers, to give them warning, so that they do not come to this place of torment too." "They have Moses and the prophets," said Abraham "let them listen to them." "Ah no, father Abraham," said the rich man "but if someone comes to them from the dead, they will repent." Then Abraham said to him, "If they will not listen either to Moses or to the prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead." **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today's Liturgy not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door. The complacent leaders in today's First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, reveling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel (see Amos 5:6), collapses around them. The rich man in today's Gospel also lives like a king dressed in royal purple and fine linen (see 1 Maccabees 8:14). The rich man symbolizes Israel's failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in today's First Reading. Born to the nation God favoured first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give their inheritance is taken away.

The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater eternity with a "great chasm" fixed between himself and God. In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves (see Genesis 11:4) and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts. But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings while the leaders and the rich man have no name. Today's Liturgy is a call to repentance to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle. "The Lord loves the just," we sing in today's Psalm. And in this Eucharist, we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life—when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets (see Luke 13:28), where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord (see John 13:23). **Scott Hahn**

PRAYER AT HOME: Today's alternative communion antiphon makes a suitable prayer this week: ***By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another.***

VOCATION VIEW: Courage! Courage when you follow the Lord. Remember, people may not be convinced, even if one should rise from the dead - Live, in order to testify to resurrection and life.

ANNIVERSARY: Cecilia Mariampillai, Medin Cataquian, Jozef Belkner

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 (29th Sept to 4th Oct 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

7.00pm Rosary (Start of the Novena for Our Lady of Fatima)

7.30pm First Friday Devotion, Mass, Adoration and Benediction)

Sat: 9.00am Mass

5.30pm Rosary for Our Lady of Fatima

WEEKEND MASSES (4th / 5th October 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am and 11am Mass

4.30 pm Rosary for Our Lady of Fatima

5.00pm Mass

5.00pm Tamil Community Mass – Penola Hub

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.



REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME will start next Sunday, 5th October 2025 at 2am remember to turn clocks forward

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



**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

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE
PARISH OFFICE FROM TUESDAY TO FRIDAY,
9.00am to 4.00pm until sold out.**

CORRECTION: PLEASE NOTE: THERE IS NO CAR RAFFLE. SINCERE APOLOGIES.

This time we have a minor raffle with less number of tickets and more chances to win.

GRAND PRIZE - \$1000 Peninsula Hotsprings Voucher

2nd PRIZE - 50 Inch TCL TV

3rd PRIZE - Italian Sports Club of Werribee \$150 Voucher

4th PRIZE - Shadowfax Winery Werribee \$150 Voucher

5th PRIZE - Brothers on K Werribee \$125 Voucher

6th PRIZE - Brothers on K Werribee \$125 Voucher

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED - TO HELP IN SELLING PARISH FAIR RAFFLE TICKETS AFTER ALL WEEKEND MASSES. If you can help, please put your name and phone number on the roster on the Altar steps.

Parish Fair Raffle Tickets are also available at the Parish Office.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 28th September to 6th October 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 4 th / 5 th Oct	Martina Nettis	Maria Teofilo	Rita Edemu	Eric Demate	Andrew Canet
MUSIC 4 th / 5 th Oct	St. Faustina's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Sariling Tinig Choir	Ensemble of Faith	King Jesus Praise and Worship Choir
Communion Minister 4 th / 5 th Oct	Desiree Galea Kim Beyer Gerry Ilagan	David Cox John Hennessy Kevin McGuane	Rose Chu Nelly Bautista Ana Balanza	Dennis Vanspall Cora Demate Anthony Acciarito	Judy Anderson Genni Douglas Katherine Canet
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 29 Sept: C. Ilagan Mon 6 Oct: S. Raphael		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 29 Sept: Z. Prasad Fri 3 Oct: A. Ucala, R Nykuy Mon 29 Sept: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 28 Sept: C. Demate Sun 5 Oct: C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 28 Sept: C. Ilagan Sun 5 Oct: C. Ilagan		



WHERE IS THE SACRED HEART STATUE???

Many would have noticed and few have asked the above question. I have been planning to repair, renovate and repaint our statues in St. Andrew's Church, outside and St. Michael's Church in Little River. Many of them needed the above mentioned maintenance. Some have broken parts and flaking paints. After searching for the last few years, we found a young person to do this sacred work.

Sacred Heart statue is a historical one that needed urgent attention. It will cost us \$2,695.00. Thank for people who have contributed part of it. We will take care of the other statues according to the priority and fund we have.



Celebrate the vibrancy of Melbourne's ethnic communities on this Jubilee of Migrants weekend! On Saturday 4 October, a migrant festival gathering will take place at Loyola College in Watsonia from 9am to 4pm, featuring cultural presentations and talks, prayer, music and good food. On Sunday 5 October, come to St Patrick's Cathedral for the annual

Mass for All Nations. As Pope Leo says, 'Many migrants, refugees and displaced persons are privileged witnesses of hope ... they demonstrate this daily through their resilience and trust in God.' Let us celebrate the hope and joy that our migrant communities offer!

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS

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CONNECT WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE

BE EMPOWERED TO LIVE YOUR FAITH

Year 9 - 25 years plus leaders

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FINAL CALL FOR ACYF REGISTRATIONS!

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.

Fr. James: James.Baptist@cam.org.au

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 CHURCH WERRIBEE

PARISH FAIR

ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS
TIO 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!

FREE ENTRY

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
PARISH OFFICE 9741 4444

BE A

SINGSTAR

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

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