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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 FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C, 23RD AND 24TH AUGUST 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 Isaiah (Isaiah 66:18-21)

The Lord says this: I am coming to gather the nations of every language. They shall come to witness my glory. I will give them a sign and send some of their survivors to the nations: to Tarshish, Put, Lud, Moshech, Rosh, Tubal, and Javan, to the distant islands that have never heard of me or seen my glory. They will proclaim my glory to the nations. As an offering to the Lord they will bring all your brothers, on horses, in chariots, in litters, on mules, on dromedaries, from all the nations to my holy mountain in Jerusalem, says the Lord, like Israelites bringing oblations in clean vessels to the Temple of the Lord. And of some of them I will make priests and Levites, says the Lord.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 116

Response: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

O praise the Lord, all you nations, acclaim him all you peoples!

Strong is his love for us; he is faithful for ever.

Response: Go out to all the world and tell the Good News.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (Hebrews 12:5-7, 11-13)

Have you forgotten that encouraging text in which you are addressed as sons? My son, when the Lord corrects you, do not treat it lightly; but do not get discouraged when he reprimands you. For the Lord trains the ones that he loves and he punishes all those that he acknowledges as his sons. Suffering is part of your training; God is treating you as his sons. Has there ever been any son whose father did not train him? Of course, any punishment is most painful at the time, and far from pleasant; but later, in those on whom it has been used, it bears fruit in peace and goodness. So hold up your limp arms and steady your trembling knees and smooth out the path you tread; then the injured limb will not be wrenched, it will grow strong again. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

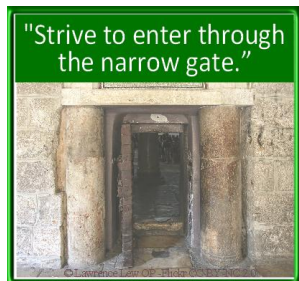
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 13:22-30)

Through towns and villages Jesus went teaching, making his way to Jerusalem. Someone said to him, 'Sir, will there be only a few saved?' He said to them, 'Try your best to enter by the narrow door, because I tell you, many will try to enter and will not succeed. 'Once the master of the house has got up and locked the door, you may find yourself knocking on the door, saying, "Lord, open to us" but he will answer, "I do not know where you come from." Then you will find yourself saying, "We once ate and drank in your company; you taught in our streets" but he will reply, "I do not know where you come from. Away from me, all you wicked men!" 'Then there will be weeping and grinding of teeth, when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and yourselves turned outside. And men from east and west, from north and south, will come to take their places at the feast in the kingdom of God. 'Yes, there are those now last who will be first, and those now first who will be last.'

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

A question from the crowd gives Jesus the chance to make a prophetic statement. Luke uses this question device a number of times in his Gospel. A few weeks ago, the question "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" led to the parable of the Good Samaritan. The question about will only a few be saved uses typical Christian language about salvation but also expresses the Jewish concern about whether everyone who calls himself a Jew is actually faithful to the covenant. This was a concern of the Pharisees. Jesus

answers that they must strive in the time remaining to enter through the narrow door because many will be trying to get in but won't be strong enough. The answer to the question if only a few will be saved is no. In the end, many will be saved, but many who thought they would be saved will not be saved. The parable is a prophetic warning to repentance in order to enter the kingdom.

Loyola Press

PRAYER AT HOME: This week's gospel acclamation makes a wonderful prayer: *I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me.*

VOCATION VIEW: Whom the Lord loves, He disciplines. The best way to lead others through the narrow gate is to be formed and disciplined as a leader. Then you can go through the narrow gate, yourself.

RECENT DEATH: Vincenzo Inserra

ANNIVERSARY: Antonino Faranda, Ivan Munro, Nina Cox, Tullia Ballan, Maria Alice Ferreira, Antonia Cardeno, Elmena Lamela, Noala Flynn, Maria Eisele, Josef Enenkel, Johnny Bonanno, Charlie Bonanno

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Edith and Alwin Salagubang, 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, Myrna De Leon

WEEKDAY LITURGY (24th Aug to 30th Aug)

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 (30th / 31st August 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm Mass

NEW ENVELOPES FROM AUGUST 2025 TO JANUARY 2026

New sets of Thanksgiving envelopes were back now in the Parish Office. It can be collected on Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm. You can call the Parish Office on 9741 4144. Thank you!

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

One major collection for the
Archdiocese of Melbourne

Archbishop's
Campaign
2025

Tax-
deductible
gifts
Archbishop's
Charitable Fund

Non-
deductible
gifts
Religious
Projects Fund

- Corpus Christi College Building Fund
- Priests Retirement Foundation
- John Pierce Centre
- Melbourne Overseas Missions
- University of Divinity Building Fund
- Annual grants to Catholic community agencies and community service organisations
- Archbishop's evangelisation initiatives
- Seminarian education

THE 2025 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

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. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the plate during the campaign weekends.

Thank you for your
generosity and support!



This annual Archbishop's Campaign will be conducted in parishes throughout August this year.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 24th AUGUST to 1st September 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 30th /31st Aug	Risa Ann Chandsan	Red Dubier	Franklin and Alex Ochi	Ann Jennings	Rosario Sweeny
MUSIC 30th /31st Aug	Philu and Co. Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Leituala Choir	Light of Jesus Choir	St. Andrews Children's Choir
Communion Minister 30th /31st Aug	Wilson Monteiro Kristine Ventura Gerry Ilagan	Anna Obieta Jude Disanayaka Nimal Pandithakoralege	Stella Onos Jen Climie Rita Edemu	Grace Iaria Maria Teofilo Grace Iaria	Sindhu Moreira Stephen Hart Judy Anderson
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 25 Aug: J. Hennessy Mon 1 Sept: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 25 Aug: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 29 Aug: P. Palamara Mon 25 Aug: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 24 Aug: C. Demate Sun 31 Aug: J. Francisco		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 24 Aug: S. Raphael Sun 31 Aug: Priya		

Dear Parish Volunteers,

We are truly grateful for your ongoing commitment and the valuable time you give to serve our parish community. Your dedication to God's work is deeply appreciated, and we thank you for all that you do. As part of our parish's responsibility to maintain a safe and compliant environment, we kindly ask all volunteers to ensure the following are up to date:

1. Working with Children Check (WWCC)

If you have not updated your Working with Children Check, please do so as soon as possible. When applying or renewing, please select "volunteering at St Andrew's Church" as the organisation. The Department of Human Services will then send us a copy directly. Please also email us a copy of your updated check for our records.

2. Safeguarding Children And Young People Code Of Conduct Declaration

The Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration is an acknowledgement that clergy, employees and volunteers have read and understood the behaviours and conduct expected of them and agree to comply with the Code of Conduct. **Clergy, employees and volunteers are required to sign the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration upon their commencement. Volunteers are required to re-sign the Declaration every three years. Clergy and employees are required to re-sign the Declaration annually.**

Printed forms can be found near the altar steps. You may pick up two forms one for yourself to keep as a reference and other one to be signed and returned to the parish office.

3. Parish Registration

It is compulsory for all volunteers to be registered parishioners in our parish database. If you are not yet registered, please complete the attached parishioner registration form and email it back to us. Please note: Only registered parishioners can take part in volunteer work within the parish.

4. Safeguarding Training

Those who missed the Safeguarding Training in December are required to complete the training online. Once completed, please email us a copy of your certificate for our records.

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

5. Updated Contact Details

If your address, phone number, email, or name has changed recently, kindly let us know so we can keep your information current. Once again, we thank you for your generous service and support. May God continue to bless you abundantly as you serve in His vineyard.

Kindly note:

In accordance with parish and safeguarding requirements, volunteers who do not hold a current Working with Children Check will not be able to engage in any volunteer activities until their check is obtained or updated. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Your cooperation to address this matter immediately would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, St. Andrew's Parish Safeguarding Committee

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 24 September 2025 beginning 19:00 – 20:00 Location: via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

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

EL SHADDAI 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.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT every 1st Sunday of the month after 5pm mass at St Andrew's Church. Please come and join us as we praise and thank our God for his abundant blessings, never-ending mercy and protection over us. Our next worship night will be 7 Sept 2025.

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 THE FESTIVAL ARE OFFICIALLY OPEN!

For those wishing to register with the Werribee Parish, or for more information, please contact Fr. James:

MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT
An ACYF Fundraiser

Help to send our youth to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival at this fun trivia night for all ages!

ADULTS & YOUTH: \$20
KIDS UNDER 12: \$10
TABLE OF 8: \$150

7.30PM, SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

The Penola Hub - 33 Mortimer St, Werribee
BYO snacks & non-alcoholic drinks

For TICKETS, please scan the code or email us: werribee@cam.org.au

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE CHARACTER!



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.

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.

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