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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER – YEAR C – 26TH / 27TH April 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: Acts 5:12-16 - Many signs and wonders were done among the people at the hands of the apostles. They were all together in Solomon's portico. None of the others dared to join them, but the people esteemed them. Yet more than ever, believers in the Lord, great numbers of men and women, were added to them. Thus they even carried the sick out into the streets and laid them on cots and mats so that when Peter came by, at least his shadow might fall on one or another of them. A large number of people from the towns in the vicinity of Jerusalem also gathered, bringing the sick and those disturbed by unclean spirits, and they were all cured. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 118:2-4,13-15,22-24

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the house of Israel say, "His mercy endures forever." Let the house of Aaron say, "His mercy endures forever." Let those who fear the LORD say, "His mercy endures forever."

I was hard pressed and was falling, but the LORD helped me. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. The joyful shout of victory in the tents of the just.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone. By the LORD has this been done; it is wonderful in our eyes. This is the day the LORD has made; let us be glad and rejoice in it.

Response: Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

SECOND READING: Revelation 1:9-11a,12-13,17-19 - I, John, your brother, who share with you the distress, the kingdom, and the endurance we have in Jesus, found myself on the island called Patmos because I proclaimed God's word and gave testimony to Jesus. I was caught up in spirit on the Lord's day and heard behind me a voice as loud as a trumpet, which said, "Write on a scroll what you see." Then I turned to see whose voice it was that spoke to me, and when I turned, I saw seven gold lampstands and in the midst of the lampstands one like a son of man, wearing an ankle-length robe, with a gold sash around his chest. When I caught sight of him, I fell down at his feet as though dead. He touched me with his right hand and said, "Do not be afraid. I am the first and the last, the one who lives. Once I was dead, but now I am alive forever and ever. I hold the keys to death and the netherworld. Write down, therefore, what you have seen, and what is happening, and what will happen afterwards." **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me, says the Lord; blessed are those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 20:19-31 On the evening of that first day of the week, when the doors were locked, where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood in their midst and said to them, "Peace be with you." When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. The disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained." Thomas, called Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples said to him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger into the nailmarks and put my hand into his side, I will not believe." Now a week later his disciples were again inside and Thomas was with them. Jesus came, although the doors were locked, and stood in their midst and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands, and bring your hand and put it into my side, and do not be unbelieving, but believe." Thomas answered and said to him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you come to believe because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed." Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples that are not written in this book. But these are written that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through this belief you may have life in his name.

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:

The readings for the Sundays after Easter all provide mystagogical catechesis for the entire church, with a special emphasis for the newly baptised. This instruction is meant to help us recognise the presence of the Risen Lord in our midst. The overarching theme for the Second Sunday of Easter is the celebration of this presence in several manifestations. While we might seek some obvious, tangible manifestation, each reading speaks of the presence of Christ in a way that we would not expect Christ to be present. He is there in the very throes of sickness, in fear and doubt, in the celebration of the liturgy. These presences challenge us to go beneath appearances, beneath the mundane and banal of life, and there discover the risen Lord in personal mystical experience, in the ministry of the believing community, and in the transformative possibilities of the liturgy. Experiences of the Risen Lord are not reserved for extraordinarily holy people. Any one of us can be invited into a deep personal encounter when we least expect it, in the most unlikely places, with effects that overwhelm us. In fact, the Risen Christ is always just around the next corner, eager to enter our lives with the transforming power of the resurrection. Being part of a community of believers in prayer can be one of the most profound religious experiences. It not only transforms the present, but it also entrusts us with a vision of what is yet to be, an eschatological hope for a glorious future.

Dianne Bergant CSA

PRAYER AT HOME: Repeat Thomas' great acclamation of faith often this week: *'My Lord and my God.'*

VOCATION VIEW: Easter: resurrection and new life; to be begotten by God. A new life, achieved from a conquered tomb. Meaning for life for people for thousands of years. Nothing more secure, nothing more lasting. "As the Father sent me, so I am sending you..."

RECENT DEATH: Kelly Jennings, Alicia Demate.

ANNIVERSARY: Manuel Cataquian, Marcelino Cataquian, Felicitas Cerdana, Briccio Calubaquib, Alessandro Battaglia, Arnaldo DeMuri, Antony Sbotto, Maria DeMarchi

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Edith and Alwin Salagubang, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Crispin De Zilva, Artemio Santos

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 (28th April – 3rd May 2025)

Mon: 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, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction at 9.00pm
Sat: 9.00am Mass followed by confession

WEEKEND MASSES (3rd and 4th May 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm Mass
 5.00pm **TAMIL Community Mass – Penola Hub**



We thank all our parishioners who acknowledging this parish as their own and participated in the working bee to prepare the Church and the surroundings for our Easter Celebration. We also thank the Altar Preparation group, Choirs, Lectors and Extraordinary Ministers and our staff for their contribution for making this celebration sacred and safe for all. Very special thanks to Glenwell Sharon Joseph who provides all the hotcross buns for the past few years May God bless you all in a very special way.

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

CATHOLIC CARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. There will be a collection in all the Masses to support the CatholicCare Victoria's programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, or call (03)9967 2515 or donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) will be on Thursday 9th May 2025 at 7.30pm in the Penola Hub, as we are still waiting for more reports to be submitted. PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR GROUP'S REPORT NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, 2nd MAY 2025. As in previous years, we are asking all Parish Groups to submit a report on last year's activities (one A4 page as a guideline) to be included in the AGM Booklet, as part of Parish accountability to one another. Please email your report to werribee@cam.org.au or drop it into the Parish Office. We are hoping to see at least two representatives of your group attending the AGM. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance

As the Church enters this time of Easter filled with the light and hope of the world, it is with deep sadness that we have received the news of the death of His Holiness, Pope Francis.

We unite with all the People of God in praying for the eternal rest of his soul and entrust him to the tender loving mercy of the Father.

Pope Francis, who came from the peripheries of the world, has been the father of the poor, and a witness of joy and hope. May the Lord, he so faithfully trusted, now welcome him into eternal life.

May he rest in God's gracious and gentle peace.

Mary, Our Blessed Mother of God, pray for him.

St Francis of Assisi, pray for him.

All Holy Men and Women, Saints of God, pray for him.

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne



TRIBUTE TO OUR HOLY FATHER POPE FRANCIS

Our beloved Pope Francis has completed his earthly life and went back home to his Eternal Father on the Easter Monday (21-04-2025). When he was fighting for his life recently in hospital all thought that he would die then. But he recovered and came back to his ministry as if he was sent back to complete his life here with the celebrations of the Holy Week.

He was born in Argentina. Experienced war and poverty due to lack of justice, tolerance and peace. This brought out in his papacy the love, simplicity, humility and hunger for justice and peace. He was criticized for embracing the so called out cast. Even when I am writing this, I happened to stumble on a critique who said that he will not go to heaven because he accepted people of all faith as believers of God. But his simple life and love conquered the hearts of many and even changed the lives of many for better.

Jesus said about the last judgement: "When I was hungry you gave me to eat, when I was thirsty you gave me to drink. Now enter into the house of my Father. For whatever you do to the least of my brother or sister that you do unto me".

This is what he did and we thank him for this and pray to His and Our Master to grant him the eternal rest as promised.

May his soul rest in peace. Amen

Priests and People of St. Andrews Parish

THE NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE (MASS COUNT) - The count is conducted over the first four consecutive Sundays (and Saturday evenings) in May. This will start next weekend 3rd and 4th May 2025. Could collectors please see Priest prior to Mass. This annual count taken in May is important for our pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 27th April to 5th May 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 3 rd & 4 th May	Anne-Marie Palmer	Red Dubier	Frank and Alex Ochi	Anthony Acciarito	Angelo Moreira
MUSIC 3 rd & 4 th May	Philu and Co	St. Anthony Choir	Sariling Tinig Choir	Ensemble of Faith Choir	Volunteer
Communion Minister 3 rd & 4 th May	Philu Fernandes Desiree Galea Anson John	Nelly Bautista Lillian Jilbert Jude Disanayaka	Stella Onos Charles Mei Sherine Raphael	Otilia Lesoa Katrina Gauc Graeme Roberts	Judy Anderson Genni Douglas Stephen Hart
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 28 Apr: Sherine Raphael Mon 5 May: John Hennessy		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 28 Apr: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 2 May: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 28 Apr: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 27 Apr: Otilia Lesoa Sun 4 May: C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 27 Apr: C. Ilagan Sun 4 May: M. H. Chong		

MACKILLOP COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Thursday 1 May 2025

4.00pm – 6.30pm Final Tour at 5.45pm

All welcome to attend and tour the College.
For further information regarding the College please visit the College website:
www.mackillop.vic.edu.au

Enrolments for Year 7 2027

Applications close on Friday 15 August 2025

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS MAY MEETING

is to be conducted on next Tuesday-week, May 6, in Penola Hub, at 7:30pm. All men are welcome to attend and learn about our work for the Parish and the wider Church Community. John Hennessy, 0418 517 396

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

are conducting a Bunnings Barbeque on May 3, and seeks help from available Parishioners. Operating from 9-4pm, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. If you can spare a couple of hours, please call Paul Beasley on 0417 136635, or John Hennessy on 0418 517 396. Thankyou.

When was the last time you felt **really alive**?



MEN'S WEEKEND

St. Peter Apostle Mission Parish, Hoppers Crossing is hosting a **menALIVE Men's Weekend** on the **17th and 18th of May 2025**. It provides an opportunity for men in Hoppers Crossing and neighbouring parishes to explore what makes them feel fully alive. The men of Hoppers Crossing Parish, with the encouragement of Parish Priest, Fr. Laurence Cortez, are inviting and encouraging men to become an active force of renewal in the community and the church. This event is a part of that renewal. **menALIVE** is a National Catholic Ministry for Men which was founded out of a response to a great need in the hearts and lives of men, and a great need in the life of the Catholic Church.

Date and time: 17th and 18th May 2025, Saturday 8:00 AM to 9:00 PM and

Sunday 8:00 AM to 1:30 PM. Cost: \$35 per person Includes lunch & dinner (sat) refreshments/tea/coffee (both days)

Venue: Thomas Carr Building St. Peter Apostle Primary School
38 Guinane Avenue
Hoppers Crossing, VIC 3029.

For further information or assistance, please contact

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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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