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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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C, 26TH / 27TH JULY 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 book of Genesis (Genesis 18:20-32)*

The Lord said, 'How great an outcry there is against Sodom and Gomorrah! How grievous is their sin! I propose to go down and see whether or not they have done all that is alleged in the outcry against them that has come up to me. I am determined to know.' The men left there and went to Sodom while Abraham remained standing before the Lord. Approaching him he said, 'Are you really going to destroy the just man with the sinner? Perhaps there are fifty just men in the town. Will you really overwhelm them, will you not spare the place for the fifty just men in it? Do not think of doing such a thing: to kill the just man with the sinner, treating just and sinner alike! Do not think of it! Will the judge of the whole earth not administer justice?' The Lord replied, 'If at Sodom I find fifty just men in the town, I will spare the whole place because of them.' Abraham replied, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this to my Lord, I who am dust and ashes. But perhaps the fifty just men lack five: will you destroy the whole city for five?' 'No', he replied 'I will not destroy it if I find forty-five just men there.' Again, Abraham said to him, 'Perhaps there will only be forty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied, 'for the sake of the forty.' Abraham said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry, but give me leave to speak perhaps there will only be thirty there.' 'I will not do it' he replied, 'if I find thirty there.' He said, 'I am bold indeed to speak like this, but perhaps there will only be twenty there.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the twenty.' He said, 'I trust my Lord will not be angry if I speak once more: perhaps there will only be ten.' 'I will not destroy it' he replied 'for the sake of the ten.' **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 137:1-3. 6-8.*

Response: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes.

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Response: Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (Colossians 2:12-14)*

You have been buried with Christ, when you were baptised; and by baptism, too, you have been raised up with him through your belief in the power of God who raised him from the dead. You were dead, because you were sinners and had not been circumcised: he has brought you to life with him, he has forgiven us all our sins. He has overridden the Law and cancelled every record of the debt that we had to pay; he has done away with it by nailing it to the cross. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit, we call God our Father. Alleluia!

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GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 11:1-13)*

Once Jesus was in a certain place praying, and when he had finished, one of his disciples said, 'Lord, teach us to pray, just as John taught his disciples.' He said to them, 'Say this when you pray: "Father, may your name be held holy, your kingdom come; give us each day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, for we ourselves forgive each one who is in debt to us. And do not put us to the test."' He also said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend and goes to him in the middle of the night to say, "My friend, lend me three loaves, because a friend of mine on his travels has just arrived at my house and I have nothing to offer him"; and the man answers from inside the house, "Do not bother me. The door is bolted now, and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up to give it to you." I tell you, if the man does not get up and give it him for friendship's sake, persistence will be enough to make him get up and give his friend all he wants. 'So I say to you: Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened to you. For the one who asks always receives; the one who searches always finds; the one who knocks will always have the door opened to him. What father among you would hand his son a stone when he asked for bread? Or hand him a snake instead of a fish? Or hand him a scorpion if he asked for an egg? If you then, who are evil, know how to give your children what is good, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!' **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

The readings invite us to reflect on prayer. Whether our prayer be praise, contrition, thanksgiving or petition, it always recognises our need for God. In the gospel Jesus instructs us to ask for what we need. He assures us that God is more than willing to give us what we need. However, for this to happen we must turn to God and humbly acknowledge our need. The most obvious characteristic of prayer depicted in the readings for this Sunday is persistence. Neither Abraham nor the man in the gospel was deterred by any obstacle. They show that it is not so much

that we persist in prayer in order to change God's mind as it is that we persist in order to discover what God's mind might be. The solitariness of prayer is often found in the change that it effects in us, not in God. By persevering in genuine prayer, we may come to acknowledge that all things are in God's hands, and that we can rest content to leave them there, trusting that the situation will be cared for as God sees fit. It seems trite to say that God hears all prayer and sometimes the answer is 'No!' It is better to say that God respects the freedom of people and will seldom intervene to change the way events unfold. Still, prayer can change the one who prays and also the one for whom the prayer is offered if only human need is recognised and divine solicitude is acknowledged. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use today's prayer after Communion as your prayer this week: *Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

VOCATION VIEW: How enjoyable to sit and talk with a friend. How vocational to sit and talk with your friend Jesus. Take time just to BE WITH Jesus.

RECENT DEATH: Rafael Arida Sr. (Philippines), Sunny Francis, Anne Zausa

ANNIVERSARY: Bakina Hikolo Herve, Vicente Cerdana, Elizabeth Ong, Kathleen Bensted, Sebastian Accardi

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

WEEKDAY LITURGY (28th July to 2nd August 2025)

Mon: 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 (2nd and 3rd August 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm Mass
5.00pm Tamil Community Mass



There will be a *third* collection this weekend on all masses for **ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S WINTER APPEAL 2025.**

Each year, our Winter Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society and, with your support, we hope to achieve a strong result so we can continue serving the community. Over the past six months, the Society has provided over \$5 million in material assistance, including food, clothing, furniture and financial support, to families and households in need throughout Victoria. With the current homelessness crisis, the assistance we provide for people experiencing hardship this Winter will be needed more than ever. Parishioners are encouraged to donate generously to help continue the Society's work of helping those most in need.

Please do so by donating online to vinnies.org.au

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

MACKILLOP COLLEGE: YEAR 7 – 2027

INFORMATION EVENING

Parents and guardians of current Year 5 students are warmly invited to attend MacKillop College's Information Evening on Wednesday, 30th July at 7:30pm in the Moreno Performing Arts Centre.

For further details, please visit our website at www.mackillop.vic.edu.au or contact our College Registrar on 8734 5200.

NEW ENVELOPES FROM AUGUST 2025 TO JANUARY 2026

New sets of Thanksgiving 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!

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 27th July – 4th AUG 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 2 nd / 3 rd Aug	Rhea Fernandes	Maria Teofilo	Vic Valencia	Michelle Calafiore	Andrew Canet
MUSIC 2 nd / 3 rd Aug	Philu and Co.	St. Anthony's Choir	Sariling Tinig Choir	Ensemble of Faith	Light of Jesus Choir
Communion Minister 2 nd / 3 rd Aug	Noelene Keogh Charles Reuben Anson John	David Cox John Hennessy Kevin McGuane	Emmanuel Edemu Bianca Pante Maria Malanyaon	Otilia Lesoa Sheridan Fevaleaki Katrina Gauci	Katherine Canet Nadia Richards Maria Parba
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 28 July: J. Hennessy Mon 4 Aug: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 28 July: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 1 Aug: P. Palamara Mon 28 July: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 27 July: C. Demate Sun 3 Aug: J. Francisco		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 27 July: C. Ilagan Sun 3 Aug: M.H. Chong		



REGISTRATIONS FOR THE FESTIVAL ARE OFFICIALLY OPEN!

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



PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT

(Every 1st Sunday of the month)

Please join us to give thanks and praise to our God for His blessed assurance.

I remember the days of long ago; I meditate on all your works and consider what your hands have done. Psalms 143:5

Next praise and worship will on 3rd August 2025 (after the 5pm mass) at St Andrew's Church Werribee.

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.

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

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.

"GOD AND BEER IN THE WEST", ORGANISED BY THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

August 7, 6:30pm at the Hoppers Club, Pan-am Drive, Hoppers Crossing. Guest Speaker: Fr. Jude Pirotta MSSP, "Building Resilience and finding Purpose through Faith". Free admission. Booking through: GodandBeer.com.au



Jubilee of Youth HOPE NIGHT

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, SAYS THE LORD, PLANS FOR WELFARE AND NOT FOR EVIL, TO GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE."
Jeremiah 29:11

Ages 11-25

- Live music
- Keynote talk
- Adoration & Benediction of The Blessed Sacrament
- Confession available

MUSIC
Kyle Correya

GUEST SPEAKER
Gary Pinto

7pm, Saturday 2nd of August

St Andrew's Church, 105 Greaves St North, Werribee VIC 3030

SCAN ME

MASS AT THE HOSPITAL AND 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

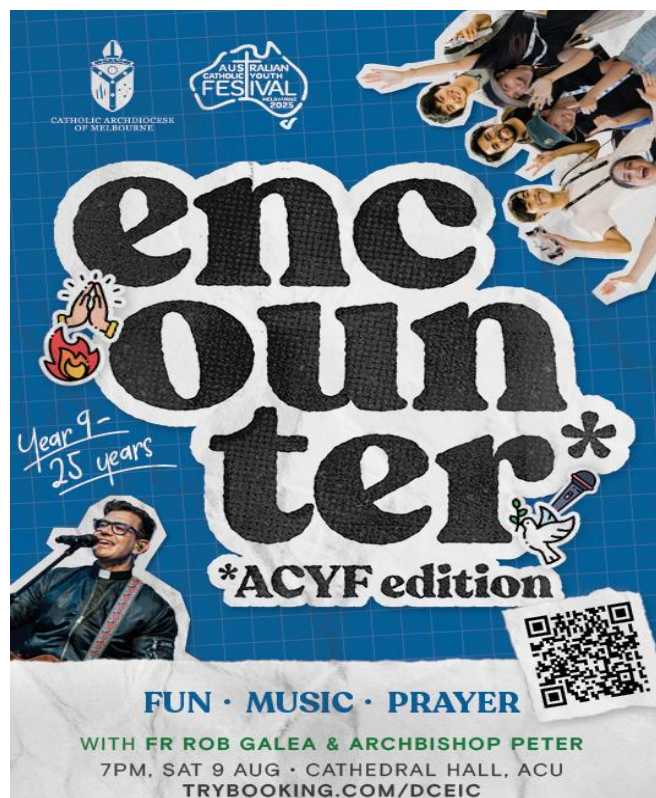
3rd Tuesday at 11.00am

Manor Court Werribee Aged Care

4th Thursday at 10.30am

St. Vincent's Aged Care

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday at 2.00pm



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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.