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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Incorporating the Communities of
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Werribee North,
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

PARISH TEAMS

Pastoral Team:

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP
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PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary

School – Ph. 9741 3686
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Principal: Chris Caldwell

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Regional College -
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Principal: Rose Connolly.

PALM SUNDAY – YEAR B - 23RD / 34TH MARCH 2024

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.

THE FIRST READING: Isaiah 50:4-7

The servant of the Lord said: "The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward." "I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting." "The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame." **The Word of the Lord.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PSALM 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips, they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet I can count every one of my bones.

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

Response: My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.

My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?

THE SECOND READING: Philippians 2:6-11

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **The word of the Lord.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory! Christ became obedient, even unto death, death on a cross. Because of this, God has highly exalted him, and bestowed on him the name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory!

GOSPEL: Mark 14:1-15:47

The narrative of the Lord's Passion is read.

Please refer to the PowerPoint.

N – Narrator

J – Jesus, Priest

O – Other voice

C – Crowd



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



GOSPEL REFLECTION: In this final Lenten Sunday, we see that we have been saved through the kenotic (partial renunciation of divine nature) humility of Jesus, not through military power. We have a saviour who was crushed for our iniquities, nailed to a cross as a convicted criminal, and there endured the sense of abandonment. However, this saviour was later lifted up and exalted precisely because he emptied himself of his divine prerogatives. Jesus became one of us in order to show us how we are to live. He was raised up because he himself was first willing to be put down.

The passion recounts the extent to which he willingly offered himself. We have a saviour who first offered himself for us and then continues to offer himself to us as an example to follow. As he was willing to empty himself for our sake, so we are told to empty ourselves for the sake of others. The best way to enter Holy Week with him is in the company of those with whom he has identified himself: the poor and the broken; the humiliated and the marginalized; those who suffer the abuse of others; those who never use rank to force their will. If we are to be saved, we must go where salvation takes place: in our streets and in our homes where violence rages; in the dark corners of life where despair seems to hold sway; wherever the innocent are abused or the needy are neglected, wherever there is misunderstanding or fear or jealousy. We must go wherever Christ empties himself for us.

Dianne Bergant CSA

PRAYER AT HOME: Make this prayer often this week: **Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your cross and resurrection, you have set us free.**

VOCATION VIEW: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Blessed is she who gives her life in the name of the Lord. Blessed are they who live their united life in the name of the Lord.

RECENT DEATH: Gaeton Labonne, Jackie Zuvela

ANNIVERSARIES: Carlo Battaglia, Giussepina Bettiol, Emilio Bettiol, Zenaida Ilagan, Eflida Perez, Nilo Villamor, Robert Maxwell Cathie

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Ryan Fitzgerald

The names for Prayers for the Sick will be kept for two months. If you want to renew or add any names, please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or send email to werrabee@cam.org.au

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 (25th to 30th March 2024)

Mon: 9.00am Mass

Tues: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 9.00am Mass

Thurs: No morning Mass

8.00pm celebration of the Mass of the Last Supper – Procession of The Eucharist to the Penola Hub and adoration till midnight

Fri: 9.00am Morning Prayers & Divine Mercy Novena

11.00am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Good Friday Service in the church and telecast in Andrews Primary School Sports Centre

Sat: No Morning Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (30th / 31st March 2024) EASTER SUNDAY

Sat: 8.00pm Holy Saturday Vigil Mass in the church

Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am

10.00am Mass at St. Michael – Little River

NO 5.00PM MASS

St. Andrews Parish Holy Week Timetable

23rd / 24th March - Palm Sunday weekend – Saturday

6.00pm and Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am & 5.00pm Mass with Blessing of Palms in the Church. Palms will be available at the entrance door to be picked up.

Sunday 11.00am Blessing of Palms near the Memorial Gardens and procession into the Church followed by Mass.

28th March – Holy Thursday – 8.00pm celebration of the Mass of the Last Supper – Procession of The Eucharist to the Penola Hub and adoration till midnight.

29th March – Good Friday – 9.00am Morning Prayers & Divine Mercy Novena

11.00am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Good Friday Service in the church and telecast in Andrews Primary School Sports Centre

30th March – Holy Saturday Vigil – 8.00pm in the church

31st March - Easter Sunday – 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am in the church.

10.00am St. Michael Little River



Collection for flowers for the Church for Easter will be held at all Masses this weekend, 23rd and 24th March 2024.

Thank you for your generosity.

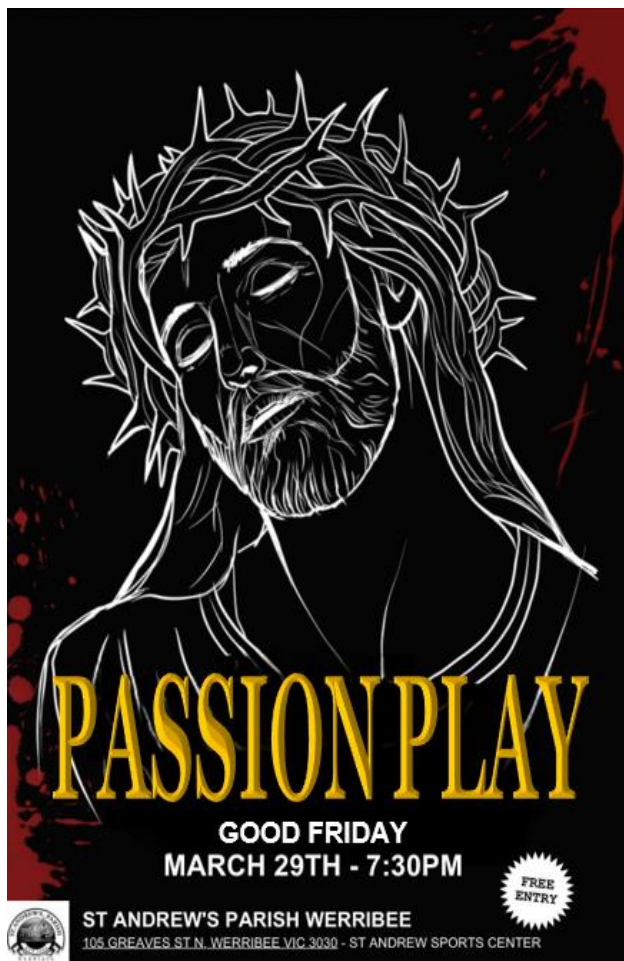
NEW PARISH OFFICE HOURS STARTING APRIL 2024
Tuesday – Friday 9.00am – 12.30pm and will reopen 1.00pm – 4.00pm
Parish will be close from 12.30 to 1.00pm



CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS!!! There will be a training for all Altar Servers in the Church to serve on Holy Week Masses. Parents, please encourage your child/children to this great opportunity to serve the Lord at the altar. Only those who attend will be rostered for Holy Week Masses. New Altar Servers (those who have received their First Holy Communion) are all to welcome to join. Thank you and see you all there. For more details, please call the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or Fr. Huy. Thank you.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 25th March to 1st April 2024

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 30 th /31 st Apr.	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	Easter Roster	No Mass
MUSIC 30 th /31 st Apr.	St. Andrew's Combine Choir	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	St. Andrew's Children's Choir	Powlin and Co.	No Mass
Communion Minister 30 th /31 st Apr.	Kristine Ventura Desiree Galea Noelene Keogh	Peter Walters David Cox John Hennessy	Jen Climie Mary Nguyen Anson John	Katrina Gauci Graeme Roberts Dominic Thiep	No Mass
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)	This week: Next week:		Mon 25 Mar: Mass Mon 1 Apr: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER	Cleaning: Vacuuming:		Mon 25 Mar: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 29 Mar: N.Deng, A. Majok Mon 25 Mar: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH	This week: Next week:		Sun 24 Mar: O. Lesoa Sun 31 Mar: C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This week: Next week:		Sun 24 Mar: P. John Sun 31 Mar: S. Raphael		



LEGION OF MARY - *Praesidium: Immaculate Heart of Mary* - Every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm at Penola Hub. For more information, please call the Parish Office 9741 4144



ST ANDREW'S YOUTH GROUP
Easter Raffle

Dear Parish Families, we are calling for donations of *Chocolate Easter Eggs* to make up prizes for our Easter Raffle. Proceeds from this raffle will go to supporting our Youth Group activities. Tickets will be \$2 each or 3 tickets for \$5. If you would like to donate Easter chocolates for prizes, please leave them in the parish office during office hours. Tuesday to Friday 9am to 4pm or message Susanne directly 0438 372 952

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS - ASSISTANCE WITH TRAFFIC SAFETY IS REQUIRED. Fr. Albert has asked the Knights of the Southern Cross to assist with the safety of Worshippers during the Ecumenical Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning. We need a few more to assist in facilitating the flow of this important Event. Please call John Hennessy, on 0418 517 396, for more information. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thankyou.



Palm Sunday of Lent
23rd / 24th March



As Project Compassion 2024 comes to an end, we want to thank you for your incredibly generous support throughout Lent. This year, we shared with you the story of three inspiring women from across the globe, who overcame challenges to complete their education, access water, and find secure employment. With the support of compassionate people like you, they are now forging a path to a better future for their families and their communities. There is still time to donate! Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, or all future generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

ALPHA at ST ANDREWS

Alpha Course is running every Wednesday 7.00pm in Penola Hub. This is a good opportunity to invite non-Christian friends who may be interested about the BIG questions in life. Refer to posters on bulletin boards for the Alpha schedule. Please scan and register as slots are limited.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - our Children's Liturgy is back for all 11AM Masses. Children aged 3 to 9 years old are invited to attend this during 11AM Mass. One parent or guardian should accompany 3-year old children. We are looking for volunteers who can assist us with the 9:30 AM Masses as well. You can either be a "Main Facilitator" or a "Volunteer Guide". If you are interested, please contact kemp.vinson@cam.org.au.

MINISTRY OF CARE - We are looking for volunteers who want to give Holy Communion to those who cannot physically go to Mass. Please contact or call the parish office at 9741 4144 or kemp.vinson@cam.org.au

ELSHADDAI 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.

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

MACKILLOP COLLEGE OPEN DAY - Wednesday 1 May 2024 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 2026 Applications close on Friday 16 August 2024



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about Natural Family Planning

WWW.NATURALPLAN.ORG

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 baptise 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.

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