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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

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

PARISH TEAMS

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SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B - 24TH / 25TH FEBRUARY 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.

FIRST READING: Genesis 22:1-2, 9, 10-13, 15-18

God put Abraham to the test. He called to him, "Abraham!" "Here I am!" he replied. Then God said: "Take your son Isaac, your only one, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him up as a holocaust on a height that I will point out to you." When they came to the place of which God had told him, Abraham built an altar there and arranged the wood on it. Then he reached out and took the knife to slaughter his son. But the LORD's messenger called to him from heaven, "Abraham, Abraham!" "Here I am!" he answered. "Do not lay your hand on the boy," said the messenger. "Do not do the least thing to him. I know now how devoted you are to God, since you did not withhold from me your own beloved son." As Abraham looked about, he spied a ram caught by its horns in the thicket. So he went and took the ram and offered it up as a holocaust in place of his son. Again the LORD's messenger called to Abraham from heaven and said: "I swear by myself, declares the LORD, that because you acted as you did in not withholding from me your beloved son, I will bless you abundantly and make your descendants as countless as the stars of the sky and the sands of the seashore; your descendants shall take possession of the gates of their enemies, and in your descendants all the nations of the earth shall find blessing all this because you obeyed my command."

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19

Response: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I said, "I am greatly afflicted." Precious in the eyes of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your handmaid; you have loosed my bonds. To you will I offer sacrifice of thanksgiving, and I will call upon the name of the LORD.

My vows to the LORD I will pay in the presence of all his people, In the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Response: I will walk before the Lord, in the land of the living.

SECOND READING: Romans 8:31-34

Brothers and sisters: If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but handed him over for us all, how will he not also give us everything else along with him? Who will bring a charge against God's chosen ones? It is God who acquits us, who will condemn? Christ Jesus it is who died or, rather, was raised who also is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. King of endless glory. From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, listen to him. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. King of endless glory.

GOSPEL: Mark 9:2-10

Jesus took Peter, James, and John and led them up a high mountain apart by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them. Then Elijah appeared to them along with Moses, and they were conversing with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Rabbi, it is good that we are here! Let us make three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." He hardly knew what to say, they were so terrified. Then a cloud came, casting a shadow over them; from the cloud came a voice, "This is my beloved Son. Listen to him." Suddenly, looking around, they no longer saw anyone but Jesus alone with them. As they were coming down from the mountain, he charged them not to relate what they had seen to anyone, except when the Son of Man had risen from the dead. So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what rising from the dead meant. **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: We all have dreams for the future, dreams about success and well-being. We all want a better world for our children and grandchildren. Our religious tradition sets before us aspirations that call for personal transformation. However, sometimes when we follow the inspiration of our most devout aspirations, obstacles are thrown in our path preventing us from following our dreams. Still, God does not call us out of our dreams into a vacuum. If we are asked to relinquish a possible future, it is only to be offered God's future. Our aspirations may be noble, but the possibilities that God offers will outstrip them in excellence. Abraham was promised an heir; he relinquished his hold on his heir, and he was granted heirs beyond counting. Jesus came as a Rabbi; he allowed himself to be handed over to death, and he was revealed as the beloved Son of God. Those preparing

for Baptism might be asked to relinquish the dreams that they previously held in order to embrace the future God has in store for them. We who are already joined to Christ will be asked to recommit ourselves to this transformative experience. Do we have faith, or do we need a glimpse of Christ's transfiguration in order to believe in his resurrection? Do we have to see and touch Jesus, or are we able to believe because we have heard his message? God's future in Christ is open to us, but we must accept it in faith, even when we do not fully understand what it means. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

PRAYER AT HOME: A variation of the collect from today's Mass offers a suitable prayer for this week: '**O God, you have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son. Be pleased we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word.**'

VOCATION VIEW: If you need an example of a person responding to a vocational call, look at Abraham - called in old age to leave his country, father a child, then asked to sacrifice the child. What faith! Vocation is a risky response to a unique call from God.

RECENT DEATH: Angela Tarascio

ANNIVERSARIES: Roger Camacho, Renato Bernal

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege

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 (26th Feb. to 2nd Mar 2024)

Mon: 9.00am Liturgy of the word with Communion
Tues: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass.
Fri: 9.00am Mass followed by Station of the Cross
7.00pm Station of the Cross followed by Mass, and Exposition.
9.00am Benediction
Sat: 9.00am Mass followed by confession

WEEKEND MASSES (2nd / 3rd March 2024)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Mass
5.00pm Tamil Community Mass – Penola Hub

NEW ENVELOPES FROM FEBRUARY TO JULY

2024 - Stewardship Receipts and new sets of 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!

OUR LADY'S STATUE ROSTER - for our Lady's Statue for 2024 is available at the Altar Steps. If you would like to have the statue at your home please fill provide your name and phone number on the roster sheets. Thank you.

DAILY ROSARY ON ZOOM

Please join us via Zoom Meeting every night at 6.55pm for 7.00 pm start

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2764655672?pwd=5bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkJK6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672

Password: 9rGLKz

Let us continue to pray together for each other.
Stay safe and God bless you all.



Dear friends,

I would like to thank you for your prayers for Vocations over the years. We were delighted to accept eight men to the Seminary for Melbourne this year: Chinh Tran, Rohan Prince, Luke Kennedy, Luke Emslie, Tung Phan, Joseph Maae, Patrick Harris and Mathews Noble. Many of you have personally helped and encouraged these men along their journey to apply to the join the Seminary; it truly is a team effort! Please continue to pray for them! Part of the work of the Vocations Office is to promote Vocations throughout our Archdiocese. Please feel free to contact us if you have any thoughts/plans of how we can do so better.

In Christ,
Fr Dishan and the Vocations Team

PASTORAL VISIT
OF OUR REGIONAL BISHOP MOST REV. MARTIN ASHE
From 1ST of March to the 3RD of March



1st of March Friday

Morning – Focus on Schools

Afternoon – Meeting Pastoral, financial & Mission Teams

Evening – First Friday Mass & Exposition

2nd of March Saturday

Morning – Meeting Various Parish Committees & Groups

– Visiting Mercy Place Aged Care

Afternoon – Visiting Little River Church

3.00PM - PARISH FORUM- All welcome

Evening – 6.00pm Mass & Meeting with the Youth

3rd of March Sunday

Celebrate all the Masses & meeting the People

Please see Notice Board for more details of the Pastoral Visit of Bishop Martin Ashe in our parish of St. Andrews

**FIRST COMMUNITY MASS AT OLSC
GREAT SUCCESS!!!**



We had our first Community mass at Our Lady of Southern Cross, Wyndham Vale on last Sunday. It was attended by more than three hundred parishioners. We thank the organizers - The school principal and staff as well as the committee and all who participated including our choir and altar servers. May God bless you all.

YOU'RE INVITED TO ALPHA.

Alpha

Explore.

Join a one-of-a-kind,
open-ended,
open-minded,
open-hearted,
pressure free,
small group conversation.



ALPHA @ ST. ANDREW'S
STARTS ON 21 FEB 2024
7PM TO 9PM | PENOLA HUB

COME AND SEE.



2nd Sunday of Lent
24th / 25th February



After the birth of her children, 22-year-old Ronita was at risk of having to leave school permanently. But, with the support of Caritas Australia's partners in the Philippines, she resumed her studies and secured a job at a call centre to support her family. **Please donate to Project Compassion.**

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - After months of campaigning for volunteers and assessing if we have enough participants, 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. If you are interested please contact kemp.vinson@cam.org.au. You can either be a "Main Facilitator" or a "Volunteer Guide".

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

PARISH HISTORY COMMITTEE - We are forming a parish history committee that will serve as a group that will gather data, summarise and tell the story of our parish life from 1980 onwards. The main output is to publish a material that captures the highlights of the parish from 1980 onwards. If you are interested, please contact kemp.vinson@cam.org.au or call the parish office at 9741 4144.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 25th February to 4th March 2024

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 2nd / 3rd Mar.	Josephine Fernando	John Hennessy	Titus Lizardo	Natasha Krisnakumar	Angelo Moreira
MUSIC 2nd / 3rd Mar.	Phillu and Co.	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	The Glorious Choir	Missionary Families of Christ	Sariling Tinig Choir
Communion Minister 2nd / 3rd Mar.	Noelene Keogh Mei Charles Kristine Ventura	Jude Disanayaka Anna Obieta Alfred Obieta	Maria Malanyaon Mary Nguyen Jen Climie	Otilia Lesoa Graeme Roberts Katrina Gauci	Nadia Richards Maria Parba Francesca Etta
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)	This week: Next week:	Mon 26 Feb: John Hennessy Mon 4 Mar: C. Ilagan			
CLEANER	Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 26 Feb: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 1 Mar: P. Palamara, N. Deng Mon 26 Feb: Volunteer			
ALTAR CLOTH	This week: Next week:	Sun 25 Feb: O. Lesoa Sun 3 Mar: C. Ilagan			
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This week: Next week:	Sun 25 Feb: S. Raphael Sun 3 Mar: M. Parba			



St Andrew's Primary School Werribee

**2025 FOUNDATION ENROLMENT
INFORMATION NIGHT**

29th February

6:00pm

REGISTER NOW



www.sawerribee.catholic.edu.au
or contact the office 9741 3686

If you want to subscribe for St. Andrews Parish Take Away Sheet please follow the link below

<https://www.melbocatholic.org/s/subscription?id=0012w00000LOj75AAD&req=subscribe>

or check our website.

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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