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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 THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C, 6TH AND 7TH SEPTEMBER 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

FIRST READING: *A reading from the book of Wisdom (Wisdom 9:13-18)*

What man can know the intentions of God? Who can divine the will of the Lord? The reasonings of mortals are unsure and our intentions unstable; for a perishable body presses down the soul, and this tent of clay weighs down the teeming mind. It is hard enough for us to work out what is on earth, laborious to know what lies within our reach; who, then, can discover what is in the heavens? As for your intention, who could have learnt it, had you not granted Wisdom and sent your holy spirit from above? Thus have the paths of those on earth been straightened and men been taught what pleases you, and saved, by Wisdom. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 89:3-6. 12-14. 17*

Response: *In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

Response: *In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to Philemon (Philemon 12-17:Phlm 9-10, 12-17)*

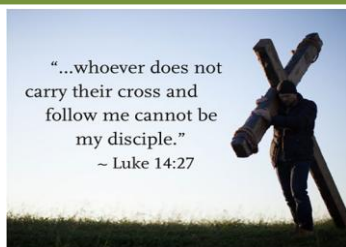
This is Paul writing, an old man now and, what is more, still a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for a child of mine, whose father I became while wearing these chains: I mean Onesimus. I am sending him back to you, and with him – I could say – a part of my own self. I should have liked to keep him with me; he could have been a substitute for you, to help me while I am in the chains that the Good News has brought me. However, I did not want to do anything without your consent; it would have been forcing your act of kindness, which should be spontaneous. I know you have been deprived of Onesimus for a time, but it was only so that you could have him back for ever, not as a slave any more, but something much better than a slave, a dear brother; especially dear to me, but how much more to you, as a blood-brother as well as a brother in the Lord. So if all that we have in common means anything to you, welcome him as you would me. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Let your face shine on your servant and teach me your laws. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 14:25-33)*

Great crowds accompanied Jesus on his way, and he turned and spoke to them. 'If any man comes to me without hating his father, mother, wife, children, brothers, sisters, yes and his own life too, he cannot be my disciple. Anyone who does not carry his cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 'And indeed, which of you here, intending to build a tower, would not first sit down and work out the cost to see if he had enough to complete it? Otherwise, if he laid the foundation and then found himself unable to finish the work, the onlookers would all start making fun of him and saying, "Here is a man who started to build and was unable to finish." Or again, what king marching to war against another king would not first sit down and consider whether with ten thousand men he could stand up to the other who advanced against him with twenty thousand? If not, then while the other king was still a long way off, he would send envoys to sue for peace. So in the same way, none of you can be my disciple unless he gives up all his possessions.' **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: Like a king making ready for battle or a contractor about to build a tower, we have to count the cost as we set out to follow Jesus. Our Lord today is telling us up front the sacrifice it will take. His words aren't addressed to His chosen few, the Twelve, but rather to the "great crowds" to anyone, to whoever wishes to be His disciple. That only makes His call all the more stark and uncompromising. We are to "hate" our old lives, to renounce all the earthly things we rely upon, to choose Him above every person and possession. Again, He tells us that the things we have even our family ties and obligations can become an excuse, an obstacle that keeps us from giving ourselves completely to Him. Jesus brings us the saving wisdom we are promised in today's First Reading. He is that saving Wisdom. Weighed down by many earthly concerns, the burdens of our body and its needs, we could never see beyond the things of this world; we could never detect God's heavenly design and intention. So in His mercy He sent us His Spirit, His Wisdom from on high, to make straight our path to Him. Jesus Himself paid the price to free us from the sentence imposed on Adam, which we recall in today's Psalm No more will the work of our hands be an affliction; no more are we destined to turn back to dust. Like Onesimus in today's Epistle, we have been redeemed. We have been given a new family and a new inheritance, made children of the Father, brothers and sisters in the Lord. We are free now to come after Him, to serve Him no longer slaves to the ties of our past lives. In Christ, all our yesterdays have passed. We live in what the Psalm today beautifully describes as the daybreak, ready to be filled with His kindness. For He has given us wisdom of heart and taught us to number our days aright. **Dr. Scott Hahn**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use today's gospel acclamation as your prayer this week: **"Let your face shine on your servant and teach me your laws."**

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus says clearly; "Anyone who does not take up the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple." You and Jesus can carry your cross together. Then, you can follow!

RECENT DEATH: Thelma Fernandes, Paola Carraro, Melinda Houston, Kerry Marsden, Winefreda Demate

ANNIVERSARY: Daniel Morales, Kingsley Pandithakoralege, Mary and Harry Stewart, Collin Warren, Joseph Vella, Annetto Mangion, Benedict Camilleri, Benjamin Camilleri,

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, Annette Landicho Manicad Lapworth, Charlie (Carmel) Restall.

WEEKDAY LITURGY (8th to 13th September 2025)

Mon: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

9.00am Mass

7.30pm Mass

Tues: 9.00pm Mass

Wed: 9.00am Mass

Thurs: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass

Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (13th / 14th September 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

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

2.00pm Burmese Community Mass



Dearest Mother Mary, your conception was immaculate and your birth glorious. You were conceived without sin, born without sin, and remained sinless throughout your life. In Heaven, you radiate the beauty and splendor of God and will do so for all eternity. Please pray for me, that I will more fully imitate your many virtues, so that I can be a fitting instrument of your divine Son in the world. Mother Mary, pray for me. Jesus, I trust in You.

"Our parish's Altar servers' coming meeting will be held at the Penola hub on Friday September 12th at 7PM."



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

ORDERS FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUES

We are now accepting orders for memorial plaque to be placed on the wall in our Sacred Garden. Our current supplier has increased their price to \$320.00. We are going to place order by Friday, 12th September 2025. Order forms are available from the Parish Office. For any enquiry, please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144. Thank you.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 8th to 15th September 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 13 th / 14 th Sept	Gerry Ilagan	Anna Obieta	Maria Malanyaon	Grace Iaria	Sindhu Moreira
MUSIC 13 th / 14 th Sept	St. Faustina Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Padre Pio Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Andrews Children's Choir
Communion Minister 13 th / 14 th Sept	Philu Fernandes Aroon Sequeira Wilson Monteiro	Alfred Obieta Lillian Jilbert Jude Disanayaka	Mary Nguyen Charles Mei Stella Onos	Michelle Calafiore Clare Taylor Stealth D'Rozario	Nadia Richards Maria Parba Sindhu Moreira
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 8 Sept: M.H. Chong Mon 15 Sept: S. Raphael		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 8 Sept: Z. Prazad Fri 12 Sept: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 8 Sept: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 7 Sept: O. Lesoa Sun 14 Sept: C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 7 Sept: N. George Sun 14 Sept: Priya		

COME & SEE  Alpha is a safe space to explore topics about life, death, faith and many more.

Everyone is welcome regardless of race, religion, or cultural affiliation.

 everyone has questions



Join us to explore ALPHA. Scan this QR Code now. Sessions are FREE. With dinner. Wednesday 7 to 9 PM only from 03 SEP 2025.

 **EL SHADDAI PRAYER GROUP**
28th ANNIVERSARY

THIS TUESDAY, 9th September
Join us for this very special milestone this Tuesday 9th September 1pm to 2:30pm in Penola Hub - 33 Mortimer Street. Bring a plate to share. ALL WELCOME.

Contact Susanne 0438 372 952 for more information.

 **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

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE CHARACTER!

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



 **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WERRIBEE**
PARISH FAIR
FREE ENTRY

ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS
TIO GREAVES ST NORTH WERRIBEE

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER 22 2025 10:00AM TILL 5:00PM

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

 **RAFFLE**

 RIDES  LIVE MUSIC  FOOD & DRINKS  SINGING COMPETITION  GAMES  BAKE STALL  RAFFLES  FACE PAINTING  MARKETS & MORE!

 **SINGSTAR**
COMPETITION
AGE GROUPS
8-12 YRS
13-17 YRS
18+ YRS



REGISTER NOW!

FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
PARISH OFFICE 9741 4144

 **RayWhite**  **DOON HOMES**  **ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WERRIBEE**  **EVERYDAY SPARKY**  **Le Pine FUNERAL**  **WYNHAM**

1300 683 855



On Saturday 20 September 2025, Deacons Joshua McDermid, Tuong Nguyen and Ian Vergel will be ordained to the Priesthood. Please join us at St Patrick's Cathedral for the Ordination Mass and pray for them as they embark on their priestly ministry in the service of God's people in the Archdiocese. The Mass will also be broadcast live on our [YouTube channel](#).

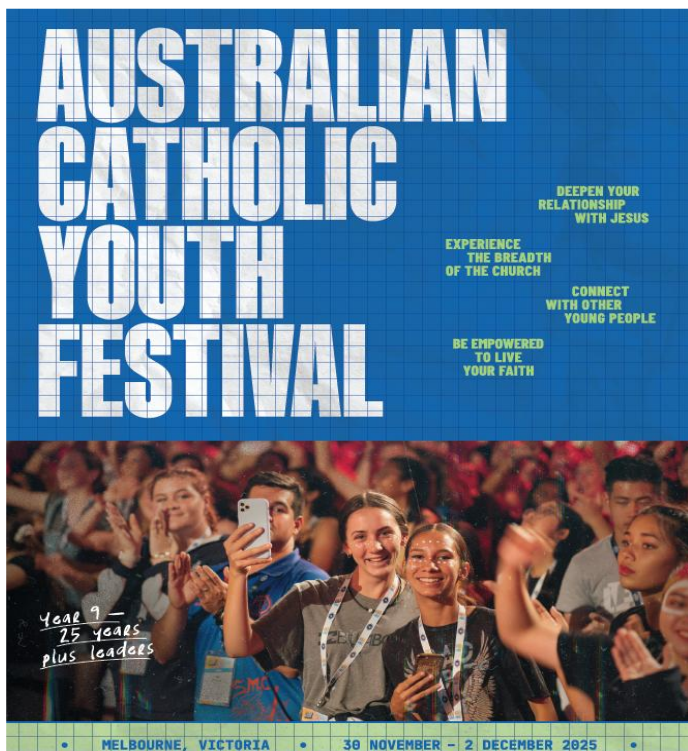
Event Date: Saturday 20 September 2025 at 10.00am
Venue St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, east Melbourne



Thank you for your generosity. We are grateful for your **parish donation of \$2,342.20**. Because of your kindness our vital services continue to reach the most vulnerable and disadvantaged in our communities - offering hope, strength, and a true sense of belonging. Your compassion is empowering individuals and families to live with dignity, purpose, and renewed possibility. Thank you for supporting CatholicCare Victoria.

JOIN US FOR MARY & MARTHA – A Women's Ministry Meeting! Ladies, you are warmly invited to our Mary & Martha Women's Ministry gathering this is a time to step away from the busyness of life and enter into a space of faith, fellowship, and renewal. **When:** Tuesday, 9th September 2025, 7 pm **Where:** Penola Hub. All women are welcome! Let's journey in faith together - see you there!

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, 23 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.



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

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

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.