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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Incorporating the Communities of
Werribee Central, Wyndham Vale, Werribee South,
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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

Principal:
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Principal: Joanne Webster

Our Lady of the

Southern Cross Primary

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Principal: Chris Caldw

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Regional College -

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Principal: Rose Connolly.

TWENTY- THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

7TH / 8TH SEPTEMBER 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: Isaiah 35:4-7

Thus says the LORD: Say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Streams will burst forth in the desert, and rivers in the steppe. The burning sands will become pools, and the thirsty ground, springs of water.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 146:6-7,8-9,9-10

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

The God of Jacob keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

The fatherless and the widow the LORD sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations. Alleluia.

Response: Praise the Lord, my soul!

SECOND READING: James 2:1-5

My brothers and sisters, show no partiality as you adhere to the faith in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. For if a man with gold rings and fine clothes comes into your assembly, and a poor person in shabby clothes also comes in, and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Sit here, please," while you say to the poor one, "Stand there," or "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves and become judges with evil designs? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him? **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

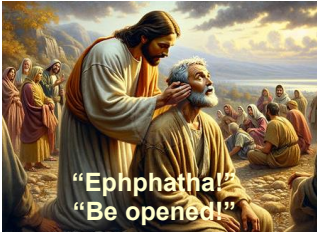
Alleluia, Alleluia. Jesus proclaimed the Gospel of the kingdom and cured every disease among the people. Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 7:31-37

Again Jesus left the district of Tyre and went by way of Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, into the district of the Decapolis. And people brought to him a deaf man who had a speech impediment and begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him off by himself away from the crowd. He put his finger into the man's ears and, spitting, touched his tongue; then he looked up to heaven and groaned, and said to him, "Ephphatha!" – that is, "Be opened!" – And immediately the man's ears were opened, his speech impediment was removed, and he spoke plainly. He ordered them not to tell anyone. But the more he ordered them not to, the more they proclaimed it. They were exceedingly astonished, and they said, "He has done all things well. He makes the deaf hear and the mute speak."

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: Jesus opens our eyes to the reality of God's presence in our midst, in the goodness of people and in the tenderness of life, even in its vulnerability. He opens our ears to hear the word of God spoken to us by others, revealed to us through the created world. There is an eschatological dimension to being open to the word of God, because we are opened to hear something from the future. The prophets always speak about this future in the present tense. They see it happening already. Isaiah proclaims, 'Here is your God!' and the world is transformed. Jesus says, 'Be open.' The good news always opens us to future possibilities, to personal and communal transformation, to a

new creation. With the word of God, the future invades our present. Although the eschatological future is already present to us, it is only unfolding, it has not yet opened completely. We still judge each other by appearances. We still miss the presence of God in the poor and the dispossessed, in those who suffer from disease or war or loneliness. We still shun those of another race, or those who have been shaped by another culture, or those who worship God in a different way. Although the eschatological future is already present, we have not yet put aside all of the biases of the past, we have not yet been fully transformed. But God has spoken, God has come to save us. God is trustworthy; God keeps faith forever. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

PRAYER AT HOME: Recite the entrance antiphon of the liturgy this week: *'You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.'*

VOCATION VIEW: Has not God chosen the poor of the world to inherit the kingdom? Chosen to be rich in faith. So take heart, be not afraid, consider your part in God's Kingdom.

RECENT DEATH: Domenica Trifilo, Elena Interlici, Therese Cassar, Edgardo Baltero

ANNIVERSARIES: Irene Villamora Neri, Trinidad Manicad, Epifanio Neri, Araceli Macaraig Tenorio, Juana Santiago-Ison, Stephanie Shilpa Ramirez, Ninette Lerch, Povave Taafe Antagavaia

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Ryan Fitzgerald, Michael Edwards, Dr. Bong Lu, Nini Lu, Finda Daduya, Rosita Dizon, Alexander, Felipe and Anne, Tenorio and Franco Masalit, Paul Nguyen Thanh Long, Anna Huynh Phung Lien

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 werribee@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.

WEEKDAY LITURGY (9th to 14th September)

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
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (14th / 15th September 2024)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Mass
 10.00 Wyndham Vale Community Mass

ORDER FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUE You are most welcome to place your orders for Memorial Plaque for your loved ones to be placed on our wall in our Memorial Garden. The price has been raised to \$300 by the supplier. We will place the orders when we get few numbers. Please place your orders now so that they will be ready before November. Forms are available at the Parish Office or the brochure racks next to each door and in the foyer. May your loved ones Rest in Peace.

LEGION OF MARY NEW MEETING SCHEDULE

Praesidium: Immaculate Heart of Mary is inviting you to join our meeting every Tuesday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at Penola Hub. For more information, please call the Parish Office 9741 4144. All are welcome to join.

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 11.00am

Baptcare Wyndham Lodge Community

1st Thursday at 11.00am

Werribee Mercy Hospital

2nd Thursday at 2.30pm

Uniting AgeWell Manor Lakes Community

2nd Tuesday at 11.00am

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

MARY & MARTHA WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We invite you to join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, September 10th at the Penola Hub from 7pm -8:30pm. We pray that you will hear God's call to join us. *For inquiries email Monique - mnqmei@gmail.com*



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP After 11am Mass to meet and greet new and regular parishioners, this Sunday, 8th September 2024. Tea, coffee, cake, biscuits and cookies will be served. Please come and join us in this friendly gathering. You are most welcome to bring a plate to share. Everyone is welcome. See you all there!!! **(Weather Permitting)**



Join us at
Our Lady of the Southern Cross
for our
Wyndham Vale Catholic Community Mass

SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 15TH
10AM

MASS WILL BE FOLLOWED BY
FELLOWSHIP

We ask everyone to please bring a plate of
food to share with your fellow parishioners
after mass.

*This is a great way to get to know each
other and to build community*

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL AT
OUR LADY OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS
2-20 HOWQUA WAY
MANOR LAKES
ON
SEPTEMBER 15TH



Dinner Dance Thank you

After a break forced by COVID we were able to gather once again for a 'Dinner Dance' event in our parish.

We first and foremost thank the 'Sariling Tinig Filipino Choir' group which courageously came forward to organise this event. We also sincerely thank all the sponsors, benefactors and all who contributed in anyway towards this event. We specially thank all who came and enjoyed the night. Your support has helped us to raise \$10,547.80. As already announced, this fund will be used for our parish in its journey towards becoming a Mission as directed by our Archbishop.

Thank you all once again and God Bless you all always.

Fr. Albert

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 8th to 16th September 2024

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 14 th / 15 th Sept	Martina Nettis	Darren Giese	Franklin & Alex Ochi	Grace Iaria	Youth Group
MUSIC 14 th / 15 th Sept	Philu and Co.	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	St. Andrew's Choir	Joseph the Dreamer Choir	Youth Choir
Communion Minister 14 th / 15 th Sept	Phillu Fernandes Kristine Ventura Noelene Keogh	John Hennessy Kevin McGuane Nelly Bautista	Sherine Raphael Mary Nguyen Maria Malanyaon	Eric Demate Cora Demate Clare Taylor	Stephen Hart Sindhu Moreira Stephen Hart
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 9 Sept: J. Hennessy Mon 16 Sept: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 9 Sept: Z. Prasad Fri 13 Sept: P. Palamara Mon 9 Sept: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 8 Sept: M. Galea Sun 15 Sept: C. Demate		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 8 Sept: S. Raphael Sun 15 Sept: N. George		

CHILDREN'S LITURGY – Our 9.30am Children's Liturgy is looking for volunteers who can assist us as "Main Facilitator" or a "Volunteer Guide". If you are interested, please contact kemp.vinson@cam.org.au or call the Parish Office on 9741 4144.

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.



THE PARISH OF ST. ANDREWS AND THE DIOCESE OF MELBOURNE

are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

MIGRANT YOUTH FESTIVAL – Celebrating the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, 'God Walks With His People',



on Sunday, 29th September 2024 at Cathedral Hall, Australian Catholic University Melbourne. Scan the QR Code to register or visit trybooking.com/CSAYK Registration close 15th September.

Novena to our Lady of Fatima

Friday, 4th October to Saturday, 12th October 2024



WE INVITE YOU TO OUR OCTOBER NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA. THE NOVENA WILL BE HELD AT ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH, 105 Greaves St. Nth., Werribee. WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BRING FLOWERS FOR OFFERING TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY DURING THE NOVENA.

Novena Times and Dates

October 04 Friday	7:00pm
October 05 Saturday	5:30pm*
October 06 Sunday	4:30pm**
October 07 Monday	7:00pm
October 08 Tuesday	7:00pm
October 09 Wednesday	7:00pm
October 10 Thursday	7:00pm
October 11 Friday	7:00pm
October 12 Saturday	5:00pm*

*followed by 6:00pm mass

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A PROCESSION AROUND THE CHURCH GROUND FOLLOWED BY 6:00pm MASS WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE LAST DAY. THERE WILL BE A FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE MASS. YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO BRING A PLATE TO SHARE.

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=bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkI6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672

Password: 9rGLKz

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

FOR THE ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH AND THE NEIGHBOURING PARISHES, PLEASE SEE FLYERS ON THE NOTICE BOARD.

CATHOLIC EARTH CARE SEASON OF CREATION CONVOCATION (12–14 September 2024)

Please join us as we spend time together learning and sharing about how we can all care for creation. We will gather online during Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. On Saturday 14 we encourage participants to attend one of 11 diocesan hubs to transform our learnings into action. If there is not a hub near you, we will continue online together. Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available. For more information and to register, visit:

www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation



Upcoming CTC Events

- Information Session for Educators
 - Information Session for Prospective Students
 - Engaging Your Faith Online Sessions
- For more information:

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/>

<https://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/>

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.

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