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## PARISH SCHOOLS

### St. Andrew's Primary

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#### Southern Cross Primary

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Principal: Justin Hilton

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Principal: Simon Dundon

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Regional College –

Ph. 8734 5200

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Regional College -

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Principal: Rose Connolly



## ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Incorporating the Communities of  
Werribee Central, Wyndham Vale, Werribee South,  
Werribee North,  
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook  
and Little River

### **THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLY CROSS, 13<sup>TH</sup> AND 14<sup>TH</sup> 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 Numbers (Numbers 21:4-9)*

On the way through the wilderness, the Israelites lost patience. They spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt to die in this wilderness? For there is neither bread nor water here; we are sick of this unsatisfying food.' At this God sent fiery serpents among the people; their bite brought death to many in Israel. The people came and said to Moses, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you. Intercede for us with the Lord to save us from these serpents.' Moses interceded for the people, and the Lord answered him, 'Make a fiery serpent and put it on a standard. If anyone is bitten and looks at it, he shall live.' So Moses fashioned a bronze serpent which he put on a standard, and if anyone was bitten by a serpent, he looked at the bronze serpent and lived. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** *Psalm 77:1-2. 34-38.*

**Response: Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

Give heed, my people, to my teaching; turn your ear to the words of my mouth. I will open my mouth in a parable and reveal hidden lessons of the past.

When he slew them then they would seek him, return and seek him in earnest. They would remember that God was their rock, God the Most High their redeemer.

But the words they spoke were mere flattery; they lied to him with their lips. For their hearts were not truly with him; they were not faithful to his covenant.

Yet he who is full of compassion forgave their sin and spared them. So often he held back his anger when he might have stirred up his rage.

**Response: Do not forget the works of the Lord!**

#### **SECOND READING:** *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians. (Philippians 2:6-11)*

The state of Jesus was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

**THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

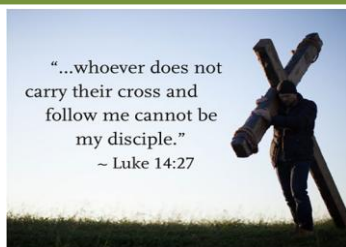
#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you, because by your cross you have redeemed the world. Alleluia!**

#### **GOSPEL:** *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 3:13-17)*

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'No one has gone up to heaven except the one who came down from heaven, the Son of Man who is in heaven; and the Son of Man must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved.'

**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, Helen Ongley (Portugal), Sally Tan Siew Mee, Alwin Salagubang

**ANNIVERSARY:** Giovanni Sonda, Maria and Giuseppe Mazzone, Irene Villamora Neri, Priscilla Landicho Manicad, Rohan Fernando

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Crispin De Zilva, 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, Italo Tautunu, Alfredo Landicho Manicad

#### WEEKDAY LITURGY (15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> September 2025)

**Mon:** 9.00am 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 (20<sup>th</sup> / 21<sup>st</sup> September 2025)

**Sat:** 6.00pm Vigil Mass

**Sun:** 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm Mass  
10:00am Wyndham Vale Community Mass  
at Our Lady of Southern Cross P/S

#### 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](mailto:Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au) In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

#### 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**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 10.30am

**Baptcare Wyndham Lodge Community**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 11.00am

**Uniting AgeWell Manor Lakes Community**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 11.00am

**Werribee Mercy Hospital**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 2.30pm

**Mercy Place Wyndham**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 11.00am

**Manor Court Werribee Aged Care**

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10.30am

**St. Vincent's Aged Care**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 2.00pm

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



# September



Scan to receive Pope Leo's prayer intentions and more

**For Our Relationship with All Of Creation**

Let us pray that, inspired by Saint Francis, we might experience our interdependence with all creatures who are loved by God and worthy of love and respect.



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

## 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, 19th 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 15<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2025

|                                                                       | 6.00pm                            | 8.00am                                            | 9.30am                                                                                    | 11.00am                                                 | 5.00pm                                           |
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| <b>LECTORS</b><br>20 <sup>th</sup> / 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept            | Josephine Fernando                | Kevin McGuane                                     | Lea Arida                                                                                 | Clare Taylor                                            | Young Adult Group                                |
| <b>MUSIC</b><br>20 <sup>th</sup> / 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept              | Philu and Co.                     | Mission Choir                                     | St. Andrew's Choir                                                                        | Joseph the Dreamer Choir                                | Young Adult Group                                |
| <b>Communion Minister</b><br>20 <sup>th</sup> / 21 <sup>st</sup> Sept | Philu Fernandes<br>Aroon Sequeira | Kevin McGuane<br>Alfred Obieta<br>Lillian Jilbert | Titus Lizardo<br>Mary Nguyen<br>Charles Mei                                               | Anthony Acciarito<br>Michelle Calafiore<br>Clare Taylor | Katherine Canet<br>Nadia Richards<br>Maria Parba |
| <b>COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)</b>                                     |                                   | This week:<br>Next week:                          | Mon 15 Sept: S. Raphael<br>Mon 22 Sept: J. Hennessy                                       |                                                         |                                                  |
| <b>CLEANER</b>                                                        |                                   | Cleaning:<br>Vacuuming:                           | Mon 15 Sept: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria<br>Fri 19 Sept: p. Palamara<br>Mon 15 Sept: Volunteer |                                                         |                                                  |
| <b>ALTAR CLOTH</b>                                                    |                                   | This week:<br>Next week:                          | Sun 14 Sept: C. Ilagan<br>Sun 20 Sept: M. Galea                                           |                                                         |                                                  |
| <b>OUR LADY'S STATUE</b>                                              |                                   | This week:<br>Next week:                          | Sun 14 Sept: Priya<br>Sun 21 Sept: Priya                                                  |                                                         |                                                  |

**MARCH FOR THE BABIES** - Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> October - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne Wear pink and blue for the Babies! [www.marchforthebabies.com](http://www.marchforthebabies.com) This is the 17<sup>th</sup> annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008

St. Andrew's Italian Committee  
Invites you to a night of  
**PIZZA and ENTERTAINMENT**



**Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**7.00pm – 10:30pm**

**EXPERIENCE ITALY IN  
AUSTRALIAN WAY**

Pizza, Tea and Coffee provided

BYO: Nibbles and Drinks

Venue: Penola Hub

33 Mortimer Street

Werribee

\$35.00 – Adult

\$15.00 – Children under 12 years old

Children under 5yrs. old are free



*Novena to  
our Lady of Fatima*

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October to  
Saturday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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 03 Friday    | 7:00pm*   |
| October 04 Saturday  | 5:30pm**  |
| October 05 Sunday    | 4:30pm*** |
| October 06 Monday    | 7:00pm    |
| October 07 Tuesday   | 7:00pm    |
| October 08 Wednesday | 7:00pm    |
| October 09 Thursday  | 7:00pm    |
| October 10 Friday    | 7:00pm    |
| October 11 Saturday  | 5:00pm    |

\*followed by First Friday Mass, Exposition and Benediction

\*\*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.

# AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

DEEPEN YOUR  
RELATIONSHIP  
WITH JESUS  
  
EXPERIENCE  
THE BREADTH  
OF THE CHURCH  
  
CONNECT  
WITH OTHER  
YOUNG PEOPLE  
  
BE EMPOWERED  
TO LIVE  
YOUR FAITH



Year 9 –  
25 years  
plus leaders

MELBOURNE, VICTORIA • 30 NOVEMBER – 2 DECEMBER 2025

## 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



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 CHURCH WERRIBEE**

# PARISH FAIR

ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS  
110 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 97414144

RayWhite DOON HOMES St. Just Carers EVERYDAY SPARKY Le Pine Wyndham 3POINT

## 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.

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