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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

Pastoral Team:

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP
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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

2ND / 3RD NOVEMBER 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: Deuteronomy 6:2-6

Moses spoke to the people, saying: "Fear the LORD, your God, and keep, throughout the days of your lives, all his statutes and commandments which I enjoin on you, and thus have long life. Hear then, Israel, and be careful to observe them, that you may grow and prosper the more, in keeping with the promise of the LORD, the God of your fathers, to give you a land flowing with milk and honey. "Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD alone! Therefore, you shall love the LORD, your God, with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength. Take to heart these words which I enjoin on you today." **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 18:2-3,3-4,47,51

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, O LORD, my strength, O LORD, my rock, my fortress, my deliverer.

My God, my rock of refuge, my shield, the horn of my salvation, my stronghold! Praised be the LORD, I exclaim, and I am safe from my enemies.

The LORD lives! And blessed be my rock! Extolled be God my savior. You who gave great victories to your king and showed kindness to your anointed.

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 7:23-28

Brothers and sisters: The levitical priests were many because they were prevented by death from remaining in office, but Jesus, because he remains forever, has a priesthood that does not pass away. Therefore, he is always able to save those who approach God through him, since he lives forever to make intercession for them. It was fitting that we should have such a high priest: holy, innocent, undefiled, separated from sinners, higher than the heavens. He has no need, as did the high priests, to offer sacrifice day after day, first for his own sins and then for those of the people; he did that once for all when he offered himself. For the law appoints men subject to weakness to be high priests, but the word of the oath, which was taken after the law, appoints a son, who has been made perfect forever. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. Whoever loves me will keep my word, says the Lord; and my father will love him and we will come to him. Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 12:28-34

One of the scribes came to Jesus and asked him, "Which is the first of all the commandments?" Jesus replied, "The first is this: Hear, O Israel! The Lord our God is Lord alone! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: You shall love your neighbour as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." The scribe said to him, "Well said, teacher. You are right in saying, 'He is One and there is no other than he.' And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself' is worth more than all burnt offerings and sacrifices." And when Jesus saw that he answered with understanding, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." And no one dared to ask him any more questions. **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: Israel was called by God. To what was Israel called? To what were the crowds who followed Jesus called? To what are we called? To a covenant relationship with the Lord who is God, the one who is Lord alone. We have been invited into an intimate personal relationship with the creator of the universe, the one who plays with black holes and white dwarfs and at the same time with infinite interest has numbered the very hairs on our head (cf. Matt 10:30). We have heard this so often that it may have become commonplace. The marvel of it may escape our attention, because it has become just a part of our religious language. It is well that once in a while we are shaken to our senses, 'Hear, O Israel! The Lord is your God, the Lord alone!' It is not marvel enough that this mysterious God has created us; we have also been redeemed. As victim-priest Jesus has offered himself on our behalf. He is the sacrifice that sealed the covenant; his blood was the expiation for our sins; he is our rock, our fortress, our deliverer, our shield, our stronghold. Only one thing is asked of us in return: that we open ourselves to him and cling to the covenant, that we proclaim with all our hearts 'The Lord is our God, the Lord alone!' We are to love with all our heart and all our soul and all our strength; we are to love God and to love others. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use this week's psalm response as your prayer: *I love you, Lord, my strength.*

VOCATION VIEW: We remember the countless multitude of men and women who are now in heaven. We continue to be inspired by the qualities they revealed in their lives: a concern for justice, gentleness, purity of heart, mercy and courage.

RECENT DEATH: Lorenza Acciarito, Pasqua Di Pasquale, Rosalinda and Lourdes Ocampo, Dr. Mario Romero, Maria Lekkas, Mathew Gniot, Jamarych Gagni

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Ryan Fitzgerald, Michael Edwards, Dr. Bong Lu, Nini Lu, Rosita Dizon, Alexander, Felipe and Anne, Tenorio and Franco Masalit, Paul Nguyen Thanh Long, Anna Huỳnh Phung Liên, Julie Horkings, Kelly Jennings

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 (4th to 9th November 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
Sat: 9.00am Mass followed by confession

WEEKEND MASSES (9th and 10th November 2024)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Mass
2.00pm Burmese Community Mass

CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS!!!

(Existing and New)



There will be a meeting for all Altar Servers on **Thursday, 7th November 2024 at 7.30pm** for training and roster in

Penola Hub. Those who have received their First Holy Communion are welcome to join. Parents please encourage your child/children to this great opportunity to serve the Lord at the Altar. Only those who will attend will be rostered for Masses. Thank you and see you all there. Fr. Albert and Fr. James

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 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

PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2024 – There will be a *Third Collection* on all Masses next weekend, 9th and 10th November 2024 for CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Catholic Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in prisons, to help them journey towards a brighter future. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.



NOVEMBER MEMORIAL MASSES - As usual, we will have our Memorial Masses for our departed loved ones during the month of November. Masses will be offered by priests privately. All the names and Mass offerings received will be placed at the Altar during our weekend Masses. Please make use of the special envelopes in your Thanksgiving package or the November Mass Offering Envelopes available in the brochure racks at each entrance of the Church. You can also place the names of your loved ones with your name and your offering in an ordinary envelope. You can put it in the collection during mass or in the basket near the Memorial Book or drop them either at the Parish Office or Presbytery letter box. *MEMORIAL BOOK* will be placed at the front of the Altar from Friday, the 1st November 2024. *During the month of November, due to large numbers of names only the names of the recently departed will be placed in the Take Away Sheet and Prayers of the faithful.* Thank you.

Archbishop Comensoli: praying for the faithful departed



Hello friends.

Our destiny, our goal in life, is to live eternally with the Lord. God did not create us that our lives would just simply end when we die in the world. We are made to enter into the home of the Heavenly Father for eternal life. So our life is built on hope. Hope is our destiny—a destiny in life that reaches to its fullness. Praying for deceased family, friends and those in need is a sign that we believe in this destiny of hope. Praying for the deceased is an act of hope. Beginning with All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day, November is a special season of prayer for those who have gone before us, as we say, marked with the sign of faith. Both feasts commemorate the communion of the holy ones: those in heaven and those anticipating heaven. We pray for the deceased because of our love of them and our hope for them. We pray for the deceased because our pilgrimage to God has not ended, and they need strengthening for their journey ahead. We pray for the deceased because their communion with us brings hope and healing to us. There's no right or wrong way of holding our deceased family, friends and the needy in prayer. We can do so by offering a Mass for them, or perhaps praying the Rosary with them in mind, or simply putting our hope in words of remembrance. One very simple prayer for the faithful departed has a long history in our Catholic tradition. It goes like this:

'Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. May they rest in peace. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.'

Friends, remembering our sisters and brothers in faith is remembering in hope our destiny in God.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 3rd to 11th November 2024

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 9 th / 10 th Nov.	Josephine Fernando	Darren Giese	Titus Lizardo	Anthony Acciarito	Nadia Richards
MUSIC 9 th / 10 th Nov.	Philu and Co	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	Padre Pio Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Andrew's Childrens Choir
Communion Minister 9 th / 10 th Nov.	Gerry Ilagan Noelene Keogh Desiree Galea	John Hennessy Nelly Bautista Lillian Jilbert	Sherine Raphael John Faranda Maria Malanyaon	Cora Demate Clare Taylor Anthony Acciarito	Nadia Richards Maria Parba Sindhu Moreira
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 04 Nov: Mon 11 Nov:	M. Chong C. Ilagan	
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 04 Nov: Fri 08 Nov: Mon 04 Nov:	C. Camilleri, G. Iaria N. Deng, A. Majok Volunteer	
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 03 Nov: Sun 10 Nov:	O. Lesoa C. Ilagan	
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 03 Nov: Sun 10 Nov:	S. Raphael V. Manansala	



ST. ANDREW'S FEAST DAY HEALING MASS

Parishioners and friends are invited to attend the Healing Mass on Tuesday, 3rd December 2024, 7.00pm at St. Andrew's Church, More details to follow closer date.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) - will be held on March in the Penola Hub. we are asking all Parish Groups to submit a report on last year's activities (one A4 page as a guideline) to be included in the AGM Booklet, as part of Parish accountability to one another. To enable the Parish Office staff to collate the reports and produce the booklet, **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR GROUP'S REPORT NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, 4th February 2025.** Please email your report if possible to werribee@cam.org.au or drop it into the Parish Office. We are hoping to see at least two representatives of your group attending the AGM. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. Exact date and time of the AGM will be confirmed later.d

ELSHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - Join us as we lift our voices in songs of praise and worship. We invite you for the Life in the Spirit Seminar 'THE WILD GOOSE' for 8 weeks every Tuesday, starting 15th October to Tuesday 3rd December, 1pm – 2.30pm at Penola Hub 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.

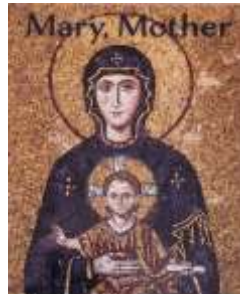


COMBINED CHOIR TO CELEBRATE ST. CECILIA'S FEAST DAY

Members of all choirs and music groups in St. Andrew's Parish and anyone who loves to sing is invited to form a combined choir to sing at a mass to celebrate **St. Cecilia's Feast Day on Friday, 22nd November 2024 at 7pm** in St. Andrew's Church, followed by supper. Bring a plate to share.

St. Cecilia is the Patron Saint of Singers and Musicians, and it would be wonderful to have a big choir leading the singing for this special mass. We will have a **choir practice on Tuesday, 19th November 2024 at 7pm** in St. Andrew's Church for everyone who is available to take part. All are welcome!

Choir leaders – please contact me via the Parish Office to advise how many singers/musicians from your choir will be taking part. We are looking for musician/s to play for the combined choir. I can email the list of hymns we will be using and the sheet music if required to anyone who is happy to accompany the choir for the mass. Looking forward to a great response for this celebration. Birgit Minness



MARY, MOTHER

is the latest book from renowned author and speaker, Adrian Commandeur. It describes Mary in human terms as she shares our humanity and experiences of all her joys and sorrows of family life with Jesus.

MARY, MOTHER is on sale at the St Andrew's Parish Office at the cost of \$10.

SIX30 HOLY HOUR AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL 7th November 2024 at 6.30

Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession. For more information, email udisciple@cam.org.au or call 9926 5677.

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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