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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

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

14TH / 15TH DECEMBER 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: Zep 3:14-18a

Shout for joy, O daughter Zion! Sing joyfully, O Israel! Be glad and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem! The LORD has removed the judgment against you he has turned away your enemies; the King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst, you have no further misfortune to fear. On that day, it shall be said to Jerusalem: Fear not, O Zion, be not discouraged! The LORD, your God, is in your midst, a mighty savior; he will rejoice over you with gladness, and renew you in his love, he will sing joyfully because of you, as one sings at festivals.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 12:2-3, 4, 5-6.

Response: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

Response: Cry out with joy and gladness: for among you is the great and Holy One of Israel.

SECOND READING: Phil 4:4-7

Brothers and sisters: Rejoice in the Lord always. I shall say it again: rejoice! Your kindness should be known to all. The Lord is near. Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God. Then the peace of God that surpasses all understanding will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:10-18

The crowds asked John the Baptist, "What should we do?" He said to them in reply, "Whoever has two cloaks should share with the person who has none. And whoever has food should do likewise." Even tax collectors came to be baptized and they said to him, "Teacher, what should we do?" He answered them, "Stop collecting more than what is prescribed." Soldiers also asked him, "And what is it that we should do?" He told them, "Do not practice extortion, do not falsely accuse anyone, and be satisfied with your wages." ... **(to be continued)**

GOSPEL (continued)

Now the people were filled with expectation, and all were asking in their hearts whether John might be the Christ. John answered them all, saying, "I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fan is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire." Exhorting them in many other ways, he preached good news to the people. **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The Third Sunday of Advent is called Gaudete Sunday, meaning 'rejoice.' This name is taken from the entrance antiphon for Sunday's Mass: *'Rejoice in the Lord always; again I say, rejoice! Indeed, the Lord is near.'* The third Advent Candle is rose in colour, representing joy. Rose is a lighter version of violet, because today the violet of Advent waiting is mixed with the white of Christmas glory. It is part of human nature that we cannot go on being penitent for a long time, or we sink into gloom rather than growing in our spiritual lives. The Church knows human nature, and in Advent there is a moment where the atmosphere of waiting and preparation is brightened by a shaft of light from the glorious season that awaits us. So, we rejoice in anticipation of Our Lord's birth as we continue to wait patiently and prepare well during this Advent season.

RECENT DEATH: Eleanor Rubi, Aldo Dinatale

ANNIVERSARIES: Angelo & Stella Martini, Danilo Favaro

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Michael Edwards, Dr. Bong Lu, Nini Lu, Rosita Dizon, Alexander, Felipe and Anne, Tenorio and Franco Masalit, Paul Long Thanh Nguyen, Anna Liên Phung Huynh, Julie Horkings, Kelly Jennings, Anthony Zahra, Alwin and Edith Salagubang, Rohan Fernando, Mary Cathnese Diciembre.

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 (16th Dec to 22nd Dec 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

7.00pm Parish Reconciliation

Sat: 9.00am Mass

7.00pm Christmas Carol & Nativity Play

WEEKEND MASSES (21st / 22nd December 2024)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

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

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

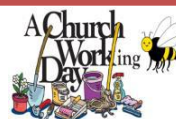
St. Vincent's Aged Care

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday at 2.00pm



Christmas Sports Equipment Drive to Support Disadvantaged Australians

St. Andrew's Parish has partnered with the Reclink Aus Sports Share initiative. We welcome donations (footballs, boots, runners, soccer balls, rackets of all forms, bikes, any forms of sport equipment). **Contact Peter Cullen for more details on 0421 442 340 or reclink.org.au**



CHURCH WORKING BEE

will be held in the Church on **Saturday, 21st December 2024** from 9.30am to 1pm to prepare our Church and Church grounds for Christmas Celebrations. We invite all to come. This is our church. Let us prepare it for our Lord's Birthday. **More hands make work lighter and easy to Accomplish!**



CHRISTMAS NOVENA

Please remember to start the Christmas Novena to prepare for Christmas...

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AFTER 11AM MASS – Come and meet new and regular parishioners, this Sunday, 15th December 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)



**St Andrew's Nativity Play
and Carols Night**

**You are warmly
invited to the
St Andrew's
Nativity Play
and CAROLS**

Saturday 21st December

7pm - St Andrew's Church

followed by FELLOWSHIP

**For more information contact
Susanne - 0438 372 952**



St Andrews Christmas Novena (from 16th to 24th Dec)

Hail and blessed be the hour and moment in which the Son of God was born of the most pure Virgin Mary, at midnight, in Bethlehem, in the piercing cold. In that hour vouchsafe, I beseech Thee, O my God, to hear my prayer and grant my desires through the merits of Our Savior Jesus Christ, and of His blessed Mother. Amen.

St Andrew's Youth Group

St Andrew's Youth Group is a place to have fun while growing in your relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ. Youth Group, grade 6-12+, every 3rd Sunday of the month. At 5pm Youth Mass at St Andrew's Church, followed by Youth Group from 6pm to 8:30pm, Penola Hub (33 Mortimer Street, Werribee).

Sessions will be : group prayer, fun games and activities, interesting Talks and Presentations on the Catholic Faith, praise and worship with the Youth Band, free & delicious Dinner!

Please contact the parish office on:

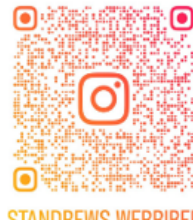
Phone: (03) 9741 4144 or

Email: werribee@cam.org.au

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 15th To 22th December 2024

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 21 st / 22 th Dec	Anne-Marie Palmer	Nelly Bautista	Lea Arida	Clare Taylor	Youth Group
MUSIC 21 st / 22 th Dec	Philu & Co.	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	St. Andrew Choir	Ensemble of Faith	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 21 st / 22 th Dec	Noelene Keogh Kristine Ventura Gerry Ilagan	Anna Obieta Alfred Obieta Jude Disanayake	Maria Malanyaon Titus Lizardo Anson John	Katrina Gauci Otilia Lesoa Sheridan Fevaleaki	Sindhu Moreira Stephen Hart Susanne Sweeny
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 16 Dec: Mon 23 Dec:	John Hennessy Cora Ilagan	
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 16 Dec: Fri 20 Dec: Mon 16 Dec:	C. Camilleri, G. Iaria A. Majok, N. Deng Volunteer	
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 15 Dec: Sun 22 Dec:	C. Ilagan M. Galea	
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 15 Dec : Sun 22 Dec:	Sherine Nicole George	

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Community Christmas Carols

Join us weekday evenings 6pm to 8:30pm from Monday 25th Nov. to Thursday 5th Dec., we travel from house to house bringing the true meaning of Christmas to our parish families

If you are interested in spreading JOY TO THE WORLD and singing Christmas Carols, join the CHRISTMAS CAROLLING team.

If you want us to do caroling in your house. Please contact Powlin 0408 524 293



Induction Session

Safeguarding Unit

A recording of our Parish Safeguarding Induction held last 01 December 2024 has now been uploaded in our YouTube page and website. We encourage those who were not able to attend physically to watch this video in their own time. Thank you.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_8FaVx4Sml

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/articles/a19OI00000gpKfIAI/parish-safeguarding-induction-2024>

HOME BASED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM AT ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE

Parents of children attending *Non-Catholic Primary Schools* in the Werribee area who are interested in their child attending the Sacramental Program for 2025 are asked to leave their details at the Parish Office via email werribee@cam.org.au or call 9741 4144.

The program is conducted for children in Grade 3 Pre-Sacrament, Grade 4 Reconciliation, Grade 5 Eucharist and Grade 6 Confirmation.

Please note Enrolments close 20th December 2024.
Thank you. Benita, HBRE Coordinator.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF STUDENTS – RCIS

St Andrew's Parish will be conducting workshops for Secondary Students residing within the Parish of St. Andrew's and wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation in 2025.

Please contact the Parish Office at St. Andrew's Parish on Ph. 9741 4144 or werribee@cam.org.au for more information and to leave your details.

Enrolments close 20th December 2024.
Thank you - Benita

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO : Il gruppo di preghiera riapre Mercoledì 12 Febbraio 2025 dalle ore 10.00am alle 12.00pm nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Siete tutti benvenuti.

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 date.



REMINDER: Friday 20th December 2024 at 7.00pm Parish Reconciliation. Please take this opportunity to make your reconciliation than waiting till the last moment and priest might not be available.

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

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.