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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

ASCENSION SUNDAY, YEAR C 31ST MAY / 1ST JUNE 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 walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

In my earlier work, Theophilus, I dealt with everything Jesus had done and taught from the beginning until the day he gave his instructions to the apostles he had chosen through the Holy Spirit and was taken up to heaven. He had shown himself alive to them after his Passion by many demonstrations: for forty days he had continued to appear to them and tell them about the kingdom of God. When he had been at table with them, he had told them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for what the Father had promised. 'It is,' he had said, 'what you have heard me speak about: John baptised with water but you, not many days from now, will be baptised with the Holy Spirit.' Now having met together, they asked him, 'Lord, has the time come? Are you going to restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know times or dates that the Father has decided by his own authority, but you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and then you will be my witnesses not only in Jerusalem but throughout Judaea and Samaria, and indeed to the ends of the earth.' As he said this he was lifted while they looked on, and a cloud took him from their sight. They were still staring into the sky when suddenly two men in white were standing near them and they said, 'Why are you men from Galilee standing here looking into the sky? Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven, this same Jesus will come back in the same way as you have seen him go there.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Ps 46:2-3. 6-7. 8-9.

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
All peoples, clap your hands, cry to God with shouts of joy! For the Lord, the Most High, we must fear, great king over all the earth.

God goes up with shouts of joy; the Lord goes up with trumpet blast. Sing praise for God, sing praise, sing praise to our king, sing praise.

God is king of all the earth. Sing praise with all your skill. God is king over the nations, God reigns on his holy throne.

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 9:24-28. 10:19-23

It is not as though Christ had entered a man-made sanctuary which was only modelled on the real one; but it was heaven itself, so that he could appear in the actual presence of God on our behalf. And he does not have to offer himself again and again, like the high priest going into the sanctuary year after year with the blood that is not his own, or else he would have had to suffer over and over again since the world began. Instead of that, he has made his appearance once and for all, now at the end of the last age, to do away with sin by sacrificing himself. Since men only die once, and after that comes judgement, so Christ, too, offers himself only once to take the faults of many on himself, and when he appears a second time, it will not be to deal with sin but to reward with salvation those who are waiting for him. In other words, brothers, through the blood of Jesus we have the right to enter the sanctuary, by a new way which he has opened for us, a living opening through the curtain, that is to say, his body. And we have the supreme high priest over all the house of God. So, as we go in, let us be sincere in heart and filled with faith, our minds sprinkled and free from any trace of bad conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us keep firm in the hope we profess, because the one who made the promise is faithful.

*** GOSPEL ON NEXT PAGE ***

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Go and teach all people my gospel. I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 24:46-53

Jesus said to his disciples: 'You see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this. 'And now I am sending down to you what the Father has promised. Stay in the city then, until you are clothed with the power from on high.' Then he took them out as far as the outskirts of Bethany, and lifting up his hands he blessed them. Now as he blessed them, he withdrew from them and was carried up to heaven. They worshipped him and then went back to Jerusalem full of joy; and they were continually in the Temple praising God.



GOSPEL REFLECTION: Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory

Our Risen Lord knew that we are naturally, collectively human-centric. He withdrew His risen mode of appearance (what we call 'the Ascension') to make it clear that the whole Universe, including planet Earth, is filled with the presence and power radiating out from his Risen Humanity. As St Paul wrote in the Epistle to the Romans: 'Creation still retains the hope of being freed from its slavery to decay, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God.' How is the Risen Lord beginning to fulfil this hope? At Mass, fractions of creation – the Bread and Wine consecrated for Holy Communion are transformed into the Real Presence of the Risen Lord. Eucharistic Prayer III begins with: 'You are indeed Holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...' How can all creation give God praise? As the ancient church used to teach: Each of you is a microcosm of the macrocosm, called to be a priest for the Cosmos. Through your enlightened mind and inflamed heart, the Cosmos knows that it exists and that it is loved by its Creator. It is beginning to share the freedom and glory of the children of God. We could pause for a moment, stop staring into Heaven, and ready ourselves to receive the Holy Spirit so as to be what St Paul calls 'the Church which is His Body in whom the fullness of creation dwells'. *Fr. Michael Tate*

PRAYER AT HOME: Today's entrance antiphon is suitable as a prayer for this week: You kingdoms of the earth, sing to God; praise the Lord who ascends to the highest heavens; his majesty and might are in the skies, alleluia.

VOCATION VIEW: Our Spiritual Life is a Journey - following the Call of the Master to "Go and teach all people my Gospel." Say "Yes" over and over again.

RECENT DEATH: James 'Jim' Beasley, Manuel Jinggoy de Guzman, Daniel Julio Dela Paz III, Mirella Moss, Justino Rosario, Flavina Rosario

ANNIVERSARY: Jamie Piccolo, John Porcino, Pauline Restall, Wladystawa Belkner, Vito Montalto, Juliet Henrita

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Edith and Alwin Salagubang, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Crispin De Zilva, Artemio Santos, Lynne Worsley, Dorothy Rayner, Maria Trang Nguyen, Peter Tho Huynh, Saraswathy Govindasamy, John Hassett, Rustico Socorin, Cecilia Maria

WEEKDAY LITURGY (2nd to 7th June 2025)

Mon: 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 followed by confession

WEEKEND MASSES (7th and 8th June 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Pentecost Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm Mass
2.00pm Burmese Community – Penola Hub

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

All men are invited to attend and learn about our work for the Parish and wider church community.
Meeting will be conducted on next Tuesday, 3rd June 2025 in Penola Hub at 7.30pm.
For more information,
please call John Hennessy on 0418 517 396



PENTECOST FESTIVE MASS Sunday, 8th June at 11.00am

We invite all to come in their national dress.
Followed by our festive Mass, we will have fellowship in the Presbytery Garden. Please bring a plate of your cultural food to share.
Please contact the Parish Office for more information. 97414144



JUBILEE OF FAMILIES, CHILDREN, GRANDPARENTS AND THE ELDERLY PRAYER

Heavenly Father, we come before You to praise You and to thank You for the great gift of the family. We pray to You for all families consecrated by the Sacrament of Matrimony. May they rediscover each day the grace they have received, and as small domestic Churches, may they know how to witness to Your presence and to the love with which Christ loves the Church.

We pray to You for all families faced with difficulty and suffering caused by illness or circumstances of which only You know. Sustain them and make them aware of the path to holiness upon which You call them, so that they might experience Your infinite mercy and find new ways to grow in love.

We pray to You for children and young people: may they encounter You and respond joyfully to the vocation You have in mind for them;

We pray for parents and grandparents: may they be aware that they are signs of the fatherhood and motherhood of God in caring for the children who, in body and spirit, You entrust to them; and for the experience of fraternity that the family can give to the world.

Lord, grant that each family might live their specific vocation to holiness in the Church as a call to become missionary disciples, in the service of life and peace, in communion with our priests, religious, and all vocations in the Church. Amen.

(Official prayer for the X World Meeting of Families, 2022)

PENTECOST

YOUTH BONFIRE NIGHT

Join us for a special Pentecost youth celebration!

Soup and toasted marshmallows by the fire as we celebrate the coming of the Holy Spirit with outdoor games and music.

SUNDAY 8TH JUNE

5PM YOUTH MASS

6PM DINNER & GAMES

GRADE 6 - 17YRS



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH DINNER DANCE

Everyone is invited to come to the Dinner Dance on Saturday, 19th July 2025 at 6.30pm onwards at the St. Andrew's Primary School Hall, corner of Stawell Street and Greaves Street North, Werribee.

Adults - \$50.00,

Child from 5 to 12 year old - \$25.00,
and Child under 5 years old is free.

Buffet and live music.

Tickets are now available at the Parish Office or you can book thru www.trybooking.com/DBEAO. Let's enjoy the night while supporting our parish.

Come! See you all there!

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 1st to 9th JUNE 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 7 th / 8 th June	Vic Valencia	Darren Giese	Anna Balanza	Clare Taylor	Stephen Hart
MUSIC 7 th / 8 th June	Philu's Choir	St. Anthony Choir	Padre Pio Choir	South Sundanese Choir	St. Andrew's Children's Choir
Communion Minister 7 th / 8 th June	Desiree Galea Anson John Noelene Keogh	Alfred Obieta Kevin McGuane Peter Walters	Titus Lizardo Maria Malanyaon Jen Climie	Anthony Acciarito Grace Iaria Ana Balanza	Genni Douglas Katerine Canet Nadia Richards
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 2 June: J. Hennessy Mon 9 June: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 2 June: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 6 June: A. Majok, N. Deng Mon 2 June: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 1 June: O. Lesoa Sun 8 June: C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 1 June: J. Siu Sun 8 June: Nicole George		

OUR PARISH RENEWAL PROGRAM COMMENCES IN 2 WEEKS

Our special Parish Renewal Program will be launched on *Saturday 14 & Sunday 15 June*. The Program will be a wonderful opportunity to reflect on what it means to be a member of our parish community. Over three weekends we will be joined by our Program Coordinator Stephen Littleton from Parish First, who will guide us through our key themes of *Faith, Engagement and Commitment*. We encourage you to be actively involved! More next week!

THOUGHTS FOR REFLECTION

Q: Why is our parish community important to you?

"It is my spiritual home! We come together as one people, working together to build our community of faith through our prayer, our example and our actions."

"Coming together as a community to celebrate our faith is so important – a shared faith is a growing faith."

"We are as strong as the contributions of each of us – we all have a special role to play in parish life."



POPE FRANCIS SAID

"The Church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel."
Evangelii Gaudium 114

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

Feast of St. Anthony



**Mass will be celebrated
at St. Andrew's Church
Saturday, 14th June 2025
at 9.00am**

**Blessings of bread
after Mass.**

**Fellowship to follow
at the Presbytery
Veranda.**

**You can bring
a plate to share.**

All are welcome to join.



**Melbourne
Corpus Christi
Procession**

Did not our hearts burn within us
while **he walked with us ...**
LUKE 24:32

Pilgrims of hope



My dear friends in Christ,
I encourage you to join me
for this special Archdiocesan
Eucharistic Procession,
bringing along your parishes,
schools, and communities to bear witness
to Christ in our midst. In this grace-filled
Jubilee Year, may we share the living hope of
Christ with every step we take.

**SUNDAY
22 JUNE 2025**

Procession begins at St Patrick's
Cathedral following 11am Mass,
concluding at Federation Square.
Communities are invited to bring
their banners!

ARCHBISHOP PETER A. COMENSOLI

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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.

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wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable**



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.