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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

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B – 3RD / 4TH AUGUST 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: Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

The whole Israelite community grumbled against Moses and Aaron. The Israelites said to them, "Would that we had died at the LORD's hand in the land of Egypt, as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread! But you had to lead us into this desert to make the whole community die of famine!" Then the LORD said to Moses, "I will now rain down bread from heaven for you. Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not. "I have heard the grumbling of the Israelites. Tell them: In the evening twilight you shall eat flesh, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread, so that you may know that I, the LORD, am your God." In the evening quail came up and covered the camp. In the morning a dew lay all about the camp, and when the dew evaporated, there on the surface of the desert were fine flakes like hoarfrost on the ground. On seeing it, the Israelites asked one another, "What is this?" for they did not know what it was. But Moses told them, "This is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat." **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 78:3-4,23-24,25,54

Response: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

What we have heard and know, and what our fathers have declared to us, we will declare to the generation to come the glorious deeds of the LORD and his strength and the wonders that he wrought.

He commanded the skies above and opened the doors of heaven; he rained manna upon them for food and gave them heavenly bread.

Man ate the bread of angels, food he sent them in abundance. And he brought them to his holy land, to the mountains his right hand had won.

Response: The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Brothers and sisters: I declare and testify in the Lord that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds; that is not how you learned Christ, assuming that you have heard of him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus, that you should put away the old self of your former way of life, corrupted through deceitful desires, and be renewed in the spirit of your minds, and put on the new self, created in God's way in righteousness and holiness of truth. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

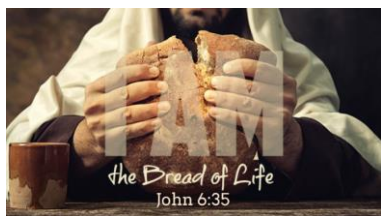
Alleluia, Alleluia. One does not live on bread alone, but by every word that comes forth from the mouth of God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 6:24-35

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into boats and came to Capernaum looking for Jesus. And when they found him across the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you get here?" Jesus answered them and said, "Amen, amen, I say to you, you are looking for me not because you saw signs but because you ate the loaves and were filled. Do not work for food that perishes but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For on him the Father, God, has set his seal." So, they said to him, "What can we do to accomplish the works of God?" Jesus answered and said to them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in the one he sent." So, they said to him, "What sign can you do, that we may see and believe in you? What can you do? Our ancestors ate manna in the desert, as it is written: He gave them bread from heaven to eat." So, Jesus said to them, "Amen, amen, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave the bread from heaven; my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." So, they said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me will never hunger, and whoever believes in me will never thirst."

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:

In many ways the Exodus story of the bread from heaven is very similar to last Sunday's accounts. However, the focus today is not divine prodigality shown through the overabundance of food, but total dependence on God. The bread comes from heaven, not merely because the food seems to come down from the sky, but because it comes from God. The restriction about collecting it was meant to emphasize this point. Our survival is in God's hands, not ours. Jesus insists that he

is the true bread from heaven; he is the real basis of our survival. The people followed him because they saw him as a source of bread; they did not realize that he is really the source of life. If we fill ourselves with all that the world provides as nourishment, we will still hunger. Only faith in Jesus can satisfy our deepest hungers, and we will not be able to survive apart from him. Acceptance of Jesus as the source of our life and the very nourishment of our spirits effects a total transformation in us. We will no longer be content to live with full bellies but empty minds. We will put aside our old selves steeped in ignorance and self-interest and put on a new self, created in his image. Having fed on the bread from heaven, we will be mysteriously transformed into it. The spirit of our minds will be renewed by his teaching. As a result, we will be able to launch out into a way of living those witnesses to our new understanding, our new life. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

PRAYER AT HOME: Say often this week: **Lord, let me come to you so that I will never thirst or be hungry.**

VOCATION VIEW: "I am the Bread of Life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst." 'Lord, send us priests after your own heart to give us the Food of everlasting life - Your very Self in the Eucharist.' Consider a call to the priesthood of Jesus Christ.

RECENT DEATH: Barbara Protacio

ANNIVERSARIES: Emerenziana Lucia Ballan, Emilio Boscolo, Michael Palmieri, Romeo Guzman

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Ryan Fitzgerald, Michael Edwards, Dr. Bong Lu, Nini Lu, Finda Daduya, Rosita Dizon, Alexander, Felipe and Anne

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 (5th to 10th August 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 (10th / 11th August 2024)

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

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 10.30am

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 and 3rd Friday at 2.00pm

REPAIRS OF THE CHURCH CHAIRS – As all would have noticed that our church chairs need urgent repairs. Initially we thought that the damage was accidental but now we realize that the material is worn out. We obtained many quotations and chose the best. It is \$85.00 per chair. The work will begin soon. Your generous donation is welcome.

NEW ENVELOPES OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2024/2025 - Stewardship Receipts and new sets of envelopes in **Street Alphabetical Order** are available for collection after all masses in front of the Altar. It would help greatly if you could deliver some in your area. Thank you!



SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP WILL BE SERVED BY ST. ANDREW'S YOUTH GROUP
 after 11am Mass to meet and greet new and regular parishioners, this Sunday, 4th August 2024. Tea, coffee, cake, biscuits and cookies will be served. Please come along and meet our Young People and learn more about their group. Join us in this friendly gathering. You are most welcome to bring a plate to share. Everyone is welcome. See you all there!!!

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 4th to 12th August 2024

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 10 th / 11 th Aug	Gerry Ilagan	John Hennessy	Franklin and Alex Ochi	Natasha Krisnakumar	Katherine Canet
MUSIC 10 th / 11 th Aug	Philu and Co.	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	Padre Pio Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Andrew's Children's Choir
Communion Minister 10 th / 11 th Aug	Kristine Ventura Noelene Keogh Desiree Galea	Anna Obieta Alfred Obieta Peter Walters	Jen Climie Mary Nguyen Charles Mei	Katrina Gauci Otilia Lesoa Graeme Roberts	Nadia Richards Maria Parba Shindu Moreira
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 5 Aug: C. Ilagan Mon 12 Aug: S. Raphael		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 5 Aug: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 9 Aug: N. Deng, A. Majok Mon 5 Aug: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 4 Aug: M. Galea Sun 11 Aug: C. Demate		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 4 Aug: P. John Sun 11 Aug: P. John		

MARY & MARTHA WOMEN'S MINISTRY

The Mary & Martha Women's Ministry had its inaugural meeting on Tuesday, July 9th. Eleven ladies attended and committed to deepening their faith alongside other women in this significant ministry. We shared laughs, life experiences, and wisdom, and are eagerly anticipating our next meeting. We invite you to join us for our **next meeting on Tuesday, August 13th at the Penola Hub Meeting Room, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee from 7:30-9pm**. We pray that you will hear God's call to join us. For inquiries email Monique - mngmei@gmail.com



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK – Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

YOU'RE INVITED TO ALPHA.

Alpha

Wilma

"I had no idea about Alpha so I just came to the first session.

I was filled with joy and felt that there was a community. Alpha was the most beautiful spiritual journey I have ever witnessed.

It was an enriching experience. It has strengthened my faith and I can feel the presence of the Holy Spirit in my life"

ALPHA @ ST. ANDREW'S
STARTS ON 17 JUL 2024
7PM TO 9PM | PENOLA HUB

COME AND SEE.

WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK - calling the attention of all Leaders of Parish Group and Ministry (Music Ministry, Ministry of Care, Lectors and Extraordinary ministers of Communion, Altar Sacristans, Church Cleaners, Prayer Group, Children's liturgy, Community Mass Committee, Finance Committee) make sure that all your members have a **Valid Working With Children Check**. Please contact Parish Office on 9741 4144 for more information.

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.

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=bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkY6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672

Password: 9rGLKz

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

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 CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE OF VICTORIA warmly invites you to a day retreat at the Catholic Leadership Centre on Saturday 17 August 2024, 9.30am – 4.00pm Fr Frankie was a professional entertainer in the UK before answering a calling to become a Catholic priest. The retreat commences 9.30am with Holy Mass, followed by adoration, Confession and three inspiring talks by Fr Frankie. This is a wonderful opportunity to encounter God's love and meet a supportive community of women of faith. It promises to be a truly divine experience! Join us!

NATURAL FERTILITY AWARENESS WEEK 2024 (AUGUST 19 – 25) promotes an alternative, healthy option to family planning compared with chemical and other contraceptive devices. The theme this year is: *"Trust your body's natural signs of fertility: Forget about drugs and devices."* You are invited to join the Billings LIFE free webinar on Monday 19th August 2024 at 7:30pm AEST where you can listen to the conversation about the basics of the Billings Ovulation Method® and its application, including during times of breastfeeding.

<https://events.humanitix.com/trust-your-body-s-natural-signals-of-fertility-free-webinar>

Further info @ ph: 1800 335 860 or website: www.billings.life/en/



CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S WOMEN FOR THE WORLD APPEAL

Support women to lift their families and communities out of poverty. With your support Memory completed vocational training and became the first female carpenter from her village in Malawi. More women and girls need this support to break the cycle of poverty. You can create real change for women like Memory.



Donate online at: www.caritas.org.au



**FOR THE ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH AND 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.

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