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and Little River

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FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A, 2ND AND 3RD MAY 2026

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: *A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7)*

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them. The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 32:1-2. 4-5. 18-19*

Response: *Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.*

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

Response: *Lord, let your mercy be on us as we place our trust in you.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the first letter of St Peter (1 Peter 2:4-9)*

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

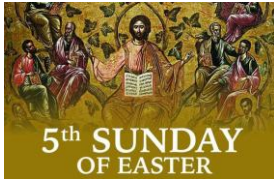
GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 14:1-12)*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; If there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know

*** GOSPEL CONTINUES ON THE NEXT PAGE ***

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

GOSPEL CONTINUES: me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.' **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: By His death, Resurrection, and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house. His Father's house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ's body. As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today's Epistle, Jesus is the "stone" destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God's dwelling on earth (see Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16). Each of us is called to be a living stone in God's building (see 1 Corinthians 3:9, 16). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be "holy priests" offering up "spiritual sacrifices" all our prayer, work and intentions to God. This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt. God's covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see Exodus 19:6). By our faith in Christ's new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies (see 1 Corinthians 6:19-20; Romans 12:1). In today's First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the "ministry of the Word." The Lord's Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today's Psalm. So, we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father. His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see Acts 19:20) and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see 1 Peter 1:23). **Scott Hahn**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use today's Psalm response as your prayer this week: **"Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you."**

VOCATION VIEW: The new ministry of "Deacon" is mentioned in today's Scripture. Perhaps the Lord is calling you to assist with the charitable, educational or liturgical needs of the Lord's People today.

RECENT DEATH: Danilo Camenting, Lucille 'Ching' Abamonga Yap, Michel Vicente Q. de Gorostiza

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Marita Leonor, Mario Rigo, Angela Accardi, Rohan Fernando, V K Joseph, Fathima Hashim, Adrian and Ingrid Jeremiah

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, John Hassett, Julie Horkings, Anna, Lynne Worsley, Sheila Joseph, Rafael, Janet

To add or renew names for the Prayer for the Sick, please complete a Mass offering envelope and return it to the parish office. Envelopes are available in the church brochure racks or at the parish office. Names will be kept on the list for two months.

REMINDER: Parishioners are asked to note that requests for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries, and similar intentions to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful must clearly indicate the date and time of the Mass you will be attending for the name to be mentioned. All requests must be received at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday afternoon, and Mass offering envelopes should be addressed to Administration. Envelopes are available in the church brochure racks or at the parish office

WEEKDAY LITURGY (4th to 9th May 2026)

Mon: 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy
Tues: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (9th and 10th May 2026)

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

CatholicCare VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL

This weekend we will have a third collection on each Mass for the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. "For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

THE NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE (MASS COUNT) - The count is conducted over the first four consecutive Sundays (and Saturday evenings) in May. This will start this weekend 2nd and 3rd May 2026. Could collectors please see Priest prior to Mass. This annual count taken in May is important for our pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.



We bid our farewell to our dear Fr. James as he is leaving us this week to join another parish to continue his priestly ministry. He has journeyed with us for more than a year and a half leading and helping our parish community to grow in faith. . He had been the spiritual leader of our youth and young adults. We express our heartfelt gratitude for his life with us and for his contribution to the parish. We assure our prayers and wish him all the best.

We are going to have a Farewell Mass for him this Sunday the 3rd of May at 11am. After the mass we will all get together in the Penola Hub, at 33 Mortimer Street, in Werribee. You are welcome to bring a plate of food to share with everyone if you want to. We invite everyone to come and join us when we say goodbye to Father James. We hope to see you all.

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 Wednesday at 11.00am

Werribee Mercy Hospital

2nd Thursday at 2.30pm

Mercy Place Wyndham

3rd Tuesday at 11.00am

Acare Werribee

3rd Wednesday 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



WHO PARTICIPATES IN A SYNOD?

A Synod involves the whole People of God: bishops, priests, deacons, religious, and lay faithful. Each has a distinct role, but all share responsibility for the Church's mission. Synodality does not blur roles it helps each vocation flourish in service of the Gospel.

SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP 2026

The 2026 session of the School of Discipleship will commence from Sunday 17th May at 6:30 pm at St Peter's Church Hall. This is a faith outreach program aimed to teach members more about our Catholic faith with three purposes – to learn it, live it and share it. All are welcome to join. Enquiries to Anita D'Souza on 0411772320 or Praful on 0431068125. For further details, please scan the QR code or register at <https://bit.ly/3EFg96N>.



ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 3rd to 11th May 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 9 th /10 th May	Rajeev Kondanara	Kevin McGuane	Rita Edemu	Grace Iaria	Nadia Richards
MUSIC 9 th /10 th May	St. Carlo's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Padre Pio's Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Andrews Children Choir
Communion Minister 9 th /10 th May	Thiloshini Perera Philu Fernandes Aroon Sequeira	Lillian Jilbert Jude Disanayaka Anna Obieta	Titus Lizardo Jen Climie Mary Nguyen	Sheridan Fevaleaki Otilia Lesoa Katrina Gauci	Stephen Hart Genni Douglas Judy Andreson
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 4 May: J. Hennessy Mon 11 May: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 4 May: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 8 May: A. Majok, N. Deng Mon 4 May: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 3 May: C. Demate Sun 10 May: J. Francisco		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 3 May: S. Raphael Sun 10 May: M.H. Chong		

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



PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT - every 1st Sunday of the month after 5pm mass at St Andrew's
Please come and join us as we praise and thank our God for his abundant blessings, never-ending mercy and protection over us. Our worship night will be on this Sunday 3rd May 2026.

Healing Mass

with Divine Australia
15 MAY 2026
Friday

ROSARY AND PRAISE & WORSHIP | 6:30 - 7:00 PM
HOLY MASS | 7:00 - 8:00 PM
ADORATION | 8:00 - 8:30 PM

Everyone is welcome. Fellowship follows after.

"for He lives with you and in you." John 14:17

MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE - SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY 2026

Prayerful greetings to you in the Lord.

It is with pleasure that I personally invite you to join me at Corpus Christi College on *Saturday 23 May 2026*. Corpus Christi is the place where young men discern and study for the priesthood. You are receiving this invitation because your Parish Priest believes you have the qualities that may suggest a vocation to the priesthood or you may like to hear more about a vocation.

You may or may not be considering a vocation, however, I would encourage you to join us and hear more about a vocation and enjoy lunch with current Seminarians. For catering purposes, please RSVP by Tuesday 19 May via vocations@cam.org.au. If you have questions, the Vocation Director, Father Dishan Candappa, would be pleased to assist you. Please be in touch via vocations@cam.org.au.

I hope that you will consider and accept the offer to join with many others in a gathering of prayer, fellowship and information about the diocesan priesthood and seminary life.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,
Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli
Archbishop of Melbourne

YOUTH LEADERS TRAINING - 9 MAY 2026 - Youth and young adult leaders are invited to an inspiring and formative youth leaders training day. Everett Fritz, world-renowned expert in youth discipleship and founder of Andrew Ministries, will share practical wisdom and vision for our context today. Be equipped and encouraged as you deepen your understanding of forming young disciples. Afterwards, we'll explore a range of practical resources and tools to help you accompany and lead young people in your parish or community. This is a great opportunity for leaders, both emerging and experienced, to grow in confidence, connect with other leaders and be renewed in their mission. The day begins with optional 8am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral. Morning tea and lunch are provided. *There will be a further Youth Leaders Training session on Saturday 8 July.* For enquiries, contact proclaim@cam.org.au. **Event Date: Saturday 9 May 2026, 9.00am–3.00pm, Venue: Cathedral Room Cardinal Knox Centre 383 Albert Street East Melbourne**



JOIN THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WERRIBEE - HOME VISITATION TEAM - Many families in our community are struggling to make ends meet and cannot afford the basic necessities of daily life. The Home Visitation Team reaches out with compassion - visiting households in need and providing essential support such as food parcels, vouchers, and other material aid. If you feel called to make a meaningful difference, we invite you to join this mission of hope and service. Simply complete the short form, and a team member will contact you to discuss how you can get involved. Or alternatively email: wbee.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au

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

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