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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

NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C, 9TH AND 10TH AUGUST 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: *A reading from the book of Wisdom (Wisdom 18:6-9)*

That night had been foretold to our ancestors, so that, once they saw what kind of oaths they had put their trust in, they would joyfully take courage. This was the expectation of your people, the saving of the virtuous and the ruin of their enemies; for by the same act with which you took vengeance on our foes you made us glorious by calling us to you. The devout children of worthy men offered sacrifice in secret and this divine pact they struck with one accord: that the saints would share the same blessings and dangers alike; and forthwith they had begun to chant the hymns of the fathers. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 32:1. 12. 18-20. 22*

Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. They are happy, whose God is the Lord, the people he has chosen as his own.

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.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you.

Response: Happy the people the Lord has chosen to be his own.

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (Hebrews 11:1-2, 8-12) (shorter version)*

Only faith can guarantee the blessings that we hope for or prove the existence of the realities that at present remain unseen. It was for faith that our ancestors were commended. It was by faith that Abraham obeyed the call to set out for a country that was the inheritance given to him and his descendants, and that he set out without knowing where he was going. By faith he arrived, as a foreigner, in the Promised Land, and lived there as if in a strange country, with Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. They lived there in tents while he looked forward to a city founded, designed and built by God. It was equally by faith that Sarah, in spite of being past the age, was made able to conceive, because she believed that he who had made the promise would be faithful to it. Because of this, there came from one man, and one who was already as good as dead himself, more descendants than could be counted, as many as the stars of heaven or the grains of sand on the seashore. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Be watchful and ready: You know not when the Son of Man is coming. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 12:35-40) (Shorter version)*

Jesus said to his disciples: 'See that you are dressed for action and have your lamps lit. Be like men waiting for their master to return from the wedding feast, ready to open the door as soon as he comes and knocks. Happy those servants whom the master finds awake when he comes. I tell you solemnly, he will put on an apron, sit them down at table and wait on them. It may be in the second watch he comes, or in the third, but happy those servants if he finds them ready. You may be quite sure of this, that if the householder had known at what hour the burglar would come, he would not have let anyone break through the wall of his house. You too must stand ready, because the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.' **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

In the middle of Ordinary Time we discover a theme normally associated with the end of the liturgical year and the season of Advent – vigilance in anticipation of the return of the master. This vigilance demands that we live lives of faith. We do not know when God will open the door of our existence and call us into a deeper realisation of the sacred dimension of life itself. Vigilance is a characteristic of a Christian at all times, for all times. We must be ever vigilant. While we live in the expectation of the coming of God in the future, we also live now in the presence of God. This means that God is present with us now, as a companion in our lives. It also means that this presence is the context

within which our lives unfold. However, until all things are brought to fulfilment, we live in this presence by faith. Faith and hope are intimately joined. As believers we are called to trust in the promises of God, even when what is promised seems impossible. We are assured that we will be blessed, but we can never be sure of the exact nature of the blessing. In faith, we put our trust in God and then carry out our responsibilities. In faith we wait for the Lord, who is our help and our shield, not really knowing under what guise he will come to us. Faith is both the cost of living as a disciple and the reward. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use an adaptation of a verse from today's psalm as your prayer this week: ***My soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is my help and my shield. May your love be upon me, O Lord, as I place all my hope in you.***

VOCATION VIEW: Another sign of Vocation is that your heart is more intent on things of heaven rather than on things of earth. God is everything: the only thing.

RECENT DEATH: Bishop Peter J. Elliott, Nguyen T. Kim Tiên, Margaret Goddard, Cleopas Asignar, Maria Concetta Malcotti

ANNIVERSARY: Maria Abate, Robert Maxwell Cathie, Emerenziana Lucia Ballan

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Edith and Alwin Salagubang, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Crispin De Zilva, Lynne Worsley, Dorothy Rayner, Maria Trang Nguyen, Peter Tho Huynh, Saraswathy Govindasamy, John Hassett, Rustico Socorin, Cecilia Maria, Teresa Goegan, Dinah Elly, Eutiquio Valenzuela, Tony Grech, William Harris

WEEKDAY LITURGY (11th – 16th August 2025)

Mon: 9.00am Liturgy of the word with Communion

Tues: 9.00pm Mass

Wed: 9.00am Mass

Thurs: 9.00am Mass

Fri: **Solemnity Assumption
of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

9.00am Mass

7.00pm Rosary followed by Mass

Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (16th / 17th August 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm Mass
10.00am Wyndham Vale Community Mass at
Our Lady of Southern Cross Primary School



Solemnity of the
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary

**15th August 2025
Friday**

**9.00am Mass
7.00pm Rosary
followed by Mass**

**The Solemnity of the Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation**

for Catholics because it commemorates the belief that Mary was taken up, body and soul, into heaven at the end of her earthly life, a unique privilege and honour reflecting her special role in God's plan of salvation. This event, while not explicitly detailed in the Bible, is a central tenet of Catholic tradition and is seen as a testament to Mary's holiness and her unique relationship with Jesus.



**Bishop Emeritus
Peter John Elliott**

died peacefully on
Wednesday, 6th August 2025.

He made a significant
contribution not only to the
Archdiocese of Melbourne
but the wider Church.

Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon him.
May he rest in peace. Amen.

DINNER DANCE 2025

On behalf of our parish, Fr Albert, Fr James and Fr An, we sincerely thank those who have attended and supported our Parish Dinner Dance on 19th July 2025. We are grateful for the funds raised, which amounted to \$ 4,195.50. Special thanks to Stevin Carvalho and his team for their tireless work in organising the Dinner Dance. To those who helped or supported in so many other ways, a big thank you to all. It was a beautiful atmosphere, with all parishioners gathering to celebrate and express our love for God and our beloved parish.

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

Dear Parish Volunteers,

We are truly grateful for your ongoing commitment and the valuable time you give to serve our parish community. Your dedication to God's work is deeply appreciated, and we thank you for all that you do. As part of our parish's responsibility to maintain a safe and compliant environment, we kindly ask all volunteers to ensure the following are up to date:

1. Working with Children Check (WWCC)

If you have not updated your Working with Children Check, please do so as soon as possible. When applying or renewing, please select "volunteering at St Andrew's Church" as the organisation. The Department of Human Services will then send us a copy directly. Please also email us a copy of your updated check for our records.

2. Safeguarding Children And Young People Code Of Conduct Declaration

The Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration is an acknowledgement that clergy, employees and volunteers have read and understood the behaviours and conduct expected of them and agree to comply with the Code of Conduct. **Clergy, employees and volunteers are required to sign the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration upon their commencement. Volunteers are required to re-sign the Declaration every three years. Clergy and employees are required to re-sign the Declaration annually.**

Printed forms can be found near the altar steps. You may pick up two forms one for yourself to keep as a reference and other one to be signed and returned to the parish office.

3. Parish Registration

It is compulsory for all volunteers to be registered parishioners in our parish database. If you are not yet registered, please complete the attached parishioner registration form and email it back to us. Please note: Only registered parishioners can take part in volunteer work within the parish.

4. Safeguarding Training

Those who missed the Safeguarding Training in December are required to complete the training online. Once completed, please email us a copy of your certificate for our records.

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

5. Updated Contact Details

If your address, phone number, email, or name has changed recently, kindly let us know so we can keep your information current. Once again, we thank you for your generous service and support. May God continue to bless you abundantly as you serve in His vineyard.

Kindly note:

In accordance with parish and safeguarding requirements, volunteers who do not hold a current Working with Children Check will not be able to engage in any volunteer activities until their check is obtained or updated. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

***Your cooperation to address this matter immediately would be greatly appreciated.
Thank you, St. Andrew's Parish Safeguarding Committee***

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 10th to 18th AUGUST 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 16th 17th Aug	Aroon Sequeira	Peter Walters	Rose Chu	Katrina Gauci	Nadia Richards
MUSIC 16th 17th Aug	Philu and Co. Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrews Choir	Joseph the Dreamer Choir	Young Adult Choir
Communion Minister 16th 17th Aug	Gerry Ilagan Rhea Fernandes Noelene Keogh	Nimal Pandithakoralege Peter Walters David Cox	Rita Edemu Sherine Raphael Emmanuel Edemu	Grace Iaria Dennis Vanspall Otilia Lesoa	Judy Anderson Genni Doughlas Katherine Canet
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)	This week: Next week:		Mon 11 Aug: M. H. Chong Mon 18 Aug: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER	Cleaning: Vacuuming:		Mon 11 Aug: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 15 Aug: A. Majok, N. Deng Mon 11 Aug: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH	This week: Next week:		Sun 10 Aug: O. Lesoa Sun 17 Aug: C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This week: Next week:		Sun 10 Aug: M.H. Chong Sun 17 Aug: J. Siu		



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.



Wyndham Vale Catholic Community
COMMUNITY MASS

Our Lady of the Southern Cross
2/20 Howqua Way, Manor Lakes

ALL WELCOME

Sunday August
17th
10am

Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Martin Ashe

Mass will be followed by fellowship. Please bring a plate of food to share with your fellow parishioners

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"Big Enough To Serve And Small Enough To Care."
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NEW ENVELOPES FROM AUGUST 2025 TO JANUARY 2026 - New sets of Thanksgiving envelopes in alphabetical order are available for collection after all masses in front of the altar steps. It would help greatly if you could deliver some in your area. Thank you!

EL SHADDAI 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.

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL

DEEPEN YOUR RELATIONSHIP WITH JESUS
EXPERIENCE THE BREADTH OF THE CHURCH
CONNECT WITH OTHER YOUNG PEOPLE
BE EMPOWERED TO LIVE YOUR FAITH

Year 9 - 25 years plus leaders

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REGISTRATIONS FOR THE FESTIVAL ARE OFFICIALLY OPEN!

For those wishing to register with the Werribee Parish, or for more information, please contact Fr. James:
James.Baptist@cam.org.au

You are invited to
COME & SEE
This seminar is open to all!
Everyone is welcome regardless of race, religion, or cultural affiliation.

Alpha is a safe-space where you can ask any question.

Alpha can help individuals explore topics about life, death, faith, and many more.

Alpha

everyone has questions

Join us to explore ALPHA

Run by St Andrew's Catholic Parish Church

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.