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Werribee North,
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 11TH AND 12TH JULY 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 prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 55:10-11)*

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.' **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalms 64:10-14*

Response: *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

You care for the earth, give it water, you fill it with riches. Your river in heaven brims over to provide its grain.

And thus you provide for the earth; you drench its furrows, you level it, soften it with showers, you bless its growth.

You crown the year with your goodness. Abundance flows in your steps, in the pastures of the wilderness it flows.

The hills are girded with joy, the meadows covered with flocks, the valleys are decked with wheat. They shout for joy, yes, they sing.

Response: *The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:18-23)*

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

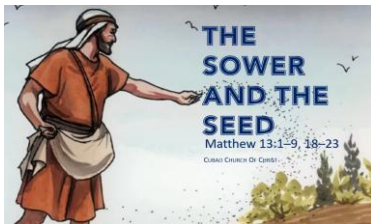
GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 13:1-23)*

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables. He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!' Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but from anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or

***** 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: understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled: You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me. 'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it. 'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.' **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: Today's readings, like last week's, ask us to meditate on Israel's response to God's Word and our own. Why do some hear the word of the kingdom, yet fail to accept it as a call to conversion and faith in Jesus? That question underlies today's Gospel especially. Again, we see, as we did last week, that the kingdom's mysteries are unfolded to those who open their hearts, making of them a rich soil in which the Word can grow and bear fruit. As we sing in today's Psalm, in Jesus, God's Word has visited our land to water the stony earth of our hearts with the living waters of the Spirit (see John 7:38; Revelation 22:1). The first fruit of the Word

is the Spirit of love and adoption poured into our hearts in Baptism, making us children of God, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle (see Romans 5:5; 8:15-16). In this, we are made a "new creation" (see 2 Corinthians 5:17), the first fruits of a new heaven and a new earth (see 2 Peter 3:13). Since the first humans rejected God's Word, creation has been enslaved to futility (see Genesis 3:17-19; 5:29). But God's Word does not go forth only to return to Him void, as we hear in today's First Reading. His Word awaits our response. We must show ourselves to be children of that Word. We must allow that Word to accomplish God's will in our lives. As Jesus warns today, we must take care lest the devil steals it away or lest it be choked by worldly concerns. In the Eucharist, the Word gives Himself to us as bread to eat. He does so that we might be made fertile, yielding fruits of holiness. And we await the crowning of the year, the great harvest of the Lord's Day (see Mark 4:29; 2 Peter 3:10; Revelation 1:10) when His Word will have achieved the end for which it was sent. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Say this prayer each day: '**Lord, may the seed of your word fall into deep soil in me. May it not return to you without yielding its fruit in me.**'

VOCATION VIEW: The seed of a vocation seeks fertile surroundings. Sometimes it gets stepped on, sometimes it gets choked, sometimes it lacks depth. But other times it is nourished by loving and caring friends.

RECENT DEATH: Richard Fernandes, Isabella Feflinska, Sebastiano Lucifora, Arun Joseph, Amado Galvez Dizon

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Bevis D'Monte, Edward Houston, Theresa Sciberras

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, John Hassett, Julie Horkings, Anna, Lynne Worsley, Rafael, Janet, Vlad, Mark, Sweety and Gail D'Monte, Leanne Bell

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 (13th to 18th July 2026)

Mon: 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy
Tues: 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Novena to St. Anthony at Penola Hub
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
6.30pm Healing Mass (Rosary, Mass and Adoration)
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (18th and 19th July 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm - Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm - Mass

WYNDHAM VALE COMMUNITY MASS

CANCELLATION NOTICE

Please note that the Wyndham Vale Community Mass scheduled for Sunday, 19 July 2026 has been cancelled due to maintenance work being carried out at the school. **We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for our next Wyndham Vale Community Mass on Sunday, 16 August 2026, at 10:00 AM.** Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to gathering together in faith and fellowship at our next Community Mass.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." — Matthew 18:20



ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 18TH & 19TH JULY 2026

Next weekend, we invite you to support our Annual Winter Appeal by donating non-perishable food items for local families in need. Please place your donations in the basket at the front of the church. The Werribee Conference Home Visiting Team will distribute them within our community.

Cash donations are also welcome and will be collected next week through our special collection. Every gift, big or small, makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity and support. **PLEASE NOTE:** if you have clothing or blanket you would like to donate these should be taken to the Vinnies Op Shop, Costa Drive, Hoppers Crossing.

Thank you. Edna Silva | President | Werribee Conference St Vincent de Paul Society Victoria

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Email Us: Alpha.StAndrews.Parish@gmail.com

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 12th to 20th July 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 18 th / 19 th July	Melisa Castelino Rajeev Handanarachchi	Red Dubier Darren Giese	Angelo Bautista Maria Malanyaon	Katrina Gauci Grace Iaria	Young Adult Group
MUSIC 18 th / 19 th July	St. Philomena's Choit	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Joseph the Dreamer Choir	Young Adult Choir
Communion Minister 18 th / 19 th July	Thiloshini Perera Philu Fernandes Anson John	Dominic Fernandez John Hennessy	Titus Lizardo Angelo Bautista Jen Climie	Linda Bravo Graeme Roberts Dominic Thiep	Neha Cherian Genni Douglas Nadia Richard
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 13 Jul: M. H. Chong Mon 20 Jul: J. Hennessy		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 13 Jul: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 17 Jul: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 13 Jul: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 12 Jul: C. Demate Sun 19 Jul: O. Lesoa		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 12 Jul: R. Clayton Sun 19 Jul: J. Siu		



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THE MARY & MARTHA WOMEN'S MINISTRY

We invite you to join us on Tuesday July 14, 7pm-8.30pm in the Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. The topic will be "Women of the Word" We pray that you will hear God's call to join us.
For inquiries email Jocelyn
jocelyngemoh@gmail.com

PARISH MISSION TEAM

Do you have ideas on how to reach those outside our parish community?

Is God calling you to reach out to "seekers"?
Do you have a desire to welcome non-church goers?

You may want to be part of our Parish Mission Team! If you are interested, we are having our Parish Mission Team regroup on 17th July 2026 (Friday 6-8PM) at the Meeting Room (behind sacristy). Email kemp.vinson@cam.org.au if you are interested.

If you can't make due to another appointment, no worries - there will be future catch-ups ahead. Have a blessed day!



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
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SATURDAY
Aug 29 2026

TIME
6:30 PM
ONWARDS

LOCATION
ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
CNR OF STAWELL ST & GREAVES ST NTH WERRIBEE

\$50 ADULT
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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.



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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