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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

PARISH TEAMS

Clergy

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP
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Benita Ediriwickrema

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PARISH SCHOOLS

**St. Andrew's Primary
School** – Ph. 9741 3686
Principal: Melissa
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St. Joseph Primary School –
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Principal: Troy Rickard

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Principal: Chris Caldow

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 24TH AND 25TH OCTOBER 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 book of Exodus (Exodus 22:20-26)*

The Lord said to Moses, 'Tell the sons of Israel this, "You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans. "If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him. "If you take another's cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity." **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 17:2-4. 47. 51*

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength, my rock, my fortress, my saviour. My God is the rock where I take refuge; my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. The Lord is worthy of all praise: when I call I am saved from my foes.

Long life to the Lord, my rock! Praised be the God who saves me. He has given great victories to his king and shown his love for his anointed.

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING: *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians (1 Thessalonians 1:5-10)*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 22:34-40)*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, 'Master, which is the greatest commandment of the law?' Jesus said, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.'

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.



GOSPEL REFLECTION: The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above (see John 19:11; Romans 13:1). In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading: "I have called you . . . though you knew me not." The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem (see Ezra 1:1–4). Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power (see Romans 9:17). Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins (see 2

Maccabees 6:7–16). The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel, "repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar," are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight. The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world (see John 18:36) but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven (see Philippians 3:20), we are called to be a light to the world (see Matthew 5:14) working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as today's Epistle counsels. We owe the government a concern for the common good and obedience to laws unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church (see Acts 5:29). But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image (see Genesis 1:27). We owe Him our very lives all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love (see Romans 12:1–2). We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will (see 1 Timothy 2:1–2)—until from the rising of the sun to its setting all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.). **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Repeat the gospel acclamation often: ***All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them.***

VOCATION VIEW: We must stop just putting Band-Aids on the wounds of society. We must tell the world that we are God's people. God loves us and we were created to serve God, and others in God.

RECENT DEATH: Antonio 'Tony' Bucci, Nicholas Buhagiar (cousin of Fr. Frank Buhagiar), George Cairns, Susan Wilke, Antonino Montalto, Leonard Michael Johnson, Hugo Rivera

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Estercasio Ilagan, Lorenza Acciarito, Guillermo De Guzman

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, Julie Horkings, Anna, Lynne Worsley, Rafael, Janet, Vlad, Mark, Sweety and Gail D'Monte, Leanne Bell, Antonio Tejero, Bitaya Hikolo Joseph, Anna, Teresita Cerdana, Dorothy, Cyprian, Peter William Stride, Vlad, Charles and Anna, Franco Sevilla Maralit

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 (26th to 31st October 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
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (31st Oct. and 1st Nov. 2026) ALL SAINTS DAY

Sat: 6.00pm Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am Mass
5pm Mass followed by Praise and Worship
2.00pm Karenni Community Mass
at Penola Hub
5.00pm Tamil Community Mass

WHY PARTICIPATION MATTERS



Participation helps people move from being passive recipients to active disciples. This deepens faith and strengthens mission.

ALL SOULS' DAY

**A Day Of Prayer And Remembrance
May Our Prayer Bring Comfort
and Peace To Every Departed Soul**

Monday, 2nd November: Parish Masses will be held at 9:00 am and 7:00 pm. The Blessing of the Memorial Garden will take place immediately after both services.

Saturday, 7th November: Commemoration Mass at the Werribee Cemetery is scheduled for 11:30 am.

November Mass Intentions: Due to the large volume of requests during the month of Holy Souls, the parish will not offer individual Masses for anniversaries or remembrance throughout November. Instead, all submitted Mass offerings will be faithfully scheduled and offered at a later date.



DRESS UP AS A SAINT!

11am MASS followed by
WYD sausage sizzle fundraiser!

all saints day!

SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER



St. Andrew's Church

FUNDRAISING SAUSAGE SIZZLE

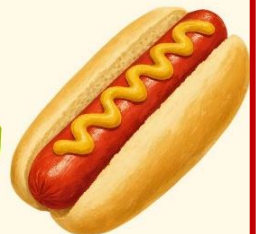
SUPPORTING WORLD YOUTH
DAY 2027!

GRAB A SNAG, SUPPORT OUR YOUTH
AND HELP MAKE
WORLD YOUTH DAY POSSIBLE!



SUNDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

AFTER THE
8AM, 9:30AM & 11AM
MASSES



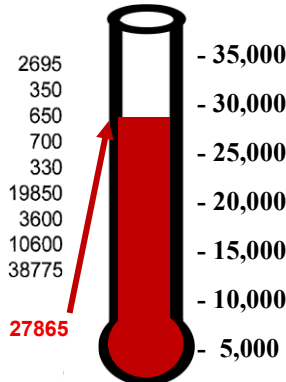
FUND NEEDED FOR REPAIRS & RENOVATION

1 SACRED HEART STATUE	2695	- 35,000
2 STATUE OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	350	- 30,000
3 ST. JOSEPH'S STATUE	650	- 25,000
4 ST. ANTHONY'S STATUE	700	- 20,000
5 ST. RITA'S STATUE	330	- 15,000
6 ST. ANDREW'S CARVING	19850	- 10,000
7 CRUCIFIX FOR THE NEW CHURCH	3600	- 5,000
8 ELEVATION OF THE CARVING	10600	
TOTAL	38775	

FUND RAISED as of 23/10/2026

27865 + 0 = 27865

We thank the generous donors.



EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER

GROUP - Invites You to Delve Deeper Into Your Faith. Every Tuesday at Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee at 1pm to 2.30pm, followed by fellowship. Enquiries: Susanne Sweeny, 0438 372 952

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO

ricorda che il nostro gruppo di preghiera continua ogni Mercoledì dalle ore 10am alle 12.00pm nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Tutti benvenuti.

READERS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS TRAINING WORKSHOP – we are conducting a training workshop for our Readers and Communion Ministers of Holy Communion. There are two options to choose from, Tuesday, 10th November at 7.00pm or Saturday, 14th November at 10.00am St. Andrews Church/

PURCHASE A CARITAS AUSTRALIA GLOBAL GIFT THIS CHRISTMAS - With Caritas Australia's Global Gifts, you can give a meaningful Christmas card that helps create lasting change for vulnerable communities around the world. Whether you're shopping for family, friends or colleagues, you'll find a gift that continues to make a real difference long after Christmas Day. Each Global Gift card you buy helps make the world a little better every day. Your gift can change lives by putting food on a family's table or helping a young girl stay in school. Give a gift this Christmas that reflects the true spirit of giving and makes a lasting impact. [Browse the full range of Global](https://www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts) <https://www.caritas.org.au/global-gifts>



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

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 25th OCTOBER to 2nd November 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 31 st Oct 1 st Nov	Aldrin Manohar Nicola Fernando	Kevin McGuane Anna Obieta	Rita Edemu	Natasha Krishnakumar Jessica Adams	Angelo Moreira Andrew Canet
MUSIC 31 st Oct 1 st Nov	St. Philomena Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Sariling Tinig Choir	Ensemble of Faith Choir	King Jesus Choir
Communion Minister 31 st Oct 1 st Nov	Wilson Monteiro Aroon Sequeira	Laura Chamberlain Lillian Jilbert Jude Disanayaka	Titus Lizardo Jen Climie Mary Nguyen	Graeme Roberts Dominic Thiep Eric Demate	Nadia Richard Neha Cherian Maria Parba
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 26 Oct: Mon 2 Nov:	M. H. Chong S. Raphaeli	
		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 26 Oct: Fri 30 Oct: Mon 26 Oct:	M. Tong, N. Chol A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Volunteer	
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 25 Oct: Sun 1 Nov:	M. Galea C. Demate	
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 25 Oct: Sun 1 Nov:	J. Siu Volunteer	

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WERRIBEE PARISH FAIR SAT NOV 28 2026

SINGSTAR COMPETITION

Do you love to sing?

Here's your chance to shine! We're excited to launch Singstar, a fun community singing competition where local talent takes the stage. Exciting prizes for winners in each category!

Competition will be held during the St Andrews Parish Fair

Register at www.tinyurl.com/singstar2026

AGE GROUPS

- 8-12 YRS
- 13-17 YRS
- 18+ YRS

REGISTER NOW!

FREE ENTRY

ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS 110 GREAVES ST NORTH WERRIBEE. TOWNHALL TELL 4-500PM

Sponsors: RayWhite, Stella College, DOON HOMES, EVERYDAY SPARKY, Wealth Assure, USHAN, Le Pine, Wyndham, and others.

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

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.

f 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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WELCOMING AND HOSPITALITY WORKSHEET

All responses will be held confidential and will be used by your Parish Mission Team.

REVIEW

Below is a list of actions and attitudes that convey a sense of welcoming and hospitality to people in a parish. Rate your parish efforts according to the following scale:

5 = Excellent 4 = Very Good 3 = Good 2 = Fair 1 = Poor 0 = I don't know.

Place your score in the space before each item.

Your parish:

1. _____ has good signage displaying the church name, grounds and gardens that are well-maintained and clearly marked parking spaces and entrances to church property.
2. _____ provides friendly car parking attendants on occasions when many visitors are expected.
3. _____ has adequate signage to clearly mark buildings, meeting rooms, offices and amenities.
4. _____ ensures that entry access and seating in the church and in meeting rooms is accessible to all.
5. _____ has a team of greeters to welcome guests, visitors and all parishioners to Sunday Mass, celebration of the sacraments and other gatherings.
6. _____ provides written instructions or explanation of Mass parts that are new or unfamiliar, especially for those who are not regular attenders.
7. _____ provides visitors and newcomers with easily accessible welcome packs that contain important parish information.
8. _____ is sensitive to and representative of the cultural, social and racial diversity of the parish community.
9. _____ welcomes individuals of diverse age and cultures to serve in liturgical roles and ministries.
10. _____ is welcoming to non-Catholic parents, relatives and friends who gather for funerals, weddings, baptisms and other sacraments.
11. _____ organises 'cuppas' after Mass to help parishioners make friends and build relationships with one another.
12. _____ has priests and leaders who respond to questions and provide explanations with respect, without insulting or embarrassing people.
13. _____ has office staff that are accessible, courteous, friendly and willing to help.
14. _____ responds to requests for information in a respectful and timely fashion.
15. _____ provides assistance to individuals with special needs, the elderly and young families.
16. _____ provides opportunities for newcomers to become engaged in ministries and welcomes new people to ministries.
17. _____ regularly schedules events for new members, inactive Catholics, and those returning to the Church.
18. _____ introduces candidates, catechumens and others preparing for reception of the sacraments to the parish community through the parish bulletin, website or at Mass.
19. _____ offers regular prayers, support and words of encouragement for candidates, catechumens and others preparing for reception of all sacraments.
20. _____ responds with sensitivity to individuals who are divorced, separated or single parents.
21. _____ bulletin, flyers and other material have a warm, welcoming format and tone.
22. _____ website is welcoming, informational, regularly updated and easy to use.
23. _____ fosters a sense of hospitality among all parishioners.
24. _____ is a place where all feel welcome.

Adapted from *Welcoming Parish Assessment*, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, 2011.

You can take a copy of the above survey form provided in the Church. Complete the form and drop it in the Dropbox provided Infront of the Altar and at the foyer.

