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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

PALM SUNDAY OF THE PASSION OF THE LORD YEAR A

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 50:4-7)*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah *I did not cover my face against insult, and I know I will not be ashamed.* The Lord has given me a disciple's tongue. So that I may know how to reply to the wearied he provides me with speech. Each morning, he wakes me to hear, to listen like a disciple. The Lord has opened my ear. For my part, I made no resistance, neither did I turn away. I offered my back to those who struck me, my cheeks to those who tore at my beard; I did not cover my face against insult and spittle. The Lord comes to my help, so that I am untouched by the insults. So, too, I set my face like flint; I know I shall not be shamed. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 21:8-9. 17-20. 23-24*

Response: *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

All who see me deride me. They curl their lips; they toss their heads. 'He trusted in the Lord, let him save him; let him release him if this is his friend.'

Many dogs have surrounded me, a band of the wicked beset me. They tear holes in my hands and my feet. I can count every one of my bones.

They divide my clothing among them. They cast lots for my robe. O Lord, do not leave me alone, my strength, make haste to help me!

I will tell of your name to my brethren and praise you where they are assembled. 'You who fear the Lord give him praise; all sons of Jacob, give him glory. Revere him, Israel's sons.'

Response: *My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 2:6-11)*

His state was divine, yet Christ Jesus did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are, and being as all men are, he was humbler yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

NARRATIVE GOSPEL: *Matthew 26:14 – 27:66*

Please refer to the PowerPoint.

N – Narrator

J – Jesus, Priest

S1 – Other voice 1

S2 – Other voice2

S3 – Crowd



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



GOSPEL REFLECTION: All this has come to pass that the writings of the prophets may be fulfilled," Jesus says in today's Gospel (see Matthew 26:56). Indeed, we have reached the climax of the liturgical year, the highest peak of salvation history, when all that has been anticipated and promised is to be fulfilled. By the close of today's long Gospel, the work of our redemption will have been accomplished: the new covenant will be written in the blood of His broken body hanging on the Cross at the place called the Skull. In His Passion, Jesus is "counted among the wicked," as Isaiah had foretold (see Isaiah 53:12). He is revealed definitively as the Suffering Servant the prophet announced, the long-awaited Messiah whose words of obedience and faith ring out in today's First Reading and Psalm. The taunts and torments we hear in these two readings punctuate the Gospel as Jesus is beaten and mocked (see Matthew 27:31), as His hands and feet are pierced, as enemies gamble for His clothes (see Matthew 27:35), and as His enemies dare Him to prove His divinity by saving Himself from suffering (see Matthew 27:39–44). He remains faithful to God's will to the end. He does not turn back in His trial. He gives Himself freely to His torturers, confident that, as He speaks in today's First Reading, "The Lord God is My help. I shall not be put to shame." Destined to sin and death as children of Adam's disobedience, we have been set free for holiness and life by Christ's perfect obedience to the Father's will (see Romans 5:12–14, 17–19; Ephesians 2:2; 5:6). This is why God greatly exalted Him. This is why we have salvation in His name. Following His example of humble obedience in the trials and crosses of our lives, we know we will never be forsaken. We know, as the centurion realizes today, that truly this is the Son of God (see Matthew 27:54). **Scott Hahn**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use today's Gospel Acclamation as your prayer this week: ***Christ became obedient for us even to death dying on the cross. Therefore, God raised him on high and gave him a name above all other names. Praise to you.***

VOCATION VIEW: Today's world is so filled with suffering, injustice, anger, depression and loneliness that it cries for people waving palm branches of hope and resurrection, proclaiming new life.

RECENT DEATH: Matilda Joseph, Francesco Lombardo, Vilma Aruliah

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Giovanni Guzzardi, Zarco Cordic, Gloria Calicoy, Paul, Annie, Manuel and Fr. Mathew Valookaran, Carlo Battaglia, Guissepina Bettiol and Emilio Bettiol, Valerian Menezes and all the souls of the deceased members of Menezes family, John Simon Soares, Pritesh Almada, Rafael Soares and all the souls of the deceased members of Soares family, Robert Cathie, Gertrudes Perez, Cleofas Asignar, Lucy Zanatta, Francis and Leny Monteiro, Anthony and Julianne Fernandes, Letisha and Jerome Lewis

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

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

EASTER TIMETABLE AND EASTER OFFERING ENVELOPE ARE AVAILABLE FROM THE BROCHURE RACKS.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, 5th APRIL 2026. ADJUST YOUR CLOCK ONE HOUR BACKWARD AT 3.00AM (AUSTRALIAN EASTERN DAYLIGHT)

CHRISM MASS (HOLY OILS) 2026 - You are warmly invited to join us for the annual Chrism Mass, which will be celebrated at **St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne on Tuesday 31 March 2026 at 10.00am–12.00pm**. In this ancient and beautiful liturgy, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, together with all of Melbourne's priests, will bless the oils being used in the sacraments for the year ahead. For all enquiries, email communications@cam.org.au.

GOOD FRIDAY HOLY LAND COLLECTION - Offer hope by supporting the Sacred Places and Christians of the Holy Land. Donations can be made to: Commissary of the Holy Land, 47 Victoria Street, Waverley NSW 2024 T: (02) 9369 9300 | E: holyland@franciscans.org.au
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TAKE AWAY SHEET VIA EMAIL – Due to some technical issue, we are unable to send Take Away Sheet via email for the past 3 weeks. You can access the Take Away Sheet through our website: www.melbcatholic.org/s/werribee Once the issue is resolved, we will start sending Take Away Sheet to your email. We apologise for the inconvenience. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

WEEKDAY LITURGY (23rd to 28th March 2026)

Mon: 9.00am Mass
Tues: 9.00am No Mass
 10.00am Chrism Mass at St. Patrick's Cathedral
 7.00pm Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am No Mass
 8.00pm Mass of our Lord Supper, Procession of the Eucharist to the Penola Hub and Adoration till midnight
Fri: Good Friday
 9.00am No Mass
 11.00am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross
 3.00pm Celebrations of our Lord's Passion and Death
Sat: 9.00am No Mass
 9.00am Morning Prayer and Divine Mercy Novena

**WEEKEND MASSES (4th and 5th April 2026)
EASTER SUNDAY**

Sat: **Easter Vigil**
 8.00pm Easter Celebrations
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, and 11.00am
 10.00am Mass at St. Michael – Little River
 NO 5.00pm Mass
 NO 5.00pm Tamil Community Mass

NOTICE TO ALL MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST SCHEDULED FOR HOLY WEEK.

All Ministers must arrive at least 15 minutes before the scheduled start time for the ceremony and check-in with either Peter or the Celebrant and collect the appropriate stole which must be returned at the end of the ceremony. *NOTE they are NOT souvenirs of your involvement.*

As per Fr. Albert's instruction, if you are late/fail to check-in at least 5 mins before your time, you can expect that you will be replaced by a substitute minister to ensure the smooth running of this Holy Week. Thank you to all who attended the meeting on Thursday night.

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

**WHERE DOES THE WORD "SYNOD" COME FROM?**

Synodality is not new
 Synodality is not a modern invention. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians gathered to pray, listen, and discern together. In the Acts of the Apostles, the Church faced difficult questions and resolved them not through power struggles, but through prayer, dialogue, and trust in the Holy Spirit.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 29th March and 6th April 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 4 th / 5 th Apr	Assigned Easter Readers	Darren Giese	Cathleen De Leon	Titus Lizardo	NO 5.00pm MASS
MUSIC 4 th / 5 th Apr	St. Andrew's Youth (Boys & Girls) Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Sariling Tinig Choir	Ensemble of Faith	King Jesus Praise and Worship Choir
Communion Minister 4 th / 5 th Apr	Anne Marie Palmer Reuben Charles Anson John	David Cox John Hennessy Lillian Jilbert	Charles Mei Sherine Raphael John Faranda	Cora Demate Clare Taylor Anthony Acciarito	Sindhu Moreira Stephen Hart Judy Anderson
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 30 Mar: Mass Mon 6 Apr: J. Hennessy		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 30 Mar: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 3 Apr: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 30 Mar: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 29 Mar: C. Demate Sun 5 Apr: J. Francisco		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 29 Mar: S. Raphael Sun 5 Apr: N. George		

THE DIVINE MERCY NOVENA – will start on Friday, 3rd April 2026 at 1.00pm. Then on Monday, 6th April 2026 after the 9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion and from Tuesday, 7th April to Saturday, 11th April 2026 after the 9.00am Morning Mass. **For Sunday, 12th April 2026**, 2.30pm – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, confession available at this time. 3.00pm – Chaplet of the Divine Mercy, Benediction followed by Divine Mercy Festive Mass. Followed by fellowship at the Presbytery Veranda.

A RETREAT DAY ON HOW TO MAKE GODLY CHOICES - Are you wondering what's God's plan is for you? Are you struggling with making the right choice in life? Calling all youth and young adults to a retreat day on Saturday April 11, 2026 from 10am to 4pm @ Penola Hub 33 Mortimer Street Werribee. A day led by Fr Tony Alex, MGL, Formator, John Paul II House of Formation and his team, dedicated to help discern your vocation and your call to life either to the priesthood, consecrated life or marriage. The day is open to boys and girls from ages 12 to 35 and will include Praise and worship, talks, group discussions, adoration and sacrament of reconciliation. Cost is \$10 per person. Please register @ <https://bit.ly/4sZDrwt>

EL SHADDAI PRAYER GROUP - for the coming weeks from Tuesday 24th February to Tuesday 31st March, El Shaddai Prayer Group is running a LENTEN program. We will be reflecting on the Sunday scripture readings, using excellent resources put out annually by the Diocese of Wollongong. Lenten Program – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong Booklets are provided. All are welcome to join us. TUESDAYS 1pm - 2:30pm followed by tea and coffee. Penola Hub 33 Mortimer St. Werribee.

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.

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.

ANCHORED - *Helping Kids Thrive: Developmental Changes and Digital Wellbeing* -



Tuesday 28 April 2026, 7pm-8pm Online. Facilitated by Real Talk, this practical and faith-centred webinar will help parents and caregivers of children aged 12 and under better understand key stages of childhood and adolescence, set healthy digital boundaries and respond with confidence and care. Register now.

SIX30 HOLY HOUR

Thursday 9th April 2026 at 6.30pm–7.30 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession.

Please note that various venues will be used for Six30 Holy Hour throughout 2026. Please check venue details each week on the [Events](#) page of Melbourne Catholic. For more information,

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

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.



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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