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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Incorporating the Communities of
Werribee Central, Wyndham Vale, Werribee South,
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Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

PARISH TEAMS

Pastoral Team:

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP

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PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary

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Principal:

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Principal: Justin Hilton

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Regional College -

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Principal: Rose Connolly.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER – 27TH / 28TH APRIL 2024

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: Acts 9:26-31

When Saul arrived in Jerusalem he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he was a disciple. Then Barnabas took charge of him and brought him to the apostles, and he reported to them how he had seen the Lord, and that he had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had spoken out boldly in the name of Jesus. He moved about freely with them in Jerusalem, and spoke out boldly in the name of the Lord. He also spoke and debated with the Hellenists, but they tried to kill him. And when the brothers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him on his way to Tarsus. The church throughout all Judea, Galilee, and Samaria was at peace. It was being built up and walked in the fear of the Lord, and with the consolation of the Holy Spirit it grew in numbers.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22:26-27,28,30,31-32

Response: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

I will fulfill my vows before those who fear the LORD. The lowly shall eat their fill; they who seek the LORD shall praise him: "May your hearts live forever!"

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; all the families of the nations shall bow down before him.

To him alone shall bow down all who sleep in the earth; before him shall bend all who go down into the dust.

And to him my soul shall live; my descendants shall serve him. Let the coming generation be told of the LORD that they may proclaim to a people yet to be born the justice he has shown.

Response: I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:18-24

Children, let us love not in word or speech but indeed and truth. Now this is how we shall know that we belong to the truth and reassure our hearts before him in whatever our hearts condemn, for God is greater than our hearts and knows everything. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

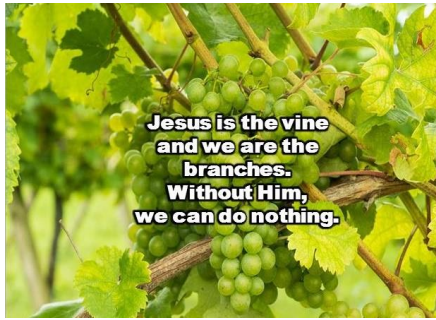
Alleluia, Alleluia. Remain in me as I remain in you, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me will bear much fruit. Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 15:1-8

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine grower. He takes away every branch in me that does not bear fruit, and every one that does he prunes so that it bears more fruit. You are already pruned because of the word that I spoke to you. Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me will be thrown out like a branch and wither; people will gather them and throw them into a fire and they will be burned. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask for whatever you want and it will be done for you. By this is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

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



GOSPEL REFLECTION: Today we reflect on the way salvation brings an ecclesial community into being. This community is joined to Jesus as branches are part of the vine. It is a multi-faceted community, devoted to good works and to prayer. The image of the vine and the branches is an intimate characterisation of the community of believers who share the same divine life. This community thrives on Christ's resurrected life that surges through all of its members. The early church was a multi-ethnic community. It included inhabitants from Jerusalem, Judea, Galilee, Samaria and even Damascus. Some of these people were firmly rooted in Jewish customs, others were more Greek in their culture. It was the fulfilment of the promises made so often in the past, that the saving power of God would reach the whole world. Our own

ecclesial community of believers is also multi-ethnic. Where formerly parishes or liturgical assemblies might be made up of people of only one ethnic identity or economic status, today there is much greater diversity and rapid change of character. Like the early Christians, we too are often suspicious of newcomers. In the face of all of this variety, we are called to open our hearts to the various manifestations of God's power and to fashion a community that gives glory to God. Today's readings remind us that we demonstrate our love for God and for each other in the way we live. Joined to Christ as branches are part of the vine, we too are enlivened and thereby bear fruit in abundance. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

PRAYER AT HOME: Today's gospel acclamation makes a suitable prayer for the week: ***Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord. My branches bear much fruit.***

VOCATION VIEW: Who shall come forward to explain the love God has for His people who should be one in faith? We need more faith-filled, prayerful and spirited people to make the Vine and the Branches One again. How about you?

RECENT DEATH: Francis Rajendram (Fr. Albert's brother), Iris Mary Elizabeth Durdin

ANNIVERSARIES: Rosina Sonda, Marita Leonor, Alesandro Battaglia, Maria De Marchi, Phyllis Mary Fahey

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Ryan Fitzgerald, Michael Edwards, Dr. Bong Lu, Nini Lu, Finda Daduya

The names for Prayers for the Sick will be kept for two months. If you want to renew or add any names, please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or send email to werribee@cam.org.au

REMINDER: Parishioners please note that names for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries etc. to be included in the Sunday Bulletin must indicate the time of Mass you will be attending for name to be mentioned and request must be at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday afternoon and please address envelopes to the Admin St

WEEKDAY LITURGY (29th April to 4th May 2024)

Mon: 9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tues: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
 7.00pm Rosary, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 9.00pm
Sat: 9.00am Mass followed by confession

WEEKEND MASSES (4th / 5th May 2024)

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

DAILY ROSARY ON ZOOM - We are inviting you to join us to pray the Rosary at home with the family.

Please join us via Zoom Meeting every night at 6.55pm for 7.00 pm start

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2764655672?pwd=bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkI6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672 Password: 9rGLKz

*Let us continue to pray together for each other.
 Stay safe and God bless you all.*



Wedding Anniversary

Every mass during the first weekend of the month we will have a special blessing for all the couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries for that month. Those who will be celebrating a special anniversary, 25, 30, 40, 50 years, please notify the Parish Office on 9741 4144 at least two weeks before that month.

Dear Parishioners,

It is with deep sadness that we ask your prayers for the repose of the soul of Francis Rajendram (Fr. Albert's eldest brother).

He passed away Monday, 22nd April 2024 at the age of 88, in Sri Lanka.

Eternal rest grant unto the soul of Francis, O Lord and let perpetual light shine upon him.



May he rest in peace. Amen
 Keep Fr Albert and his family members in your thoughts and prayers.
 Thank you.

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 next weekend 4th / 5th May 2024. 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.

CATHOLICCARE VICTORIA SUNDAY APPEAL - Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal previously held during the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support 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) 9287 5513.*

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 28th April to 5th May 2024

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 4 th / 5 th May	Gloria Udorly	Anna Obieta	Franklin and Alex Ochi	Aubrey Gantalao	Nadia Richards
MUSIC 4 th / 5 th May	Philu & Co.	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	St. Andrew's Choir	Volunteer	Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 4 th / 5 th May	Philu Fernandes Noelene Keogh Mei Charles	John Hennessy Jude Disanayaka Anna Obieta	Charles Mei Mary Nguyen Jen Climie	Eric Demate Dominic Thiep Otilia Lesoa	Andrew Canet Katerine Canet Maria Parba
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)	This week: Next week:		Mon 29 Apr: J. Hennessy Mon 6 May: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER	Cleaning: Vacuuming:		Mon 29 Apr: A. Majok, N. Deng Fri 3 May: P. Palamara Mon 29 Apr: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH	This week: Next week:		Sun 28 Apr: C. Demate Sun 5 May: J. Francisco		
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This week: Next week:		Sun 28 Apr: P. John Sun 5 May: P. Fernandes		

LEGION OF MARY NEW MEETING SCHEDULE *Praesidium: Immaculate Heart of Mary* – will be meeting from 6.30pm to 7.30pm every Tuesday at Penola Hub. For more information, please call the Parish Office 9741 4144

YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER

Mothers' Day

BAKE SALE & GIFT STALL

DONATIONS OF BAKED GOODS & NEW GIFTS NEEDED FOR OUR MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE & GIFT STALL

PLEASE CONTACT
SUSANNE 0438372952



***IGNITE CONFERENCE 2024 IN SYDNEY* - RISE UP!**

Ignite is a large Catholic Youth Conference run by the Emmanuel Community, with live worship music, vibrant rallies, amazing Catholic speakers, small group workshops and so much more. Youth from all over Australia gather to learn more about their Catholic Faith together in an amazing joy filled atmosphere.

Ignite is OPEN TO ALL AGES We will discuss about FUNDRAISING options that could assist our youth to attend. EXPRESSIONS of INTERESTS and a DEPOSIT of \$300 is required by April 25th to secure flights and accommodation.

Ignite Conference 2024 SYDNEY

DATES - Thursday 26th - Sunday 29th Sept - SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Entry to Ignite - \$305

(including lunch and dinner meals and snacks for Friday and Saturday and Sunday)

Please contact Susanne 0438 372 952 for more information.

<https://igniteconference.com.au/sydney>

MARY & MARTHA WOMEN'S MINISTRY

If you are searching for a welcoming community of women who share your faith and values, Mary & Martha Women's Ministry provides a safe and loving environment to connect, share scripture and life experiences, and form lasting friendships. Join us for an information afternoon at The Penola Hub at 2 pm on Saturday 25th May. Light refreshments will be provided. For further information contact Monique mngmei@gmail.com

Children's Liturgy

Good news! We are now extending our Children's Liturgy to our 9:30 AM Mass starting April onwards. We thank a few parents who have said yes to minister to our children. We invite more parents to join so that our volunteers can also attend Mass on certain Sundays. You can either be a "Main Facilitator" or a "Volunteer Guide". Please [contact kemp.vinson@cam.org.au](mailto:kemp.vinson@cam.org.au) if you are interested.

Ministry of C.A.R.E.

Christ's Arms Reaching Everybody

We are looking for volunteers who want to give Holy Communion to those who cannot physically go to Mass. Please call the parish office at 9741 4144 or email kemp.vinson@cam.org.au

COME AND VISIT OUR PARISH LIBRARY



Some books from our **parish library** are posted in our Parish Facebook page for reference purposes. If you are interested in borrowing those books, please contact the parish office on 9741 4144

PARISH NEWS

ST ANDREWS PARISH WERRIBEE

Few copies of the **parish newsletter** are made available to those who are not able to access the parish updates we have shared in our Facebook page. This newsletter is published monthly and aims to highlight parish events that transpired in the previous month. If you are interested to be part of this, call the parish office at 9741 4144 or email kemp.vinson@cam.org.au

PARISH HISTORY COMMITTEE

We are forming a parish history committee that will serve as a group that will gather data, summarise and tell the story of our parish life from 1980 onwards. The main output is to publish a material that captures the highlights of the parish from 1980 onwards. If you are interested, please contact kemp.vinson@cam.org.au or call the parish office at 9741 4144.

ELSHADDAI 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

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.

MACKILLOP COLLEGE OPEN DAY - Wednesday 1 May 2024 4.00pm – 6.30pm Final Tour at 5.45pm All welcome to attend and tour the College. For further information regarding the College please visit the College website: www.mackillop.vic.edu.au Enrolments for Year 7 2026 Applications close on Friday 16 August 2024



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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 baptise 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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