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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C 17TH / 18TH MAY 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: Acts 14:21-27

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said, 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe. They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 144:8-13

Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign.

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age.

Response: I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

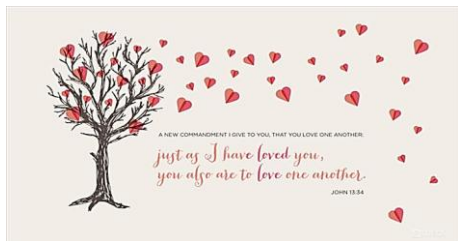
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: John 13:31-35

When Judas had gone Jesus said: 'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified. If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself and will glorify him very soon. My little children, I shall not be with you much longer. I give you a new commandment: love one another; just as I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.



GOSPEL REFLECTION: GOD'S HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target. This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel. 'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I *will make our home* with that person.' It is not in *outer* space, but in *inner* space that Divine Love will make a home. What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink. When we do so,

we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who takes his home with us. Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly. **Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

PRAYER AT HOME: The Easter season is one of praise and glorification. Use the Gloria as your prayer this week. ***Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.***

VOCATION VIEW: Can you imagine a country running on Jesus' one law of "love one another"? No wars. No hunger. No thirst. No jealousy. Only loving followers of Jesus.

RECENT DEATH: Mario Rigo, Jennifer 'Jenny' Toohey, Vicente Cerdana, Alfred Galea

ANNIVERSARY: Antonio Rigato and all the deceased family member of Alifraco, Francesco Burgio, Salvatore Scifo, Vito and Giovanna Di Blasi, Piredda Anna – Marilena Bassi, Giuseppe Depetro, Mothukuri Valentina, Mary Donaghy, Aldrin Leander Molina, James Singaraju,

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Edith and Alwin Salagubang, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Crispin De Silva, Artemio Santos, Lynne Worsley, Dorothy Rayner, Maria Trang Nguyen, Peter Tho Huynh, Saraswathy Govindasamy

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 Staff.

WEEKDAY LITURGY (19th to 24th May 2025)

Mon: Liturgy of the word with Communion
Tues: 9.00pm Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass followed by confession

WEEKEND MASSES (24th / 25th May 2025)

Sat: 5.00pm Mass Tarneit West Community Mass
 St. John the Apostle Primary School
 6.00pm Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm Mass
 10.00pm Mass St. Michael – Little River

THE NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE (MASS COUNT)

- The count is conducted over the first four consecutive Sundays (and Saturday evenings) in May. This weekend 17th and 18th May 2025. 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.

MASS AT THE HOSPITAL & 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 Tuesday 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

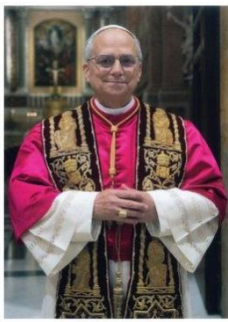
St. Vincent's Aged Care

1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Friday at 2.00pm



FLOWER OFFERING TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

As we know month of May is month of Mary, we encourage family especially those with little child/children to offer flowers to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be 5 foil trays at the altar steps at each mass which you can take one home. You can arrange flowers on it and bring it back to church on the following Sunday to offer to the Blessed Virgin Mary.



POPE LEO XIV OFFICIAL INSTALLATION ON SUNDAY, 18th MAY 2025
Pray for our new Pope Leo XIV

Heavenly Father, we give thanks for the election of Pope Leo. O God, eternal shepherd, who govern your flock with unfailing care, through his instalment, we pray that you will bless him with wisdom and strength to guide the Church according to your will. May he be a true shepherd for your flock, a beacon of hope and love in the world. Grant him the grace to discern your path and the courage to follow it, building unity and peace. We entrust Pope Leo to your loving care and ask that you guide him in his ministry. Amen

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH DINNER DANCE – Everyone is invited to come to the Dinner Dance on Saturday, 19th July 2025 at 6.30pm onwards at the St. Andrew's Primary School Hall, corner of Stawell Street and Greaves Street North, Werribee. Adults - \$50.00, Child from 5 to 12 year old - \$25.00, and Child under 5 years old is free. Tickets are now available at the Parish Office or you can book thru www.trybooking.com/DBEAO Buffet and live music. Come!!! Let's enjoy the night while supporting our parish.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE

Dinner Dance

Raffle prizes

SAT 19 JULY 2025

COME ENJOY A WONDERFUL EVENING OF
DELICIOUS BUFFET FOOD AND DANCING

LIVE MUSIC BY
OLIVIA CANAVAN & THE BEATMAKERS

6.30PM ONWARDS
ST. ANDREWS PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
CNR OF STAWELL STREET AND GREAVES ST NTH WERRIBEE

\$50 Adult | \$25 Child 5-12
Under 5 free (no seat)

TICKETS AT PARISH OFFICE 9741 4144
www.trybooking.com/DBEAO

WE ARE LOOKING FOR RAFFLE PRIZES IF YOU ARE ABLE TO
DONATE PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND OUR
YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

**THEME:
RELATIONSHIPS**

**SUNDAY, 18TH
MAY AT 6:20PM**

PENOLA HUB, 31 MORTIMER ST WERRIBEE

AGES 18-25 ARE ALL WELCOME TO JOIN

PLEASE BRING \$5 TO CHIP IN FOR DINNER

FAITH | FOOD | FRIENDSHIP

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 18th to 26th May 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 24 th / 25 th May	Rhea Fernandes	Red Dubier	Rita Edemu	Sandy Henderson	Andrew Canet
MUSIC 24 th / 25 th May	Philu & Co.	St. Anthony Choir	St. Andrews Choir	Ensemble of Faith	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 24 th / 25 th May	Noelene Keogh Kristine Ventura	David Cox Red Dubier Peter Walters	Jen Climie Mary Nguyen Rita Edemu	Ana Balanza Dennie Vanspall Sheridan Fevaleaki	Nadia Richards Sindhu Moreira Judy Anderson
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 19 May: C. Ilagan Mon 26 May: S. Raphael		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 19 May: Z. Prasad Fri 23 May: A. Majok, N. Deng Mon 19 May: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 18 May: C. Demate Sun 25 May: J. Francisco		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 18 May: M. H. Chong Sun 25 May: P. Chapman		

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.

DAILY ROSARY ON ZOOM

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

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2764655672?pwd=bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkY6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672

Password: 9rGLKz

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

CATHOLIC MISSION - "A Mother's Life Shouldn't Be Left to Chance" Thursday, 5 June at 7:00 PM at St Peter's Parish Centre, Toorak. Speaker: Abraham Muma, Health Coordinator at Chilonga Mission Hospital, Zambia.

It's a rare opportunity to hear from a frontline leader supporting mothers who walk for days - while in labour - just to give birth in makeshift shelters. This public evening is free and open to all.

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

PILGRIM PLACES in Melbourne Archdiocese



St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Northern Region:

St. Luke's, Lalor

Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie

St. Mary Magdalen's, Trentham

Southern Region:

Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough

Our Lady of Lavang Shrine, Keysborough

St. Patrick's, Mentone

St. Macartan's, Mornington

Western Region:

St. Mary's Star of the Sea, West Melbourne

St. Mary MacKillop, Keilor Downs

Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Eastern Region:

St. Dominic's Camberwell East

Sacred Heart, Croydon

St. Francis Xavier, Mansfield

<https://pilgrimsofhope.catholic.org.au/>

FEAST OF THE SACRED HEART - You are warmly invited by Heart of Life & the Missionaries of the Sacred Heart to our Feast of the Sacred Heart. Friday 6th June 2025 11:00 am – 2:00 pm Liturgy followed by light lunch (provided), 69 Alto Avenue, Croydon. To help us cater appropriately, please let us know you're coming! Email: info@heartoflife.melbourne or RSVP by purchasing a free ticket above.

MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER: Annual Mission Dinner on Sunday 15 June 2025 at 1.00 pm at the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver - Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds will assist the missions. Bookings close 6th June. Tickets: \$45.00 per person. Bookings: 154 Cotham Road, Kew 3101 or phone 9817 3715'

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.