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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Incorporating the Communities of
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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: Joanne Webster

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School – Ph. 9974 8500
Principal: Justin Hilton

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Principal: Troy Rickard

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Regional College –
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Principal: Chris Caldwell

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Regional College -
Ph. 8734 2444
Principal: Rose Connolly.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B - 9TH / 10TH MARCH 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: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16,19-23

In those days, all the princes of Judah, the priests, and the people added infidelity to infidelity, practicing all the abominations of the nations and polluting the LORD's temple which he had consecrated in Jerusalem. Early and often did the LORD, the God of their fathers, send his messengers to them, for he had compassion on his people and his dwelling place. But they mocked the messengers of God, despised his warnings, and scoffed at his prophets, until the anger of the LORD against his people was so inflamed that there was no remedy. Their enemies burnt the house of God, tore down the walls of Jerusalem, set all its palaces afire, and destroyed all its precious objects. Those who escaped the sword were carried captive to Babylon, where they became servants of the king of the Chaldeans and his sons until the kingdom of the Persians came to power. All this was to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah: "Until the land has retrieved its lost sabbaths, during all the time it lies waste it shall have rest while seventy years are fulfilled." In the first year of Cyrus, king of Persia, in order to fulfill the word of the LORD spoken by Jeremiah, the LORD inspired King Cyrus of Persia to issue this proclamation throughout his kingdom, both by word of mouth and in writing: "Thus says Cyrus, king of Persia: All the kingdoms of the earth the LORD, the God of heaven, has given to me, and he has also charged me to build him a house in Jerusalem, which is in Judah. Whoever, therefore, among you belongs to any part of his people, let him go up, and may his God be with him!" **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 137:1-2,3,4-5,6

Response: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the streams of Babylon we sat and wept when we remembered Zion. On the aspens of that land we hung up our harps.

For there our captors asked of us the lyrics of our songs, and our despoilers urged us to be joyous: "Sing for us the songs of Zion!"

How could we sing a song of the LORD in a foreign land? If I forget you, Jerusalem, may my right hand be forgotten!

May my tongue cleave to my palate if I remember you not, If I place not Jerusalem ahead of my joy.

Response: Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

SECOND READING: Ephesians 2:4-10

Brothers and sisters: God, who is rich in mercy, because of the great love he had for us, even when we were dead in our transgressions, brought us to life with Christ – by grace you have been saved –, raised us up with him, and seated us with him in the heavens in Christ Jesus, that in the ages to come He might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in his kindness to us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not from you; it is the gift of God; it is not from works, so no one may boast. For we are his handiwork, created in Christ Jesus for the good works that God has prepared in advance, that we should live in them.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

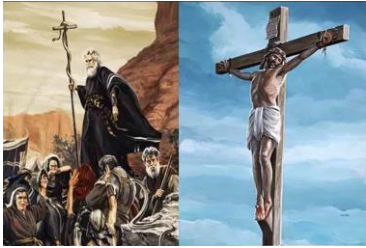
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so everyone who believes in him might have eternal life. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

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

GOSPEL: John 3:14-21

Jesus said to Nicodemus: "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, so that everyone who believes in him may have eternal life." For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him might not perish but might have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through him. Whoever believes in him will not be condemned, but whoever does not believe has already been condemned, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the verdict, that the light came into the world, but people preferred darkness to light, because their works were evil. For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.



GOSPEL REFLECTION: Each reading provides us with an example of divine mercy. God's use of Cyrus to deliver the Israelites, even though he was not a believer, shows that every circumstance and any person can demonstrate the scope of God's love. In fact, it is often the situation or the individual that we least expect that has been chosen to manifest God's mercy to us. This same mercy is seen as God brings us to life with Christ even when we were dead in sin. Mercy means that strict justice is set aside in favour of compassion. Dispossessed people are raised out of defeat and given another chance. Sinners condemned to severe punishment is raised out of despair and offered a reprieve. The whole world is raised up out of darkness when God's own Son is sent into that world as saviour rather than as judge. God's mercy raises us out of loss and hopelessness, out of darkness and sin, so that we might enjoy the blessings of life. We too have been raised up so that we might live in truth and might become the visible sign of God's mercy in the world. We have been made a new people, free from the restraints of the past. Joined with Christ we become God's handiwork, creations that bear the seal of the great creator. We are the very sacrament of God's mercy. The forgiveness that we have experienced and the new life within us shine forth as witness to the mercy of God. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

PRAYER AT HOME: A variation on today's collect is apt for those approaching baptism or reception: ***O God, who through your Word, reconcile the human race to yourself, grant, we pray, that with devotion and faith, we may hasten toward the solemn celebrations to come.*** Pray this prayer often this week.

VOCATION VIEW: When we are 'born again' in baptism, we really become a new creation, fired with a new love, and aimed in a new direction - heaven. Let Jesus talk with you. Let Jesus challenge you.

RECENT DEATH: Sharon Mills, Aloang James Yout

ANNIVERSARIES: Sam Galea, Carmelo Attard, Michael Mifsud, Michael Palmieri, Carmen and John Barbara

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Ryan Fitzgerald

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 Staff.

WEEKDAY LITURGY (11th to 16th Mar 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 followed by Station of the Cross
7.00pm Station of the Cross followed by Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass followed by confession

WEEKEND MASSES (16th / 17th March 2024)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Mass
10.00am Wyndham Vale Community Mass (OLSC)
2.30pm South Sudanese Community Mass

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=bdZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkI6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672

Password: 9rGLKz

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

LEGION OF MARY - Praesidium: Immaculate Heart of Mary - Every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm at Penola Hub. For more information please call the Parish Office.

Wyndham Vale Community Mass will be held next Sunday, 17th March 2024 at 10.00am Our Lady of Southern Cross Primary School (OLSC), 2/20 Howqua Way, Manor Lakes VIC 3024 All are welcome to join!!! For more information please call the Parish Office on 9741 4144.

THE SARILING TINIG CHOIR will be singing on Good Friday and Easter Vigil. We are inviting choirs, it's members and anyone who wants to join us on these occasions. Choir practice will be held on Saturday, 16th October after the 6pm Mass in the church. See you all there.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 11th to 18th March 2024

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 16 th / 17 th Mar.	Rhea Fernandes	Peter Walters	Olivia Ochi	Katrina Gauci	Youth Group
MUSIC 16 th / 17 th Mar.	Sariling Tinig	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	St. Andrew's Choir	Joseph the Dreamer	Youth Choir
Communion Minister 16 th / 17 th Mar.	Phillu & Co Gerry Ilagan Noelene Keogh	David Cox John Hennessy Jude Disanayaka	Jen Climie Anson John Titus Lizardo	Sheridan Fevaleaki Otilia Lesoa Katrina Gauci	Stephen Hart Katerine Canet Nadia Richards
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)	This week: Mon 11 Mar: M. Chong Next week: Mon 18 Mar: J. Hennessy				
CLEANER	Cleaning: Mon 11 Mar: Z. Prasad, A. Majok Fri 15 Mar: P. Palamara, N. Deng Vacumming: Mon 11 Mar: Volunteer				
ALTAR CLOTH	This week: Sun 10 Mar: C. Demate Next week: Sun 17 Mar: J. Francisco				
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This week: Sun 10 Mar: M. Parba Next week: Sun 17 Mar: S. Raphael				



Mercy Melbourne is an initiative that invites parishes to open their doors in welcome for a special evening of prayer and Confessions from 6pm-9pm on **Tuesday 19 March 2024**. This is coinciding with our Parish Reconciliation. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Confession will start at 6pm and will finish at 9.00pm for Benediction. **Please take this opportunity to have your confession at this time.**



CHRISM MASS (HOLY OILS)

This year it will be on **Wednesday, 20th March 2024 at 10.30am** at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Parishioners are invited to participate and to pray for our priests and for more vocations. We will have Communion Service on that morning in our parish as all our priests will be attending the Chrism Mass.



PLEASE SEE THE NOTICE BOARD FOR OUR PARISH AND NEIGHBOURING PARISH ACTIVITIES DURING THIS LENT.

St Andrew's Werribee Presents

Youth Lenten Retreat

Year 6 to Year 12+

Let's prepare Spiritually together for the celebration of Jesus' Resurrection

Prayer, Talks, Reflection, Activities, Reconciliation, Adoration and Youth Mass

Saturday 16th March 2024
11am to 6pm
Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer St Werribee

Hosted by AHFI Missionaries
Lunch and Drinks Provided

Please contact the Parish Team for more information on 03 9741 4144



Fourth Sunday of Lent 9 & 10 March



As the eldest child in a low-income farming family in rural Malawi, Memory faced many barriers to her education. But, with the support of Caritas Australia, she enrolled in a technical school and became the first female carpenter in her village.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow **for all future generations**. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, or by calling 1800 024 413 or by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion

ALPHA at ST ANDREWS - Alpha Course is running every Wednesday 7.00pm in Penola Hub. This is a good opportunity to invite non-Christian friends who may be interested about the BIG questions in life. Refer to posters on bulletin boards for the Alpha schedule. Please scan and register as slots are limited.

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

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - our Children's Liturgy is back for all 11AM Masses. Children aged 3 to 9 years old are invited to attend this during 11AM Mass. One parent or guardian should accompany 3-year old children. We are looking for volunteers who can assist us with the 9:30 AM Masses as well. If you are interested, please contact kemp.vinson@cam.org.au. You can either be a "Main Facilitator" or a "Volunteer Guide".

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 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.



Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours. Communities in Africa, Asia, Australia, and the Pacific are looking for qualified and experienced Australians from ALL sectors to share their skills with those who have had little opportunity for formal training. You too will learn and grow within a most welcoming community. Experience the joy as you assist to change lives. Learn more: Join our Mission Webinar March 5th, 2024, 6:00 - 6:30 pm. 63 years preparing Australians for enduring global relationships to build sustainable, self-reliant, community development. Learn Even More: Join our two-week tour to Timor-Leste on 06/05/2024 to see Palms program participants our local partner communities in action together. Contact: 02 9560 5333 or palms@palms.org.au



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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