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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
Incorporating the Communities of
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Werribee North,
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

PARISH TEAMS

Clergy

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A, 9TH AND 10TH MAY 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 Acts of the Apostles (Acts of the Apostles 8:5-8. 14-17)*

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles, he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result, there was great rejoicing in that town. When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalms 65:1-7. 16. 20*

Response: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth, O sing to the glory of his name. O render him glorious praise. Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

'Before you all the earth shall bow; shall sing to you, sing to your name!' Come and see the works of God, tremendous his deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land, they passed through the river dry-shod. Let our joy then be in him; he rules for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God. I will tell what he did for my soul: Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer nor withhold his love from me.

Response: Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

SECOND READING: *A reading from the first letter of St Peter (1 Peter 4:13-16)*

If you can have some share in the sufferings of Christ, be glad, because you will enjoy a much greater gladness when his glory is revealed. It is a blessing for you when they insult you for bearing the name of Christ, because it means that you have the Spirit of glory, the Spirit of God resting on you. None of you should ever deserve to suffer for being a murderer, a thief, a criminal or an informer; but if anyone of you should suffer for being a Christian, then he is not to be ashamed of it; he should thank God that he has been called one. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

Gospel Acclamation:

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

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 17:1-11)*

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said: 'Father, the hour has come glorify your Son so that your Son may glorify you; and, through the power over all mankind that you have given him, let him give eternal life to all those you have entrusted to him. And eternal life is this: to know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I have glorified you on earth and finished the work that you gave me to do. Now, Father, it is time for you to glorify me with that glory I had with you before ever the world was. I have made your name known to the men you took from the world to give me. They were yours and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now at last they know that all you have given me comes indeed from you; for I have given them the teaching you gave to me, and they have truly accepted this, that I came from you, and have believed that it was you who sent me. I pray for them; I am not praying for the world but for those you have given me, because they belong to you: all I have is yours and all you have is mine, and in them I am glorified. I am not in the world any longer, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you.' **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: We live in hope because we have been blessed with the opportunity of participating in the exaltation of Jesus. This hope is based on promises: the promise that we will not be left orphaned when Jesus returns to his Father; the promise that we will be comforted by the Spirit whom Jesus will send. It is trust in God that enables us to live in this world as if the promises have already been fulfilled, for in fact, it is precisely such living that fulfils them. We have not celebrated the Ascension, and yet all three readings speak of the

Spirit. The same Spirit, who quickened the resurrected life of Jesus, enlivens us. This Spirit strengthens, comforts, guides and inspires us. Life in the Spirit requires that we conform our lives to the commandments of God, not in a legalistic or constraining way but out of love. The love that comes to us through the Spirit will then overflow into the lives of others, and we will be agents of God's love in the world. The Spirit given by Christ is mediated through the laying on of hands. This still happens in our day in the gentle touch of friends, in the loving touch of parents, in the healing touch of those who cure both the body and the spirit. The liturgical year is preparing us for the Ascension of Jesus into heaven, and Jesus is preparing us for life in the Spirit here on earth. This is the reason for our hope.

Dianne Bergant CSA

PRAYER AT HOME: Use today's Psalm response as your prayer this week: **'Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.'**

VOCATION VIEW: That Jesus rose from the dead is our Faith. That we can be reborn in the Spirit is our Hope. That we can do God's work is our Love. Follow God's Call.

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Saviour 'Sam' Galea, Antonino Battaglia, Gesuina Bisinella, Salvatore Scifo

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

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 (11th to 16th 2026)

- Mon:** 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy
- Tues:** 9.00am Mass
- Wed:** 9.00am Mass
- Thurs:** 9.00am Mass
- Fri:** 9.00am Mass
- Sat:** 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (16th and 17th May 2026)

- Sat:** 6.00pm Mass
- Sun:** 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am Mass and 5.00pm
10.00am Wyndham Vale Community Mass
Our Lady of Southern Cross Primary School

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

THE NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE (MASS COUNT)

The count is conducted over the first four consecutive Sundays (and Saturday evenings) in May. This weekend 9th and 10th May 2026 is the second weekend. 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.



SYNODALITY AND BISHOPS - Bishops remain shepherds and teachers of the faith. Synodality does not weaken their authority; rather, it enriches their ministry by grounding leadership in prayerful listening and communal discernment. A bishop who listens walks more closely with his people, as Christ the Good Shepherd does.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS – Today as we celebrate Mother's Day, we pray for all **Mothers living (Pink Slips)** and **deceased (Yellow Slips)**. Please place your Mother's name in the basket at the foot of the Altar. Mothers will receive a special blessing at all Masses this weekend.



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

Mother's Day Prayer

Dear Lord, thank you for the gift of mothers, who nurture and guide with sacrificial love. Bless them with strength, patience, and wisdom. Surround them with Your perfect peace when they are overwhelmed and remind them that their work is valuable".

For the new mother, Lord, bless her with wisdom in her new role. Ease her worries, guide her steps, and help her to trust her instincts as she cares for her little one".

For the Grieving/Longing Mother
"Comfort those who grieve the loss of children or mothers, and provide peace to those navigating infertility. Wrap them in Your loving arms".

For Grandmothers/Mentors
"Bless the women who have nurtured generations and provided wisdom to those around them. Let their legacy of love be recognized today".

We thank them for their presence in our life. We ask You to bless them with Your own special love, today and always. Amen.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ASSISTANT PRIEST FR. MARYDAS ARACKAL FRANCIS



"Fr. Marydas is from Kerala, in the southern part of India, and belongs to the Religious Congregation, the Order of St. Augustine. He comes from a close-knit family, and his parents currently reside in India with his elder brother and family.

Fr. Marydas previously served in Australia at South Yarra from 2023 to 2025. During this period, he gained valuable experience of Australian culture and parish life and greatly appreciated the opportunity to minister within the local Church community.

He has now been appointed as the Assistant Parish Priest at St Andrew's Catholic Church. Fr. Marydas is grateful for the opportunity to commence this new ministry and looks forward to serving the parish community with dedication, faith, and pastoral care.

He hopes to journey together with the parishioners in prayer, fellowship, and service, growing together in the love of God. Fr. Marydas sincerely thanks the parish community for their warm welcome and kindly asks for your prayers as he begins this new chapter of his priestly ministry."

We welcome him into our parish family. Please keep Fr. Marydas in your prayers.

Healing Mass

with Divine Australia
15 MAY 2026
Friday

ROSARY AND PRAISE & WORSHIP | 6:30 - 7:00 PM
 HOLY MASS | 7:00 - 8:00 PM
 ADORATION | 8:00 - 8:30 PM

Everyone is welcome. Fellowship follows after.

"for He lives with you and in you." John 14:17

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 10th to 18th May 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 16 th /17 th May	Reuben Charles	Anna Obieta	Stella Onos	Clare Taylor	Young Adult Group
MUSIC 16 th /17 th May	St. Pilomena's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Joseph the Dreamer Choir	Young Adult Group
Communion Minister 16 th /17 th May	Ann-Marie Palmer Thiloshini Perera Philu Fernandes	John Hennessy Lillian Jilbert Jude Disanayaka	Maria Malanyaon Titus Lizardo Jen Climie	Dennis Vanspall Sheridan Fevaleaki Otilia Lesoa	Susanne Sweeny Stephen Hart Maria Parba
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 11 May: C. Ilagan Mon 18 May: M. H. Chong		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 11 May: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 15 May: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 11 May: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 10 May: J. Francisco Sun 17 May: O. Lesoa		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 10 May: M.H. Chong Sun 17 May: M.H. Chong		

Dear Parish Volunteers,

We are truly grateful for your ongoing commitment and the valuable time you give to serve our parish community. Your dedication to God's work is deeply appreciated, and we thank you for all that you do. As part of our parish's responsibility to maintain a safe and compliant environment, we kindly ask all volunteers to ensure the following are up to date:

1. WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK (WWCC)

If you have not updated your Working with Children Check, please do so as soon as possible. When applying or renewing, please select "volunteering at St Andrew's Church" as the organisation. The Department of Human Services will then send us a copy directly. Please also email us a copy of your updated check for our records.

2. SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE CODE OF CONDUCT DECLARATION

The Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration is an acknowledgement that clergy, employees and volunteers have read and understood the behaviours and conduct expected of them and agree to comply with the Code of Conduct. Clergy, employees and volunteers are required to sign the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration upon their commencement. Volunteers are required to re-sign the Declaration every three years. Clergy and employees are required to re-sign the Declaration annually. Printed forms can be found near the altar steps. You may pick up two forms one for yourself to keep as a reference and other one to be signed and returned to the parish office.

3. PARISH REGISTRATION

It is compulsory for all volunteers to be registered parishioners in our parish database. If you are not yet registered, please complete the attached parishioner registration form and email it back to us. Please note: Only registered parishioners can take part in volunteer work within the parish.

4. SAFEGUARDING TRAINING

Those who missed the Safeguarding Training in December are required to complete the training online. Once completed, please email us a copy of your certificate for our records.

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

5. UPDATED CONTACT DETAILS

If your address, phone number, email, or name has changed recently, kindly let us know so we can keep your information current. Once again, we thank you for your generous service and support. May God continue to bless you abundantly as you serve in His vineyard.

Kindly note:

In accordance with the government and the Diocesan Safeguarding regulation, which all parishes, including ours are mandatory obligated all our Priests, Staff and Volunteers should have a valid Working with Children Check (WWCC) document. This document is an essential document to continue your important and invaluable service you are giving to your beloved parish. Therefore, please obtain or update your WWCC document immediately.

MESSAGE FROM THE ARCHBISHOP OF MELBOURNE - SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY 2026

Prayerful greetings to you in the Lord.

It is with pleasure that I personally invite you to join me at Corpus Christi College on *Saturday 23 May 2026*.

Corpus Christi is the place where young men discern and study for the priesthood. You are receiving this invitation because your Parish Priest believes you have the qualities that may suggest a vocation to the priesthood or you may like to hear more about a vocation. You may or may not be considering a vocation, however, I would encourage you to join us and hear more about a vocation and enjoy lunch with current Seminarians. For catering purposes, please RSVP by Tuesday 19 May via vocations@cam.org.au. If you have questions, the Vocation Director, Father Dishan Candappa, would be pleased to assist you. Please be in touch via vocations@cam.org.au. I hope that you will consider and accept the offer to join with many others in a gathering of prayer, fellowship and information about the diocesan priesthood and seminary life.

With every grace and blessing, I remain,

Yours sincerely in Christ Jesus,

Most Rev Peter A Comensoli

Archbishop of Melbourne

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

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