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and Little River

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PENTECOST SUNDAY - YEAR A, 23RD AND 24TH 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 2:1-11)*

When Pentecost day came round, the apostles had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech. Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. 'Surely' they said 'all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome Jews and proselytes alike Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.'

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 103:1. 24. 29-31. 34*

Response: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul! Lord God, how great you are, How many are your works, O Lord! The earth is full of your riches.

You take back your spirit, they die, returning to the dust from which they came. You send forth your spirit, they are created; and you renew the face of the earth.

May the glory of the Lord last for ever! May the Lord rejoice in his works! May my thoughts be pleasing to him. I find my joy in the Lord.

Response: Lord, send out your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.

SECOND READING: *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 12:3-7, 12-13)*

No one can say, 'Jesus is Lord' unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit. There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

SEQUENCE: Holy Spirit, Lord of light, From the clear celestial height Thy pure beaming radiance give. Come, thou Father of the poor, Come with treasures which endure; Come, thou light of all that live! Thou, of all consolers best, Thou, the soul's delightful guest, Dost refreshing peace bestow; Thou in toil art comfort sweet; Pleasant coolness in the heat; Solace in the midst of woe. Light immortal, light divine, Visit thou these hearts of thine, And our inmost being fill: If thou take thy grace away, Nothing pure in man will stay; All his good is turned to ill. Heal our wounds, our strength renew; On our dryness pour thy dew; Wash the stains of guilt away: Bend the stubborn heart and will; Melt the frozen, warm the chill; Guide the steps that go astray. Thou, on us who evermore Thee confess and thee adore, With thy sevenfold gifts descend: Give us comfort when we die; Give us life with thee on high; Give us joys that never end.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

***** GOSPEL CONTINUES ON THE NEXT PAGE *****

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

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 20:19-23)*

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, 'Peace be with you', and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, 'Peace be with you. 'As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.' After saying this he breathed on them and said: 'Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.' **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: The giving of the Spirit to the new people of God crowns the mighty acts of the Father in salvation history. The Jewish feast of Pentecost called all devout Jews to Jerusalem to celebrate their birth as God's chosen people in the covenant Law given to Moses at Sinai (see Leviticus 23:15–21; Deuteronomy 16:9–11). In today's First Reading, the mysteries prefigured in that feast are fulfilled in the pouring out of the Spirit on Mary and the Apostles (see Acts 1:14). The Spirit seals the new law and new covenant brought by Jesus, written not on stone tablets but on the hearts of believers, as the prophets promised (see 2 Corinthians 3:2–8; Romans 8:2). The Spirit is revealed as the life-giving breath of the Father, the Wisdom by which He made all things, as we sing in today's Psalm. In the beginning, the Spirit came as a "mighty wind" sweeping over the face of the earth (see Genesis 1:2). And in the new creation of Pentecost, the Spirit again comes as "a strong, driving wind" to renew the face of the earth. As God fashioned the first man out of dust and filled him with His Spirit (see Genesis 2:7), in today's Gospel we see the New Adam become a life-giving Spirit, breathing new life into the Apostles (see 1 Corinthians 15:45, 47). Like a river of living water, for all ages He will pour out His Spirit on His body, the Church, as we hear in today's Epistle (see also John 7:37–39). We receive that Spirit in the sacraments, being made a "new creation" in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 5:17; Galatians 6:15). Drinking of the one Spirit in the Eucharist (see 1 Corinthians 10:4), we are the first fruits of a new humanity—fashioned from out of every nation under heaven, with no distinctions of wealth or language or race, a people born of the Spirit. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use today's gospel acclamation as your prayer this week: **'Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of the faithful and kindle in us the fire of your love.'**

VOCATION VIEW: "There are different gifts, but the same Spirit." Each of us has been graced with certain gifts of the Spirit. And they are active, if we utilise them for the building up of the Church. Name the way the Lord has gifted you.

RECENT DEATH: Anne Maudrame, Marie Lucie Labonne, Chris Hibbert, Gregoria Afferi

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Francesco Burgio, Vito Montalto, Antonio Rigato, Heather Dawn Depetro, Nina Piredda, Marilena Bassi, Mrs Wladyslawa Belkner, Mrs Italia Antonello, Albina Gottardo, Nancy and Hugh Cameron, Peter Bright, Vera Purmalis, Glad and Snowy.

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 (25th May to 30th May 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 (30th and 31st May 2026)

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

THE NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE (MASS COUNT) -

The count is conducted over the first four consecutive Sundays (and Saturday evenings) in May. This weekend 23rd and 24th May 2026 is the last weekend for Mass Count. 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.

**HAPPY
PENTECOST
SUNDAY**

*Come, O Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful and
enkindle in them the fire of your love.*

*Send forth your Spirit,
and they shall be created.*

And you shall renew the face of the earth.

*O God, who has taught the hearts
of the faithful by the light of the Holy Spirit,
grant that by the gift of the same Spirit
we may be always truly wise and ever
rejoice in his consolation,
through Christ our Lord. Amen.*



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



We offer our congratulations and prayers to students of Corpus Christi Primary School who will be receiving the Sacrament of the First Eucharist on Thursday, 28th May 2026. Please keep them in your prayers.



SYNODALITY AND PRIESTS - For priests, synodality is not an added burden but a way of exercising ministry in communion. When priests foster listening and participation, parishes become more alive, missionary, and joyful. The priest presides at the Eucharist, but the whole community contributes to the Church's mission.



In two weeks, we will share the story of Yamikani*, a young boy in rural Malawi whose daily journey to school is filled with hardship. You will also meet Fr Matthew Semba who is leading a project to build a new school close to home, so children like Yamikani can learn safely and begin to imagine a future beyond survival.



Through your prayers and support, you are part of this mission, helping to ensure that no child is left behind. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/unity

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 24th May to 1st June 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 30 th / 31 st May	Kim Beyer	Lillian Jilbert	Edna Silva	Bethany Primary School	Angelo Moreira
MUSIC 30 th / 31 st May	St. Philomena's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Leituala Choir	Light of Jesus Choir	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 30 th / 31 st May	Desiree Galea Ann-Marie Palmer Kim Beyer	Laura Chamberlain David Cox John Hennessy	Charles Mei Sherine Rapahel John Faranda	Grace Iaria Stealth D' Rozario Dennis Vanspall	Katherine Canet Nadia Richards Sindhu Moreira
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 25 May: S. Raphael Mon 1 Jun: J. Hennessy		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 25 May: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 29 May: A. Majok, N. Deng Mon 25 May: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 24 May: C. Iagan Sun 31 May: M. Galea		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 24 May: A. Senivarapu Sun 31 May: S. Raphael		

PIETY STALL FOR THE NEW CHURCH IN WYNDHAM VALE - The Wyndham Vale Catholic Community will be conducting a Piety Stall this coming Sunday after the 11:00 am Mass, near the Presbytery. A variety of religious items and gifts will be available. All funds raised and proceeds from the stall will go towards the building of our new church. Donations towards the new church project are also warmly welcome. We invite all parishioners to visit and support this important initiative. For further information please contact Nimal Pandithakoralege 0417 374 593 or Nimal.pandi@bigpond.com

THE MELBOURNE CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 2026 - On the solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (*Corpus Christi*), parishes, communities, families and all people of good will are invited to join Archbishop Peter A Comensoli at the annual Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession as the Archdiocese of Melbourne publicly and joyfully journeys with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. The procession will begin with a gathering at St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 7th June 2026 at 2pm, walk through the streets of Melbourne's CBD, and conclude at Federation Square. Like those disciples who recognised Jesus on the journey to Emmaus, the whole Archdiocesan community is invited to take up this a wonderful opportunity to bear witness to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, our light and hope, in the heart of the city. **For the most up-to-date information, including FAQs and promotional resources, visit the [Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession](#) page.**

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.

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS, SUNDAY 12 JULY 2026, 11AM, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

Couples and their families are invited as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Couples who are celebrating the following anniversaries, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above will receive a commemorative certificate. Registrations will open shortly.



JOIN THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WERRIBEE - HOME VISITATION TEAM - Many families in our community are struggling to make ends meet and cannot afford the basic necessities of daily life. The Home Visitation Team reaches out with compassion - visiting households in need and providing essential support such as food parcels, vouchers, and other material aid. If you feel called to make a meaningful difference, we invite you to join this mission of hope and service. Simply complete the short form, and a team member will contact you to discuss how you can get involved. Or alternatively email: wbee.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au

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

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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