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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

### **TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C, 16<sup>TH</sup> / 17<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 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: A reading from the prophet Jeremiah (Jeremiah 38:4-6. 8-10)**

The king's leading men spoke to the king. 'Let Jeremiah be put to death: he is unquestionably disheartening the remaining soldiers in the city, and all the people too, by talking like this. The fellow does not have the welfare of this people at heart so much as its ruin.' 'He is in your hands as you know,' King Zedekiah answered 'for the King is powerless against you.' So they took Jeremiah and threw him into the well of Prince Malchiah in the Court of the Guard, letting him down with ropes. There was no water in the well, only mud, and into the mud Jeremiah sank. Ebed-melech came out from the palace and spoke to the king. 'My lord king,' he said, 'these men have done a wicked thing by treating the prophet Jeremiah like this: they have thrown him into the well where he will die.' At this the king gave Ebed-melech the Cushite the following order: 'Take three men with you from here and pull the prophet Jeremiah out of the well before he dies.' **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 39:2-4. 18.**

**Response: Lord, come to my aid!**

I waited, I waited for the Lord and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.

He drew me from the deadly pit, from the miry clay. He set my feet upon a rock and made my footsteps firm.

He put a new song into my mouth, praise of our God. Many shall see and fear and shall trust in the Lord.

As for me, wretched and poor, the Lord thinks of me. You are my rescuer, my help, O God, do not delay!

**Response: Lord, come to my aid!**

### **SECOND READING: A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (Hebrews 12:1-4)**

With so many witnesses in a great cloud on every side of us, we too, then, should throw off everything that hinders us, especially the sin that clings so easily, and keep running steadily in the race we have started. Let us not lose sight of Jesus, who leads us in our faith and brings it to perfection: for the sake of the joy which was still in the future, he endured the cross, disregarding the shameful of it, and from now on has taken his place at the right of God's throne. Think of the way he stood such opposition from sinners and then you will not give up for want of courage. In the fight against sin, you have not yet had to keep fighting to the point of death. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!**

### **GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 12:49-53)**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I have come to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were blazing already! There is a baptism I must still receive, and how great is my distress till it is over! 'Do you suppose that I am here to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but rather division. For from now on a household of five will be divided: three against two and two against three; the father divided against the son, son against father, mother against daughter, daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law, daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.'

**THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



### **GOSPEL REFLECTION:**

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us (see Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24). And in this week's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship. The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see Genesis 2:7) and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in Baptism (see Luke 3:16). We were baptized into His death (see Romans 6:3). This is the

baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptized is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see Acts 2:3). The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God's Word (see 1 Corinthians 3:13). In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week's Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week. But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters. Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see Jeremiah 8:11). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood. But Christ is our peace (see Ephesians 2:14). By His Cross He has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death—as He will rescue the prophet Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 38:10). And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer. **Scott Hahn**

**PRAYER AT HOME:** Use an adaptation of a verse from today's psalm as your prayer this week: ***My soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is my help and my shield. May your love be upon me, O Lord, as I place all my hope in you.***

**VOCATION VIEW:** Another sign of Vocation is that your heart is more intent on things of heaven rather than on things of earth. God is everything: the only thing.

**RECENT DEATH:** John Thomas Ryan, Priscilla Landicho Manicad, Benny Camilleri

**ANNIVERSARY:** Giovanna Todaro, Maria Bonanno, Johnny Bonanno, Pascal Francis Fernandes, Vitina and Giuseppe D'Abaco, Marcelo Brunato, Connie Di Gregorio

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Edith and Alwin Salagubang, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Crispin De Zilva, Lynne Worsley, Dorothy Rayner, Maria Trang Nguyen, Peter Tho Huynh, Saraswathy Govindasamy, John Hassett, Rustico Socorin, Cecilia Maria, Teresa Goegan, Dinah Elly, Eutiquio Valenzuela, Tony Grech, William Harris

### **WEEKDAY LITURGY (18<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>th</sup> August 2025)**

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

### **WEEKEND MASSES (23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> August 2025)**

**Sat:** 5.00pm Tarneit West Community Mass  
St. John the Apostle Primary School  
6.00pm Vigil Mass  
**Sun:** 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm Mass  
10.00am Mass St. Michael - Little River  
2.30pm South Sudanese Community Mass

### **NEW ENVELOPES FROM AUGUST 2025 TO JANUARY 2026**

New sets of Thanksgiving envelopes were back now in the Parish Office. It can be collected on Tuesday to Friday from 9.00am to 4.00pm. You can call the Parish Office on 9741 4144. Thank you!



The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

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

## ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 17<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> AUGUST 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
<b>LECTORS</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	Nicola Fernando	Red Dubier	Maryann Agbodike	Titus Lizardo	Peter Cullen
<b>MUSIC</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	Philu and Co. Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrews Choir	Ensemble of Faith	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
<b>Communion Minister</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> / 24<sup>th</sup> Aug</b>	Kristine Ventura Gerry Ilagan <b>Rhea Fernandes</b>	Anna Obieta Jude Disanayaka Peter Walters	Jen Climie Rita Edemu Sherine Raphael	Maria Teofilo Grace Iaria <b>Dennis Vanspall</b>	Stephen Hart Judy Anderson Genni Doughlas
<b>COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)</b>		This week: Next week:	Mon 18 Aug: C. Ilagan Mon 25 Aug: J. Hennessy		
<b>CLEANER</b>		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 18 Aug: Z. Prasad Fri 22 Aug: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 18 Aug: Volunteer		
<b>ALTAR CLOTH</b>		This week: Next week:	Sun 17 Aug: C. Ilagan Sun 24 Aug: C. Demate		
<b>OUR LADY'S STATUE</b>		This week: Next week:	Sun 17 Aug: J. Siu Sun 24 Aug: S. Raphael		

### 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 parish and safeguarding requirements, volunteers who do not hold a current Working with Children Check will not be able to engage in any volunteer activities until their check is obtained or updated. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.***

***Your cooperation to address this matter immediately would be greatly appreciated.***

***Thank you, St. Andrew's Parish Safeguarding Committee***



**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



**PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT** every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month after 5pm mass at St Andrew's Church. Please come and join us as we praise and thank our God for his abundant blessings, never-ending mercy and protection over us. Our next worship night will be 7 Sept 2025.

**AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL**

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### REGISTRATIONS FOR THE FESTIVAL ARE OFFICIALLY OPEN!

For those wishing to register with the Werribee Parish, or for more information, please contact Fr. James:

**MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT**  
An ACYF Fundraiser

Help to send our youth to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival at this fun trivia night for all ages!

ADULTS & YOUTH: \$20  
KIDS UNDER 12: \$10  
TABLE OF 8: \$150

**7.30PM, SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

The Penola Hub - 33 Mortimer St, Werribee  
\*BYO snacks & non-alcoholic drinks\*

For TICKETS, please scan the code or email us: werribee@cam.org.au

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE CHARACTER!



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.

### 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.

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