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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

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A – 14TH AND 15TH MARCH 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 first book of Samuel (1 Samuel 16:1. 6-7. 10-13)*

The Lord said to Samuel, 'Fill your horn with oil and go. I am sending you to Jesus of Bethlehem, for I have chosen myself a king among his sons.' When Samuel arrived, he caught sight of Eliab and thought, 'Surely the Lord's anointed one stands there before him,' but the Lord said to Samuel, 'Take no notice of his appearance or his height for I have rejected him; God does not see as man sees; man looks at appearances but the Lord looks at the heart.' Jesse presented his seven sons to Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, 'The Lord has not chosen these.' He then asked Jesse, 'Are these all the sons you have?' He answered, 'There is still one left, the youngest; he is out looking after the sheep.' Then Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send for him; we will not sit down to eat until he comes.' Jesse had him sent for, a boy of fresh complexion, with fine eyes and pleasant bearing. The Lord said, 'Come, anoint him, for this is the one.' At this, Samuel took the horn of oil and anointed him where he stood with his brothers; and the spirit of the Lord seized on David and stayed with him from that day on. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 22*

Response: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Response: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians (Ephesians 5:8-14)*

You were darkness once, but now you are light in the Lord; be like children of light, for the effects of the light are seen in complete goodness and right living and truth. Try to discover what the Lord wants of you, having nothing to do with the futile works of darkness but exposing them by contrast. The things which are done in secret are things that people are ashamed even to speak of; but anything exposed by the light will be illuminated and anything illuminated turns into light. That is why it is said: Wake up from your sleep, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

***** GOSPEL CONTINUE ON NEXT PAGE *****

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 9:1. 6-9. 13-17. 34-38)(shorter version)*

As Jesus went along, he saw a man who had been blind from birth. He spat on the ground, made a paste with the spittle, put this over the eyes of the blind man and said to him, 'Go and wash in the Pool of Siloam' (a name that means 'sent'). So, the blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored. His neighbours and people who earlier had seen him begging said, 'Isn't this the man who used to sit and beg?' Some said, 'Yes, it is the same one.' Others said, 'No, he only looks like him.' The man himself said, 'I am the man.' They brought the man who had been blind to the Pharisees. It had been a sabbath day when Jesus made the paste and opened the man's eyes, so when the Pharisees asked him how he had come to see, he said, 'He put a paste on my eyes, and I washed, and I can see.' Then some of the Pharisees said, 'This man cannot be from God: he does not keep the sabbath.' Others said, 'How could a sinner produce signs like this?' And there was disagreement among them. So, they spoke to the blind man again, 'What have you to say about him yourself, now that he has opened your eyes?' 'He is a prophet' replied the man. 'Are you trying to teach us,' they replied, 'and you a sinner through and through, since you were born!' And they drove him away. Jesus heard they had driven him away, and when he found him, he said to him, 'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' 'Sir,' the man replied, 'tell me who he is so that I may believe in him.' Jesus said, 'You are looking at him; he is speaking to you.' The man said, 'Lord, I believe', and worshipped him. **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: God's ways of seeing are not our ways, we hear in today's First Reading. Jesus illustrates this in the Gospel as the blind man comes to see and the Pharisees are made blind. The blind man stands for all humanity. "Born totally in sin," he is made a new creation by the saving power of Christ. As God fashioned the first man from the clay of the earth (see Genesis 2:7), Jesus gives the blind man new life by anointing his eyes with clay (see John 9:11). As God breathed the spirit of life into the first man, the blind man is not healed until he washes in the waters of Siloam, a name that means "Sent."

Jesus is the One "sent" by the Father to do the Father's will (see John 9:4; 12:44). He is the new source of life-giving water: the Holy Spirit who rushes upon us in Baptism (see John 4:10; 7:38-39). This is the Spirit that rushes upon God's chosen king David in today's First Reading. A shepherd like Moses before him (see Exodus 3:1; Psalm 78:70-71), David is also a sign pointing to the good shepherd and king to come Jesus (see John 10:11). The Lord is our shepherd, as we sing in today's Psalm. By His death and Resurrection, He has made a path for us through the dark valley of sin and death, leading us to the verdant pastures of the kingdom of life, the Church. In the restful waters of Baptism, He has refreshed our souls. He has anointed our heads with the oil of Confirmation and spread the Eucharistic table before us, filling our cups to overflowing. With the once-blind man we enter His house to give God the praise, to renew our vow: "I do believe, Lord." "The Lord looks into the heart," we hear today. Let Him find us, as Paul advises in today's Epistle, living as "children of light," trying always to learn what is pleasing to our Father. **Scott Hahn**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use today's response to the psalm as your prayer this week: ***The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.***

VOCATION VIEW: If we can't see where we're going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.

RECENT DEATH: Angelo Luigi Menegazzo, Cosimo Nave, Maya Solian, Vilma Aruliah

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Mark Anthony Faranda, Sebastiano and Marianina Sammartino, Sebastiano Sammartino, John Ballentine, Domenic Callea, Angela Sita (fu Barberi), Antonio Callea, Teckla D'Monte and Connie Egan,

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, John Hassett, Julie Horkings, Anna

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

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH RECONCILIATION FOR LENT - There will be a Reconciliation Service followed by individual confession on **Tuesday, 24th March 2026 at 7.00pm in the church.** Please take this opportunity to have your confession before holy week.

TAKE AWAY SHEET VIA EMAIL – Due to some technical issue, we are unable to send Take Away Sheet via email for the past 3 weeks. You can access the Take Away Sheet through our website: www.melbcatholic.org/s/werribee Once the issue is resolved, we will start sending Take Away Sheet to your email. We apologise for the inconvenience. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

WEEKDAY LITURGY (16th to 21st March 2026)

Mon: *Communion Service with Liturgy*
Tues: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass followed by Stations of the Cross
 7.00pm Stations of the Cross followed by Healing Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (21st and 22nd March 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5pm Mass
 10.00am St. Michael – Little River
 2.30pm South Sudanese Community Mass

TO ALL MINISTERS OF THE WORD AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF THE EUCHARIST,

We are seeking some volunteers for the Holy week celebrations. Clipboards will be available at the front of the altar for those interested qualified parishioners. Holy Week Ministers of the Word and Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist - Thursday 26 March 7.00pm St Andrew's church. All ministers who are selected/volunteered for tasks during Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday are required to attend an Information night session to confirm their attendance and willingness to perform tasks and to clarify those tasks over the Holy Week period. Thank you. Peter Walters



WHAT IS A SYNOD? A Synod is a moment when the Church deliberately pauses to listen, pray, and discern together. It is not simply a meeting or a conference, but a spiritual process rooted in faith that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church today. In a Synod, we ask not only "What do we think?" but more importantly, "What is God asking of us at this moment in our mission?"

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 15th to 23rd March

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 21 st / 22 nd Mar	Risa Ann Chandsan	Anna Obieta	Stella Onos	Aubrey Gantalao	Katerine Canet
MUSIC 21 st / 22 nd Mar	St. Philomena Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Ensemble of Faith	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 21 st / 22 nd Mar	Reuben Charles Anson John Desiree Galea	John Hennessy Lillian Jilbert Jude Disanayaka	Sherine Raphael John Faranda Maria Malanyaon	Clare Taylor Anthony Acciarito Grace Iaria	Stephen Hart Judy Anderson Genni Douglas
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 16 Mar: C. Ilagan Mon 23 Mar: S. Raphael		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 16 Mar: Z. Prasad Fri 20 Mar: P. Palamara Mon 16 Mar: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 15 Mar: C. Ilagan Sun 22 Mar: M. Galea		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 15 Mar: S. Raphael Sun 22 Mar: N. George		

The Wyndham Vale Catholic Community
(Incorporating Manor Lakes, Bluestone, Harpley, Jubilee, Mambourin)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS
 6:30 PM | FRIDAY, 27 MARCH 2026
 2-20 HOWQUA WAY MANOR LAKES, VIC 3024

Our Lady of the Southern Cross Primary School

St Joseph's
 Everyone is welcome to join us!

Collection for flowers for the Church for Easter will be held at all Masses next weekend, 21st and 22nd March 2026. Thank you for your generosity.

WORKING BEE TO PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK

Let us all come together once again on **Saturday, 28th March 2026** after the 9.00am Mass to prepare our church for Holy Week. This is our church, let us take care of it and prepare it for the Lord and for all of us.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME ENDS ON SUNDAY, 5th APRIL 2026. ADJUST YOUR CLOCK ONE HOUR BACKWARD AT 3.00AM (AUSTRALIAN EASTERN DAYLIGHT)

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

SAINT JOSEPH MEN'S DINNER

Event details and booking at: trybookings.com, DJHGC

In honour of the Solemnity of St. Joseph, you are invited to join men from around Melbourne for Holy Mass, fraternity and a meal.

WHO
Men aged 18+ (young men aged 15-17 may attend with their fathers).
Dress Code: Semi-Formal

WHEN
Thursday 19th March 2026
• 6.30pm - Holy Mass
• 7.30pm - Dinner

WHERE
St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
• 28 College Street, Caroline Springs VIC
Dinner Location: WestWaters
• 10/20 Lake Street, Caroline Springs VIC

RSVP
Please RSVP by Thursday 12th March

Entertainment
John "Percy" Canavan

Keynote
Mark Wolfenden



EL SHADDAI PRAYER GROUP - for the coming weeks from Tuesday 24th February to Tuesday 31st March, El Shaddai Prayer Group is running a LENTEN program. We will be reflecting on the Sunday scripture readings, using excellent resources put out annually by the Diocese of Wollongong. Lenten Program – Catholic Diocese of Wollongong Booklets are provided. All are welcome to join us. TUESDAYS 1pm - 2:30pm followed by tea and coffee. Penola Hub 33 Mortimer St. Werribee.

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO: ricorda che il nostro gruppo di preghiera continua ogni Mercoledì dalle ore 10am alle 12.00pm nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. 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

 **"CORPUS CHRISTI PRIMARY SCHOOL** will be holding its inaugural Easter Fete on Saturday 28th March from 11:00am–4:00pm. All are welcome. There will be rides, food stalls, fairy floss, singing and dancing, games and plenty of fun for the whole family."



HOLY HOUR + CANDID CONVERSATIONSON CATHOLIC LIFE - Thursday 19 March 2026, 7.30pm–9pm 486 Albert Street, East Melbourne. Guest speaker: Sr Mary Helen OP, Topic: Lent: Discipline or Desire? The deep and meaningful conversation after Holy Hour. Join us after Six30 Holy Hour where young adults gather to share food, company and dive deeper into issues of life and faith today. 18+ only event.

CHRISM MASS (HOLY OILS) 2026 - You are warmly invited to join us for the annual Chrism Mass, which will be celebrated at **St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne on Tuesday 31 March 2026 at 10.00am–12.00pm**. In this ancient and beautiful liturgy, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, together with all of Melbourne's priests, will bless the oils being used in the sacraments for the year ahead. For all enquiries, email communications@cam.org.au.

MELBOURNE PASSION PLAY - People from all walks of life are warmly invited to attend these performances a unique opportunity for families, friends and individuals to come together and witness a powerful portrayal of faith, love and sacrifice. Catholic Regional College 380 Sydenham Road Sydenham on **Sunday 29 March 2026 at 1.30pm to 3.00pm and on Friday 3 April 2026 at 10.00am–11.30am** The Passion Play is open to everyone and is completely free of charge. People are encouraged to bring along a sun hat, a comfortable chair, a water bottle and sunscreen. Off-street parking can be accessed through Gate 5. For further information, please visit the Melbourne Passion Play website at

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.