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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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C, 19TH / 20TH JULY 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 book of Genesis (Genesis 18:1-10)

The Lord appeared to Abraham at the Oak of Mamre while he was sitting by the entrance of the tent during the hottest part of the day. He looked up, and there he saw three men standing near him. As soon as he saw them he ran from the entrance of the tent to meet them, and bowed to the ground. 'My lord,' he said, 'I beg you, if I find favour with you, kindly do not pass your servant by. A little water shall be brought; you shall wash your feet and lie down under the tree. Let me fetch a little bread and you shall refresh yourselves before going further. That is why you have come in your servant's direction.' They replied, 'Do as you say.' Abraham hastened to the tent to find Sarah. 'Hurry,' he said, 'knead three bushels of flour and make loaves.' Then running to the cattle Abraham took a fine and tender calf and gave it to the servant, who hurried to prepare it. Then taking cream, milk and the calf he had prepared, he laid all before them, and they ate while he remained standing near them under the tree. 'Where is your wife Sarah?' they asked him. 'She is in the tent,' he replied. Then his guest said, 'I shall visit you again next year without fail and your wife will then have a son.' **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 14:2-5.

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain? He who walks without fault; he who acts with justice and speaks the truth from his heart; he who does not slander with his tongue.

He who does no wrong to his brother, who casts no slur on his neighbour, who holds the godless in disdain, but honours those who fear the Lord.

He who keeps his pledge, come what may; who takes no interest on a loan and accepts no bribes against the innocent. Such a man will stand firm for ever.

Response: The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (Colossians 1:24-28)

It makes me happy to suffer for you, as I am suffering now, and in my body to do what I can to make up all that has still to be undergone by Christ for the sake of his body, the Church. I became the servant of the Church when God made me responsible for delivering God's message to you, the message which was a mystery hidden for generations and centuries and has now been revealed to his saints. It was God's purpose to reveal it to them and to show all the rich glory of this mystery to pagans. The mystery is Christ among you, your hope of glory: this is the Christ we proclaim, this is the wisdom in which we thoroughly train everyone and instruct everyone, to make them all perfect in Christ. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy are they who have kept the word with a generous heart and yield a harvest through perseverance. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 10:38-42)

Jesus came to a village, and a woman named Martha welcomed him into her house. She had a sister called Mary, who sat down at the Lord's feet and listened to him speaking. Now Martha who was distracted with all the serving said, 'Lord, do you not care that my sister is leaving me to do the serving all by myself? Please tell her to help me.' But the Lord answered: 'Martha, Martha,' he said, 'you worry and fret about so many things, and yet few are needed, indeed only one. It is Mary who has chosen the better part; it is not to be taken from her.' **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Today we see the people of God offering the hospitality rather than receiving it, first Abraham and then Martha. What lessons of discipleship can be learned from these readings? First and foremost, we see how important openness is, for in each case those to whom the hospitality was offered were divine visitors in human form. We can never be sure under what guise God will come to us. It could be the person on the street who asks for directions, or the one who comes to our place of work to engage the service that we provide. It may be the friend who comes to dinner or the co-worker who acts in a way we

did not expect. God comes into our lives in unexpected ways and we must have an open attitude of hospitality if we are to receive the blessings that might come with such visits. We know that we cannot lay aside the responsibilities of our lives in order to sit with Mary at the feet of Jesus. However, we cannot allow ourselves to be held captive by these responsibilities, regardless of how legitimate they may be. And so we continue to struggle; to carry the burdens that are ours for the sake of the people that we serve; to serve the people in our care realising that we will probably not be able to accomplish all our tasks or at least as well as we would like. It is in this way that the reign of God struggles to be born. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use today's prayer after Communion as your prayer this week: *Graciously be present to your people, we pray, O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly mysteries to pass from former ways to newness of life. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

VOCATION VIEW: How enjoyable to sit and talk with a friend. How vocational to sit and talk with your friend Jesus. Take time just to BE WITH Jesus.

RECENT DEATH: Maria dela Peña, John Sammartino, Rosa Di Benedetto, Jeanne Carlson

ANNIVERSARY: Angelo and Stella Mel, Leone and Elisa Brunato, Giovanna and Michael De Muri

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

WEEKDAY LITURGY (21ST TO 26TH July 2025)

Mon: Liturgy of the word with Communion

Tues: 9.00pm Mass Wed: 9.00am Mass Thurs: 9.00am Mass Fri: 9.00am Mass Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (26TH / 27TH July 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am,11.00am, 5.00pm Mass 10.00am Mass at St. Michael – Little River

MACKILLOP COLLEGE: YEAR 7 – 2027 INFORMATION EVENING

Parents and guardians of current Year 5 students are warmly invited to attend MacKillop College's Information Evening on Friday, 30 July at 7:30pm in the Moreno Performing Arts Centre.

For further details, please visit our website at www.mackillop.vic.edu.au or contact our College Registrar on 8734 5200.

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 Tuesday at 11.00am

Werribee Mercy Hospital

2nd Thursday at 2.30pm

Mercy Place Wyndham 3rd Tuesday 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

ST JAMES PARISH WARMLY INVITES EVERYONE TO OUR ANNUAL FAITH FORMATION SERIES

Held at St James Church (336 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing) from 7pm-9pm on three consecutive Wednesday evenings; Wed 09, 16 and 23 July. Theme: Interfaith Dialogue – Building Bridges in a Diverse World In our increasingly diverse world—both globally and locally—interfaith dialogue is more vital than ever. This year's Parish Formation Series will explore how we, as a Church, are called to be bridge-builders and witnesses of God's inclusive love.

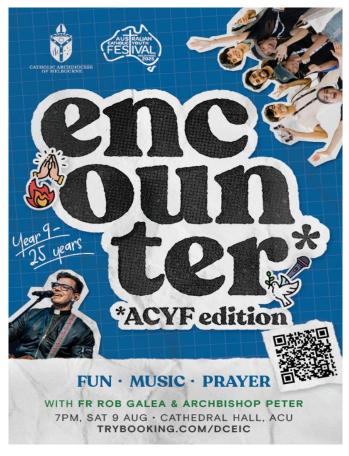
ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 20TH TO 28TH July 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 26 th / 27 th July	Risa Ann Chandsan	David Cox	Ana Balanza	Stealth D' Rozario	Angelo Moreira
MUSIC 26 th / 27 th July	Philu and Co.	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrews Choir	Ensemble of Faith	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 26 th / 27 th July		John Hennessy Kevin McGuane Alfred Obieta	Bianca Pante Maria Malanyaon John Faranda	Sheridan Fevaleaki Katrina Gauci Graeme Roberts	Nadia Richards Maria Parba Sindhu Moreira
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 21 July: S. Raphael Mon 28 July: J. Hennessy		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 21 July: Z. Prasad Fri 25 July: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 21 July: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 20 July: M. Galea Sun 27 July: C. Demate		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 20 July: M. Parba Sun 27 July: C. Ilagan		

There will be a third collection next weekend on all masses for ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY'S WINTER APPEAL 2025. Each year, our Winter Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society and, with your support, we hope to achieve a strong result so we can continue serving the community. Over the past six months, the Society has provided over \$5 million in material assistance, including food, clothing, furniture and financial support, to families and households in need throughout Victoria. With the current homelessness crisis, the assistance we provide for people experiencing hardship this Winter will be needed more than ever. Parishioners are encouraged to donate generously to help continue the Society's work of helping those most in need. Please do so by donating online to vinnies.org.au



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



MENTAL HEALTH & DEMENTIA WORKSHOP

on Saturday 26th July 2025, from 9.30:00 AM to 4:00 PM at the St. Peter's Parish Hall. Topics will be: *Morning: Mental Health & the Church and Afternoon: Dementia from a Christian Perspective.* The workshop is led by Dr. Kuruvilla George, Associate Director of Centre for Theology & Psychology. It promises to be a day of insight, compassion, and shared learning open to all who have a heart for accompanying others in their struggles. We would be delighted to welcome members from your parish. Please feel free to share this invitation with anyone who might benefit. To help us with planning and catering, we kindly ask attendees to register using the QR code or link

https://bit.ly/3TiXiGZ
If you have any questions, feel free to get in touch with us on 03 9749 4300

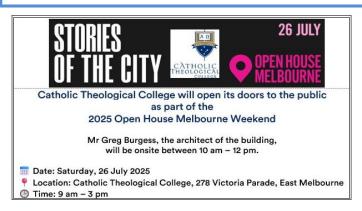
EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

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

<u>RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO ITALIANO</u> Ricorda l'incontro settimanale del mercoledi mattina dale 10 non nella Penola Hub 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Unitevi a noi in preghiera, siete tutti benvenuti.

<u>PEONIES CRAFT GROUP</u> – 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.



"GOD AND BEER IN THE WEST", ORGANISED BY THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS:

August 7, 6:30pm at the Hoppers Club, Pan-am Drive, Hoppers Crossing. Guest Speaker: Fr. Jude Pirotta MSSP, "Building Resilience and finding Purpose through Faith". Free admission. Booking through: GodandBeer.com.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 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.