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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 EASTER, YEAR C 10TH / 11TH MAY 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: Acts 13:14, 43-52

Paul and Barnabas continued on from Perga and reached Antioch in Pisidia. On the sabbath they entered the synagogue and took their seats. Many Jews and worshipers who were converts to Judaism followed Paul and Barnabas, who spoke to them and urged them to remain faithful to the grace of God. On the following sabbath almost the whole city gathered to hear the word of the Lord. When the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and with violent abuse contradicted what Paul said. Both Paul and Barnabas spoke out boldly and said, "It was necessary that the word of God be spoken to you first, but since you reject it and condemn yourselves as unworthy of eternal life, we now turn to the Gentiles. For so the Lord has commanded us, *I have made you a light to the Gentiles, that you may be an instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth.*" The Gentiles were delighted when they heard this and glorified the word of the Lord. All who were destined for eternal life came to believe, and the word of the Lord continued to spread through the whole region. The Jews, however, incited the women of prominence who were worshipers and the leading men of the city, stirred up a persecution against Paul and Barnabas, and expelled them from their territory. So they shook the dust from their feet in protest against them, and went to Iconium. The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 5

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Sing joyfully to the LORD, all you lands; serve the LORD with gladness; come before him with joyful song.

Know that the LORD is God; he made us, his we are; his people, the flock he tends.

The LORD is good: his kindness endures forever, and his faithfulness, to all generations.

Response: We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

SECOND READING: Revelation 7:9, 14-17

I, John, had a vision of a great multitude, which no one could count, from every nation, race, people, and tongue. They stood before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. Then one of the elders said to me, "These are the ones who have survived the time of great distress; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they stand before God's throne and worship him day and night in his temple. The one who sits on the throne will shelter them. They will not hunger or thirst anymore, nor will the sun or any heat strike them. For the Lamb who is in the center of the throne will shepherd them and lead them to springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: John 10:27-30

Jesus said: "My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish. No one can take them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one can take them out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.



GOSPEL REFLECTION: Voice Followers

You and I are Gentiles – part of the non-Jewish world. We are the sort of Christians we are, because of St Paul. He became the strongest advocate of the grace that the early Christian community should be inclusive of all nations and tribes and ethnic groups on the face of the earth. We have not yet realised this potential. What riches of intellectual traditions, cultural expressions, and organisational structure are we still to receive from the Chinese, the Korean, the Indonesians, the Africans, the Indian Catholics who are part of our 'Church without Borders'? How do we maintain unity and identity amongst such diversity? By listening for the voice of the Good Shepherd, Our Lord Jesus Christ. But it takes a good teacher to help us to hear The Voice in the clamour of life. Some of those teachers may be found amongst the Bishops who carry a shepherd's staff. But at least in my experience the best assistant-shepherds have been my parents, and some others. They have helped me hear The Voice assuring me that I will never perish, that I will receive eternal life. That is a Voice worth following! We could pause for a moment to get on the same wavelength as the Good Shepherd to echo His Voice in our lives. **Fr. Michael Tate**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use today's psalm as your prayer this week: ***Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Serve the Lord with gladness. Come before him singing for joy. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. Know that he, the Lord, is God. He made us, we belong to him. We are his people, the sheep of his flock. Indeed how good is the Lord, eternal his merciful love. He is faithful from age to age. We are his people, the sheep of his flock.***

VOCATION VIEW: On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

RECENT DEATH: Massimo Salvatore Burrone, Mario Rigo, Fred Calvin

ANNIVERSARY: Theresa Sciberras, Gesuina Bisinella, Jamrych Gagni, Salvatore 'Sam' Galea, Michael Mifsud

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Edith and Alwin Salagubang, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Crispin De Zilva, Artemio Santos, Lynne Worsley, Dorothy Rayner, Maria Trang Nguyen, Peter Tho Huynh.

REMINDER: Parishioners, please note that names for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries etc. to be included in the Sunday Bulletin must indicate the time of Mass you will be attending for name to be mentioned and request must be at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday afternoon and please address envelopes to the Admin Staff.

WEEKDAY LITURGY (12th to 17th May 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 followed by confession

WEEKEND MASSES (17th / 18th May 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm Mass
10.00am Wyndham Vale Community Mass

THE WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS **Pope Francis told us:**

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

We Have A POPE!!!

Thanks be to God



We thank God for guiding our Cardinals in electing a new Pope for us. He is Cardinal Robert Prevost of America. He has chosen the name 'Leo XIV'

We surrender him under God's Care who chose him, so that he will be empowered by the Holy Spirit to be guided, protected and provided with all the grace to defend and lead our Church in the footsteps of Christ.

THE NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE (MASS COUNT) - The count is conducted over the first four consecutive Sundays (and Saturday evenings) in May. This weekend 10th and 11th May 2025. 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.



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.

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.



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE

Dinner Dance

Raffle prizes



SAT 19 JULY 2025

COME ENJOY A WONDERFUL EVENING OF DELICIOUS BUFFET FOOD AND DANCING

LIVE MUSIC BY
OLIVIA CANAVAN & THE BEATMAKERS

6.30PM ONWARDS
ST. ANDREWS PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
CNR OF STAWELL STREET AND GREAVES ST NTH WERRIBEE

\$50 Adult | \$25 Child 5-12
Under 5 free (no seat)

TICKETS AT PARISH OFFICE 9741 4144
www.trybooking.com/DBEAO

WE ARE LOOKING FOR RAFFLE PRIZES IF YOU ARE ABLE TO DONATE PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE

A Prayer for Mother's Day

Lord, we remember the mothers who have gone before us.
For their love, sacrifice, struggle and joy, we thank you.

Lord, we remember the mothers of scripture who are a part of our story as We are a part of your story.
For their courage, faith, love and fierceness, we thank you.

Lord, we remember those who have not given birth to us, but are mothers to us.
For their gift of themselves that they have given, we thank you.

For the women who struggle with fertility, for those women whom society labels as less in their childlessness, for those women who have lost children.
For their tears, for their strength, for their wisdom, for their lives, we thank you.

In your name we pray, Amen
(by Claire Schoepp)

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 11th – 19th May 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 17 th / 18 th May	Agnes D'Lima	Peter Walters	Eric Demate	Ann Jennings	Young Adult Group
MUSIC 17 th / 18 th May	Philu & Co.	St. Anthony Choir	St. Andrews Choir	Volunteer	Young Adult Group
Communion Minister 17 th / 18 th May	Kristine Ventura Philu Fernandes	David Cox Red Dubier Nelly Bautista	Rita Edemu Stella Onos	Dennis Vanspall Sheridan Fevaleaki Otilia Lesoa	Maria Parba Stephen Hart
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 12 May: M. H. Chong Mon 19 May: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 12 May: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 16 May: P. Palamara Mon 12 May: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 11 May: M. Galea Sun 18 May: C. Demate		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 11 May: S. Raphael Sun 18 May: M. H. Chong		



JOIN US FOR MARY & MARTHA – A WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING!

Ladies, you are warmly invited to our Mary & Martha Women's Ministry meeting. This is a time to step away from the busyness of life and enter into a space of faith, fellowship, and renewal. Just as Mary sat at the feet of Jesus and Martha served with love, we come together to grow in our faith and support one another in our unique callings. Whether you're seeking spiritual nourishment, meaningful friendships, or simply a place to belong, Mary & Martha is where hearts are lifted, burdens are shared, and God's grace abounds. **When:** Tuesday, 13th May 2025, 7 pm, **Where:** Penola Hub. All women are welcome! Let's journey in faith together—see you there!

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - Next Tues 13th May, ***Milton Roberts is giving his personal testimony on how the Holy Spirit inspired him to found the EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP almost 28 years ago in St Andrew's parish.*** Since 9th Sept 1997, the prayer group has been going strong in the Spirit, all thanks to Milton's vision. Come along - all are welcome! 1pm - 2:30pm Penola Hub 33 Mortimer St Werribee. Join us for praise and worship, and Milton's powerful testimony, followed by fellowship. For more information contact Susanne 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 join.

MELBOURNE ROSARY PILGRIMAGE WITH THE DOMINICAN SISTER OF SAINT CECELIA

Join the Dominican Sisters of Saint Cecelia on their annual Catholic Historic Melbourne Marian Pilgrimage on **Saturday 17 May 2025, 10.00am–3.00pm**. Venue: Melbourne CBD, Beginning and ending at St Mary Star of the Sea Parish 33 Howard Street, West Melbourne Vic 3003. The day will begin with Mass at St Mary Star of the Sea at 10am, followed by a 5-kilometre pilgrimage around Melbourne's CBD, stopping to pray at some of the most beautiful Marian shrines in the city. Stops will include St Patrick's Cathedral, St Francis, St Mary MacKillop's birthplace, St Mary Star of the Sea and more. St Patrick's and St Mary's are designated Pilgrim Places for the purposes of the Jubilee, so don't forget to pack or pick up your Jubilee pilgrim passports and get them stamped during your visit.

BYO lunch. No registration required.
For more information, please contact
melbourne@op-tn.org.

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.

PILGRIM PLACES in Melbourne Archdiocese



St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Northern Region:

St. Luke's, Lalor
Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie
St. Mary Magdalen's, Trentham

Southern Region:

Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough
Our Lady of Lavang Shrine, Keysborough
St. Patrick's, Mentone
St. Macartan's, Mornington

Western Region:

St. Mary's Star of the Sea, West Melbourne
St. Mary MacKillop, Keilor Downs
Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Eastern Region:

St. Dominic's Camberwell East
Sacred Heart, Croydon
St. Francis Xavier, Mansfield

<https://pilgrimsofhope.catholic.org.au/>



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.