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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 C, 29<sup>TH</sup> / 30<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 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:** Joshua 5:9, 10-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." While the Israelites were encamped at Gilgal on the plains of Jericho, they celebrated the Passover on the evening of the fourteenth of the month. On the day after the Passover, they ate of the produce of the land in the form of unleavened cakes and parched grain. On that same day after the Passover, on which they ate of the produce of the land, the manna ceased. No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.

### **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:** Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7.

### **Response: Taste and see the goodness of the lord.**

I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the LORD; the lowly will hear me and be glad.

Glorify the LORD with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the LORD heard, and from all his distress he saved him.

### **Response: Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.**

### **SECOND READING:** 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Brothers and sisters: Whoever is in Christ is a new creation: the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come. And all this is from God, who has reconciled us to himself through Christ and given us the ministry of reconciliation, namely, God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting their trespasses against them and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation. So we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who did not know sin, so that we might become the righteousness of God in him.

### **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I will get up and go to my Father and shall say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!**

### **GOSPEL:** Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Tax collectors and sinners were all drawing near to listen to Jesus, but the Pharisees and scribes began to complain, saying, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them." So to them Jesus addressed this parable: "A man had two sons, and the younger son said to his father, 'Father give me the share of your estate that should come to me.' So the father divided the property between them. After a few days, the younger son collected all his belongings and set off to a distant country where he squandered his inheritance on a life of dissipation. When he had freely spent everything, a severe famine struck that country, and he found himself in dire need. So he hired himself out to one of the local citizens who sent him to his farm to tend the swine. And he longed to eat his fill of the pods on which the swine fed, but nobody gave him any. Coming to his senses he thought, 'How many of my father's hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father and I shall say to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I no longer deserve to be called your son; treat me as you would treat one of your hired workers.'" So he got up and went back to his father. While he was still a long way off, his father caught sight of him, and was filled with compassion. He ran to his son, embraced him and kissed him. His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Quickly bring the finest robe and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Take the fattened calf and slaughter it. Then let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again; he was lost, and has been found.' Then the celebration began. Now the older son had been out in the field and, on his way back, as he neared the house, he heard the sound of music and dancing. He called one of the servants and asked what this might mean. The servant said to him, (*continued next pg*)

**(... GOSPEL CONTINUES)**

'Your brother has returned and your father has slaughtered the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.' He became angry, and when he refused to enter the house, his father came out and pleaded with him. He said to his father in reply, 'Look, all these years I served you and not once did I disobey your orders; yet you never gave me even a young goat to feast on with my friends. But when your son returns who swallowed up your property with prostitutes, for him you slaughter the fattened calf.' He said to him, 'My son, you are here with me always; everything I have is yours. But now we must celebrate and rejoice, because your brother was dead and has come to life again; he was lost and has been found.'" **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD**

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Our familiarity with today's parable risks dulling us to its tremendously powerful message. We call this the parable of the lost son or the prodigal son. Any focus on the younger son, however, must also be balanced by an examination of the unusual behavior of the father.

The younger son takes his inheritance and leaves home. The older son remains, continuing to provide for the father and the household. Having been disgraced by the younger son, the father spends some time watching the road for the return of the lost son. When he eventually sees his wayward son returning, the father not only welcomes him but also runs out to greet him and then honors him with a party. We say that this father is loving and forgiving. Yet these adjectives only begin to describe the depth of love and mercy that characterize the father.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. Laetare is a Latin word that means "rejoice." Today's Gospel describes the reason for our joy: God's great love for us has been revealed in Jesus. Through his Passion, Death, and Resurrection, Christ has reconciled us with God and one another. **Loyola Press**

**PRAYER AT HOME:** O God, author of every mercy and of all goodness, who in fasting, prayer and almsgiving have shown us a remedy for sin, look graciously on this confession of our lowliness, that we, who are bowed down by our conscience, may always be lifted up by your mercy. Amen.

**VOCATION VIEW:** God welcomes us home with extravagant love. Let the call to holiness draw you home into a deeper relationship with God. (Luke 15:1-3, 11-32)

**RECENT DEATH:** Carmela Tramontana, Briccio Calubaquib, Erwin George Beja, Eleonory Banlasan, Zarco Kordic

**ANNIVERSARY:** Carlo Battaglia, Guissepina Bettiol, Emilio Bettiol, Joseph Hedwig Viegas, Fortunato Ecuacion, JR.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Edith and Alwin Salagubang, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Kelly Jennings, Crispin De Zilva, Maria Trang Nguyen, Eden Guzman, Myrna Fevilla, 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 (31<sup>ST</sup> to 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025)**

**Mon:** 9.00am Mass  
**Tues:** 9.00am Mass  
**Wed:** 9.00am Mass  
**Thurs:** 9.00am Mass  
**Fri:** 9.00am Mass followed by Station of the Cross  
7.00pm Station of the Cross followed by Mass  
**Sat:** 9.00am Mass followed by confession

**WEEKEND MASSES (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025)**

**Sat:** 6.00pm Vigil Mass (led by Bethany Students)  
**Sun:** 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5pm Mass

**MASS AT THE HOSPITAL & 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**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 10.30am

**Baptcare Wyndham Lodge Community**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 11.00am

**Uniting AgeWell Manor Lakes Community**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 11.00am

**Werribee Mercy Hospital**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 2.30pm

**Mercy Place Wyndham**

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 11.00am

**Manor Court Werribee Aged Care**

4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10.30am

**St. Vincent's Aged Care**

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 2.00pm

**TAP TO DONATE** - At the request of many parishioners and the recommendation of the Finance Committee, we have installed a tapping receiver for those who wish to contribute to the parish without carrying cash. The receiver is stationed at the main entrance and instruction is detailed at the station. Thank you for your continuous and generous support to St. Andrew's Parish Church which is very much appreciated.



**The WYNDHAM VALE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY y**

**April 2025 – There is no Mass**

Sunday 18 May 2025 – 10.00 am Mass

## PARISH CENSUS

Although we have conducted our parish census, there may be few who couldn't fill the census card out, we invite them to fill the card and register themselves in the parish. This registration will replace and update the previous register in our parish. Because of this, your filling the census card is very important. The census cards are available in the office and at the entrances of the Church. Please fill them and return them to the office or in the letter box in the office or at the Presbytery. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.

### ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 30<sup>th</sup> March to 7<sup>th</sup> April 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
<b>LECTORS</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Rewanna Anthony	Lillian Jilbert	Ana Balanza	Aubrey Gantalao	Peter Cullen
<b>MUSIC</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Philu and Co.	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	Sariling Tinig Choir	Ensemble of Faith	Volunteer
<b>Communion Minister</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> / 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Kristine Ventura Desiree Galea Philomen Fenandes	Kevin McGuane Peter Walters Alfred Obieta	John Faranda Maria Malanyaon Jen Climie	Cora Demate Clare Taylor Jasper Parba	Stephen Hart Nadia Richards Sindhu Moreira
<b>COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)</b>		This week: Next week:	Mon 31 Mar: <b>Mass at 9am</b> Mon 07 April: <b>Mass at 9am</b>		
<b>CLEANER</b>		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 31 Mar: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 4 April: A. Majok, N. Deng Mon 31 Mar: Volunteer		
<b>ALTAR CLOTH</b>		This week: Next week:	Sun 30 Mar: C. Illagan Sun 6 April: M. Galea		
<b>OUR LADY'S STATUE</b>		This week: Next week:	Sun 30 Mar: Siu Sun 6 April: M. Parba		

**MASS FOR**  
**Marriage Anniversaries**



**SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2025 . 11AM**  
**ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. EAST MELBOURNE**

**Anniversary Mass 2025**  
Couples and their families are invited to join us at St Patrick's Cathedral as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with the Jubilee of Families.

Married couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate.

For any queries please contact us 9926 5761 or [proclaim@cam.org.au](mailto:proclaim@cam.org.au)

**Date:** Sunday 1 June 2025, 11.00 am Mass  
**Location:** St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne Vic 3002.  
**RSVP's:** Registrations close Wed 28 May 2025  
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1377731>

**DAILY ROSARY ON ZOOM**

We are inviting you to join us to pray the Rosary at home with the family. Please join us via Zoom Meeting every night at 6.55pm for 7.00 pm start

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2764655672?pwd=bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkY6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672 Password: 9rGLKz  
*Let us continue to pray together for each other.*



Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession.

**Thursday 3 April 2025 6.30pm to 7.30 pm** at St Mary Star of the Sea, 33 Howard St, West Melbourne VIC 3003 for more information, email [udisciple@cam.org.au](mailto:udisciple@cam.org.au) or 9926 5677.

**CHURCH OPENS ON WEEKDAYS** - The Church opens: Tuesdays to Fridays, 9.00am to 4.00pm for anyone who would like to visit the Blessed Sacrament. The door on the presbytery side will be open. Thank you, let us keep our church safe for all.

**DIVINE MERCY GROUP** – is on every Friday, after the 9am Mass in the church. Everyone is welcome to join.

## PILGRIM PLACES in Melbourne Archdiocese

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

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

### **Eastern Region:**

St. Dominic's Camberwell East

Sacred Heart, Croydon

St. Francis Xavier, Mansfield

**THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS** April Meeting is to be conducted on next Tuesday, April 1, in Penola Hub, at 7:30pm. All men are welcome to attend and learn about our work for the Parish and the wider Church Community. John Hennessy. 0418 517 396.



**Third Sunday of Lent  
29<sup>th</sup> / 30<sup>th</sup> March**



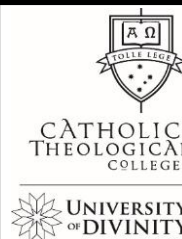
The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

**Please donate to Project Compassion 2025.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or calling 1800 024 413.

## JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

There are 36 events throughout the 2025 Jubilee Year, highlighting special aspects of Church life. For each event, the National Centre for Evangelisation has prepared a brief resource that parishes and individuals can use for personal or group prayer and reflection.

<https://nce.catholic.org.au/events/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope>



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## GREAT JUBILEE YEAR 2025 PILGRIMAGE

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### **WANT TO KNOW MORE?**

REGISTER FOR AN ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION

7pm on Tuesday, 18th March

CONTACT FR ANIL OR OLIVETREE DETAILS TO REGISTER & GET THE LOGIN DETAILS



## **ELSHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP -**

meeting every Tuesday at 1pm - 2.30pm in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Everyone is welcome. God bless you all and your loved ones.

## **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.

## **ST. ANDREW'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)**

**Friday, 9<sup>th</sup> MAY 2025, 7.30pm AT  
PENOLA HUB**

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR GROUP'S  
REPORT for the AGM ASAP.** Please email your report, if possible, to [werribee@cam.org.au](mailto:werribee@cam.org.au) or drop it into the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

Our Principal, Rose Connolly invites you to attend our 2025 Malaya Borneo Veterans' Association Remembrance Service.

**Tuesday 29 April from 11.00am to 12.45pm (arrival from 10.30am)**

At the conclusion of the service, guests are invited to join staff and student leaders for a light lunch.

**Location:** 35 Thomas Carr Drive, Tarneit

**RSVP:** Monday 14 April 2025 to [events@thomascarr.vic.edu.au](mailto:events@thomascarr.vic.edu.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.

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