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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Incorporating the Communities of
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Werribee North,
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

PARISH TEAMS

Pastoral Team:

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP
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Principal: Rose Connolly.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT – YEAR B - 16TH / 17TH MARCH 2024

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: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their fathers the day I took them by the hand to lead them forth from the land of Egypt; for they broke my covenant, and I had to show myself their master, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD. I will place my law within them and write it upon their hearts; I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer will they have need to teach their friends and relatives how to know the LORD. All, from least to greatest, shall know me, says the LORD, for I will forgive their evildoing and remember their sin no more. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 51:3-4,12-13,14-15

Response: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners shall return to you.

Response: Create a clean heart in me, O God.

SECOND READING: Hebrews 5:7-9

In the days when Christ Jesus was in the flesh, he offered prayers and supplications with loud cries and tears to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverence. Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered; and when he was made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

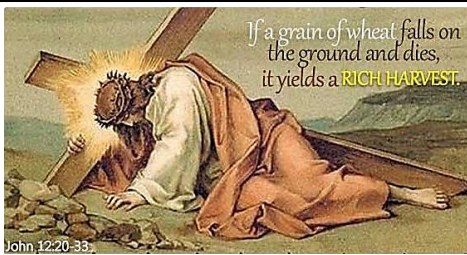
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory! Whoever serves me must follow me, says the Lord; and where I am, there also will my servant be. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL: John 12:20-33

Some Greeks who had come to worship at the Passover Feast came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and asked him, "Sir, we would like to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there also will my servant be. The Father will honour whoever serves me. "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it and will glorify it again." The crowd there heard it and said it was thunder; but others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered and said, "This voice did not come for my sake but for yours. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself." He said this indicating the kind of death he would die. **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**

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



GOSPEL REFLECTION: The moment of eschatological fulfilment gathers together the sense of the past ('the days when Christ was in the flesh'), the future ('the days are coming'), and the present ('the hour has come'). We live in the time when the past and the future are made present; we live in the 'already-but-not-yet' time of anticipation/fulfilment. This is a moment of great ambiguity, of fear and trepidation but of electric excitement. It is a moment of decision. We hover at the edge of dawn, weighing whether or not to step forward into the new day or to return to the darkness of night.

This 'hour' brings a new covenant, a deep interior relationship with God that is not based on law but which overflows from a commitment of the heart. It brings an abundant harvest that springs from a simple grain of wheat. It brings a promise from God's own Son that those who serve him will be honoured by God, and those who obey him will enjoy eternal life. Although the 'hour' brings all of these blessings, it only does so with a price. The new covenant could only be written on new hearts; the abundant harvest sprang from the dying grain of wheat; eternal salvation was won at the price of Christ's blood. As challenging as the message of these readings may be, the last note is one of hope. It can overcome the demons that control us, because it is the power of the almighty God.

Dianne Bergant CSA

PRAYER AT HOME: Repeat this prayer often this week: Lord, may I die to myself in Jesus so that through him I may have new life.

VOCATION VIEW: Unless a seed first dries out and dies, it cannot be planted in the earth to grow. Unless we first dry out and die to our selfish ways, we can never expect to be people who will 'lay down their lives for their friends.'

RECENT DEATH: Tony Singson

ANNIVERSARIES: Maritess Camenting, George and Joseph Vanspall, Mario Martini, Felice Piccolo, Joseph Domingo

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Ryan Fitzgerald

The names for Prayers for the Sick will be kept for two months. If you want to renew or add any names, please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or send email to werrabee@cam.org.au

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 (18th to 23rd Mar 2024)

Mon: *Feast of St. Patrick*

9.00am Mass

Tues: 9.00am Mass

6.00pm *Mercy Melbourne and Parish Reconciliation – Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession*

Wed: 9.00am *Liturgy of the word with Communion*

Thurs: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass followed by *Station of the Cross*
7.00pm *Station of the Cross followed by Mass At Penola Hub*

(St. Andrew's Primary School will be having Confirmation in the church on this Friday)

Sat: 9.00am Mass followed by *confession*

WEEKEND MASSES (23rd / 24th March 2024) PALM SUNDAY

Sat: 6.00pm *Vigil Mass*

Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Mass

No Mass at St. Michael – Little River

St. Andrews Parish Holy Week Timetable

19th March Tuesday – Parish Reconciliation and Mercy Melbourne. 6.00pm - Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession. *(Please make use of the opportunity to have your confession and don't wait until Holy Week as priests may not be available.)*

9.00pm – Benediction.

23rd / 24th March - Palm Sunday weekend – Saturday 6.00pm and Sunday 8.00am, 9.30am & 5.00pm Mass with Blessing of Palms in the Church. Palms will be available at the entrance door to be picked up.

Sunday 11.00am Blessing of Palms near the Memorial Gardens and procession into the Church followed by Mass.

28th March – Holy Thursday – 8.00pm celebration of the Mass of the Last Supper – Procession of The Eucharist to the Penola Hub and adoration till midnight.

29th March – Good Friday – 9.00am Morning Prayers & Divine Mercy Novena

11.00am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross

3.00pm Good Friday Service in the church and telecast in Andrews Primary School Sports Centre

30th March – Holy Saturday Vigil – 8.00pm in the church

31st March - Easter Sunday – 8.00am, 9.30am and 11.00am in the church.

10.00am St. Michael Little River



Collection for flowers for the Church for Easter will be held at all Masses next weekend, 23rd and 24th March 2024. Thank you for your generosity.



WORKING BEE TO PREPARE - FOR HOLY WEEK

Let us all come together once again on Saturday, 23rd March 2024 from 10.30am till 1pm 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.

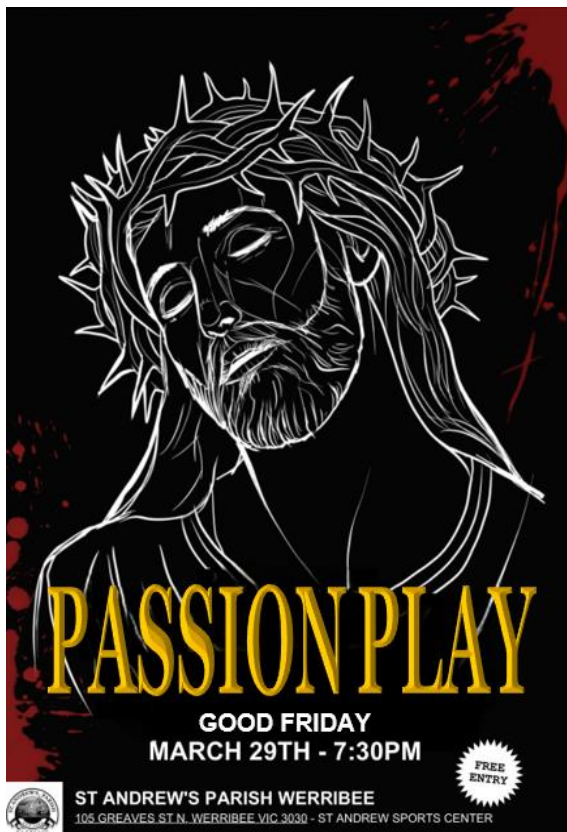
ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 18th to 25th March 2024

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 23 rd / 24 th Mar.	Anne-Marie Palmer	Peter Walters	Olivia Ochi	Ann Jennings	Andrew Canet
MUSIC 23 rd / 24 th Mar.	Philu and Co	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	St. Andrew's Choir	Ensemble of Christ	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 23 rd / 24 th Mar.	Gerry Ilagan Noelene Keogh Phillu & Co	Peter Walters David Cox John Hennessy	Anson John Titus Lizardo Maria Malanyaon	Graeme Roberts Clare Taylor Sheridan Fevaleaki	Genni Douglas Stephen Hart Katerine Canet
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)	This week: Next week:	Mon 18 Mar: Mass – Feast of St. Patrick Wed 20 Mar: J. Hennessy			
CLEANER	Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 18 Mar: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 22 Mar: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 18 Mar: Volunteer			
ALTAR CLOTH	This week: Next week:	Sun 17 Mar: J. Francisco Sun 24 Mar: O. Lesoa			
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This week: Next week:	Sun 17 Mar: S. Raphael Sun 10 Mar: P. John			

LEGION OF MARY - Praesidium: Immaculate Heart of Mary - Every Tuesday from 7.30pm to 8.30pm at Penola Hub. For more information, please call the Parish Office 9741 4144



CALLING ALL ALTAR SERVERS!!! There will be a training for all Altar Servers in the Church to serve on Holy Week Masses. Parents, please encourage your child/children to this great opportunity to serve the Lord at the altar. Only those who attend will be rostered for Holy Week Masses. New Altar Servers (those who have received their First Holy Communion) are all to welcome to join. Thank you and see you all there. For more details, please call the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or Fr. Huy. Thank you.



MERCY MELBOURNE
Tuesday 19 March

Mercy Melbourne is an initiative that invites parishes to open their doors in welcome for a special evening of prayer and Confessions from 6pm-9pm on **Tuesday 19 March 2024**.

This is coinciding with our Parish Reconciliation. Exposition of Blessed Sacrament and Confession will start at 6pm and will finish at 9.00pm for Benediction. **Please take this opportunity to have your confession at this time.**

CHRISM MASS (HOLY OILS) - This year it will be on **Wednesday, 20th March 2024 at 10.30am** at St. Patrick's Cathedral. Parishioners are invited to participate and to pray for our priests and for more vocations. We will have Communion Service on that morning in our parish as all our priests will be attending the Chrism Mass.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH ECUMENICAL STATIONS OF THE CROSS - ASSISTANCE WITH TRAFFIC SAFETY IS REQUIRED.

Fr. Albert has asked the Knights of the Southern Cross to assist with the safety of Worshippers during the Ecumenical Stations of the Cross on Good Friday morning. We need a few more to assist in facilitating the flow of this important Event. Please call John Hennessy, on 0418 517 396, for more information. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thankyou.



ST ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE
105 GREAVES ST. N. WERRIBEE VIC 3030 - ST ANDREW SPORTS CENTER





ENCOUNTER – Sunday 24th March 2024 5pm–8pm, St Peter Apostle Mission Parish 38 Guinane Avenue, Hoppers Crossing. An unforgettable evening for high school students to encounter Jesus Christ with prayer, fellowship, food, and fun. Dinner provided. Parents / Guardians will be required to sign in/sign out their children. Scan here to register by 21st March 2024. For enquiries 9926 5761 or email proclaim@cam.org.au



Fifth Sunday of Lent
16th / 17th 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 2023. 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 or calling 1800 024 413.

ALPHA at ST ANDREWS - Alpha Course is running every Wednesday 7.00pm in Penola Hub. This is a good opportunity to invite non-Christian friends who may be interested about the BIG questions in life. Refer to posters on bulletin boards for the Alpha schedule. Please scan and register as slots are limited.

MINISTRY OF CARE - We are looking for volunteers who want to give Holy Communion to those who cannot physically go to Mass. Please contact or call the parish office at 9741 4144 or kemp.vinson@cam.org.au

PARISH HISTORY COMMITTEE - The Parish of Werribee and Little River, by Sr. M. Xavier Curtain R.S.J. is a publication edited to include the story of Parish life up to December 1981. Fr. Albert and Pastoral Worker Kemp Vinson have settled on the idea of updating this publication, commencing in 1980 up to December 2023, so we are looking for titbits of memory 43 years in the making that contribute to the richness of your story and linking with the life of the Parish of Werribee and Little River. At this time an indication to Kemp Vinson of your willingness to contribute would be appreciated, someone will be in touch to work out a way of recording your reminiscence. Kemp can be contacted at the Parish office. Further, please note that as of now, no date has been set for publication of this work. Thanking you in anticipation, Kemp Vison.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY - our Children's Liturgy is back for all 11AM Masses. Children aged 3 to 9 years old are invited to attend this during 11AM Mass. One parent or guardian should accompany 3-year old children. We are looking for volunteers who can assist us with the 9:30 AM Masses as well. If you are interested, please contact kemp.vinson@cam.org.au. You can either be a "Main Facilitator" or a "Volunteer Guide".

MACKILLOP COLLEGE OPEN DAY - Wednesday 1 May 2024 4.00pm – 6.30pm Final Tour at 5.45pm All welcome to attend and tour the College. For further information regarding the College please visit the College website: www.mackillop.vic.edu.au Enrolments for Year 7 2026 Applications close on Friday 16 August 2024

ELSHADDAI 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 join.

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 baptise 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.

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