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Monday: CLOSED
Tuesday – Friday: 9am – 4pm
Liturgy: Mass Times
Saturday 6pm Vigil
Sunday 8, 9.30, 11am, 5pm
Reconciliation
Saturday 9.30am and 5pm

PARISH TEAMS

Pastoral Team:

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP
Fr. John Paul Mount
Fr. Anil Mascarenhas
Louisa Sullivan
Pastoral Care in Wyndham Vale
Sherry Vivera
Pastoral Care in Werribee South/
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Benita Dahanayake
Home Based RE Coordinator
Norma Marot
Baptism Prep. & RCIC

Administrative Team:

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South Sudanese Deacon:

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9741 4144 (3rd Tuesday)

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary
School – Ph. 9741 3686
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Principal: Jennifer Poon

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Regional College –
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Principal:

Dr. Andrew Watson



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Incorporating the Communities of
Werribee Central, Wyndham Vale, Werribee
South, Werribee North,
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – 27TH JANUARY 2019

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: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scrolls so that all the people might see it for he was standing higher up than any of the people and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep" for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!" **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15

Response: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Response: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27 (shorter version)

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! The Lord sent me to bring Good News to the poor and freedom to prisoners. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord. Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." **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 prophet Isaiah had drafted a manifesto for divine action in the world. Jesus of Nazareth *is* divine action in the world, and no doubt his fellow villagers in Nazara would have been thrilled that one of theirs would 'set the downtrodden free'. But, in proclaiming 'the Lord's Year of *Acceptance*', Jesus inaugurated a revolutionary phase within the Jewish tradition. He invited people to *relax!* Holiness is not a matter of our *striving*, but of *accepting* that we are *accepted* by the All Merciful God. Good works should follow in response, but good works don't gain our acceptance by God. How does one best show acceptance of someone, forgiveness of someone, friendship with someone? One relaxes over a meal together. This was Jesus' characteristic way of embodying Divine Acceptance in our world. It still is. We might pause for a moment to relax into the saving fact that we exist in 'the Lord's Year of Acceptance', that this acceptance is signified and effected by our sharing in the Bread of Life and the Spiritual Drink of Holy Communion which gives us the energy to help make Divine Acceptance a reality for others.

Fr. Michael Tate

PRAYER AT HOME: Repeat often and contemplate this week: ***The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has chosen me. He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.***

VOCATION VIEW: The word of God becomes the flesh of God when YOU live it in your life. Believe what you read; live what you believe. Be another Christ.

RECENT DEATHS: Grant eternal peace, O Lord to: Peter Keogh, Elizabeth Sammartino, Ivor Carlton James, Br. Helmut Knab CMM (Germany, uncle of Birgit Minness, family attending 9.30am Mass), Dorothy Kennedy

ANNIVERSARIES: Cettina Sammut, Gregorio Russo, Rosa Russo, Antonina Piovesan, Frank and Maria Fillippin, Pierina and Tom Stumela, Giuseppe and Vitina D'Abaco

REMINDER: Parishioners please note that names for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries etc. to be included in the Sunday Bulletin must be at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday afternoon and please address envelopes to the Admin Staff. The names for Prayers for the Sick will be deleted at the beginning of each year. If you have a name you would like included, please contact the Parish Office.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Eugene Xavier, Philomina Ciby, Greg Puls, Frank Fazio, Karen Hutchenes

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY: We try to be aware of all who through illness or disability are unable to attend Mass regularly. If you know of anyone who would benefit from Communion being brought to them, please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Mon: Feast of St. Thomas Aquinas

9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tues: 9.00am Mass – All Parish Schools' Staff attending

Wed: 9.00am Mass

Thurs: Feast of St. John Bosco

9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass

7.30pm Rosary

8.00pm Mass, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10.00pm Benediction

Sat: The Presentation of the Lord.

8.15am Rosary & Prayer

9.00am Monthly Healing Mass

9.30am Confessions

5.00pm Confessions

PARISH COMMUNITY MASSES – 10AM

Wyndham Vale Community Sun, 3rd Feb.

OLSC Primary School

Bethany Community Sun, 10th Feb.

Bethany Primary School

Little River Community Sun, 10th Feb.

St. Michael's Church

Werribee Central/South Sun, 17th Feb.

Chapel of St. Mary of the Cross/MacKillop College

Tamil Mass Sun, 17th Feb.

Penola Hub

Tarneit West Community Sat, 23rd Feb.

St. John the Apostle PS

5pm

Little River Community Sun, 24th Feb.

St. Michael's Church

South Sudanese Mass Sun, 24th Feb.

St. Andrew's Church

2pm

*All parishioners and school families
welcome to attend.*

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER, REFLECTION AND ACTION AGAINST HUMAN TRAFFICKING

Thursday 7 February, 6.30–8.30pm, St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne. On the Feast of St Josephine Bakhita of Sudan, the Church marks the International Day of Prayer, Reflection and Action against Human Trafficking. Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, the South Sudanese Catholic Community and the broader community will mark this important day with Holy Hour at 6.30pm followed by the Vigil Mass of St Josephine Bakhita at 7.30pm.

THE PARISH REQUIRES THAT YOU BEGIN TO PREPARE AT LEAST 3 MONTHS PRIOR TO YOUR PREFERRED DATE FOR YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM

ST. ANDREW'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR - We are inviting all school aged children to be a part of our St. Andrew's Children's Choir. Our Children's Choir practice is on Fridays 1st and 8th of February in the church from 4.30pm to 5.30pm. We will be singing on the 10th of February at 5pm mass. All children are welcome to attend. If your child is interested, please contact Parish Office on 9741 4144.

MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF 2nd/ 3rd February 2019

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5pm
LECTORS	Frances Gillett	David Cox	Sashi Jeyarajah	Katrina Gauci	Van Nguyen
MUSIC	Phillu & Co.	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier	Chris & Margot O'Malley	Otilia Lesoa & Family	Sariling Tinig Choir
COUNTERS	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 27 Jan: Sun 3 Feb:	Team 1: B. Richards, B. Sandford, D. Keogh, M. Watson Team 2: J. Alessi, N. Haveaux, G. Roberts, S. Sammut		
CHURCH CLEANING	Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 28 Jan: Fri 1 Feb: Mon 28 Jan:	Team 3: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Team 2: P. Palamara, M. Katunga Team 2: D. Aliston		
ALTAR CLOTHS	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 27 Jan: Sun 3 Feb:	Mary Galea Cora Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 27 Jan: Sun 3 Feb:	Powlin John, 19 Eucumbene Rd. Manor Lakes, 0408 524 293 Petty Hendricks, 9 Ashridge Ct. Manor Lakes, 0469609015		

OUR LADY'S STATUE – Roster for our Lady's Statue for 2019 is now available in the Foyer. If you would like to have the statue at your home, please fill in the Roster Sheet or call the Parish Office on 9741 4144. Thank you

YOUTH MINISTRY CAMP: CORE

Dear Young people, The Archdiocesan Office for Youth is organising a youth camp from Friday 22 to Sunday 24 February Don Bosco Camp, 52-62 Dromana Parade, Safety Beach. This is a great opportunity for young people to join camp to build foundations in leadership, ministry and the life of Christ. This camp will allow you to learn practical skills in all aspects of our youth ministry as well as an opportunity to meet other young people from all over the Archdiocese. Please call the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or email to werribee@cam.org.au or speak to one of our priest.

ST. ANDREW'S PLAYGROUP

We are recommencing the Playgroup for 2019 on Thursday, 7th February from 10am to 11.30am in the Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer St, Werribee. We are inviting families with young children, aged 0 – 5 years, who are interested in coming together to participate in our playgroup. The group is co-ordinated by Joan, one of the mothers in the playgroup and the families will be taking active part in the running of the group. If you are interested please call the Parish Office and register your interest.



Plenary Council 2020
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

What do you think God is asking of us in Australia at this time?

In 2020, we will have a Plenary Council about the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Between Pentecost 2018 and Ash Wednesday 2019, everyone is invited to engage in prayerful listening and dialogue encounters where—together—we will develop a habit of dialogue and discernment as we work towards the future of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Have your say! Contact our Parish Office to find out how you can get involved or have your say online at www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au.



"PRAY" GROUP 2019

A dynamic and engaging way to introduce your little one to prayer and Scripture.

Every fourth Friday of the month

In the St. Andrew's Penola Hub

33 Mortimer St Werribee

12:30pm - 2:30pm

February 22nd

March 22nd

April 26th

May 24th

June 28th

July 26th

August 23rd

September 27th

October 25th

November 22nd

December 20th (3rd Friday)



Contact Susanne Sweeny on 0438 372 952.

Thursday, 31st January, 2019 marks the beginning of the academic year 2019 for all Primary and Secondary Students. We ask God's blessing on all educational leaders – Teachers, Administration & Support Staff, Parents and Students. *May God's Grace Filled Love be with you during this year 2019.*

**FROM THE VOCATION OFFICE:
AUSTRALIA DAY**

As we give thanks this weekend for the many blessings we enjoy in this great 'South Land of the Holy Spirit', let us pray for our young Catholic citizens in this nation. May they be inspired to bring Christ to all peoples by responding to the call to priesthood and consecrated life. As our schools commence for the year soon, let us also pray for our students and teachers to bring Christ to their communities and families.

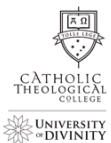
ST. ANDREW'S PARISH MUSIC MINISTRY MEETING will be held on **Tuesday, 5th February 2019 at 7.30pm in the Penola Hub**. Everyone who is currently part of the Music Ministry in one of our many choirs or as a singer/musician and everyone who would like to be part of this ministry is invited to attend this meeting to discuss some important issues re. providing music for masses at St. Andrew's Church. The meeting will conclude with fellowship to get to know each other a bit better – please bring a small plate to share for supper. Thank you.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH FAIR AGM will be held on **Wednesday, 13th February 2019 at 7.30pm in the Penola Hub**. All Fair Committee positions will be declared vacant and a new Committee for 2019 elected. We need new people to come along to join the Committee and be part of this St. Andrew's Parish tradition. In particular, the following positions need to be filled: President, Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Site Management Team, Stalls Coordinator, Advertising Coordinator, Entertainment Coordinator, Rides Coordinator. As well as these positions, General Fair Committee members are required to support the Fair Committee throughout the year and on Fair Day on Saturday, 16th November 2019. Everyone elected to a position will receive the full support of the previous and current Committee members. Hope to see many new faces, as well as our old faithful ones at our Parish Fair AGM!

ELSHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP will commence on 5th February 2019, at 1pm – 2.30pm in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Mass will be celebrated on the day followed by a fellowship. Everyone is welcome. A Bus service is available on that day. For those who require transport, please register your interest with Frances by calling the Parish Office on 9741 4144. God bless you all and your loved ones.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP will commence on Friday, 8th February 2019. For all enquiries please call Philomena Fernandes on Ph. 8742 3520.

ORDERS FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUES to be placed on the wall in our Sacred Garden are now being accepted. Plaques are \$250 each. Order forms are available from the Parish Office. Payment is required when order form is dropped off at the Parish Office. We have to wait until a number of orders have been received to be able to place the order with the supplier and will announce in the Take Away Sheet when the plaques will be installed and blessed. Thank you.



CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE - 2019 Study Options Now Available! Undergraduate and Postgraduate Options Choice of Philosophy, Systematic Theology, Moral Theology, Religious Education or Christian Spirituality units Audit options available Enquiries: Mr John Bartholomeusz, Assistant Dean T: 9412 3309 E: ctc@ctc.edu.au

NOTICE BOARDS – *Please check flyers for various notices.*

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.



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