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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

THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

25TH / 26TH OCTOBER 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 Ecclesiasticus (Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18)*

The Lord is a judge who is no respecter of personages. He shows no respect of personages to the detriment of a poor man; he listens to the plea of the injured party. He does not ignore the orphan's supplication, nor the widow's as she pours out her story. The man who with his whole heart serves God will be accepted, his petitions will carry to the clouds. The humble man's prayer pierces the clouds, until it arrives, he is inconsolable, nor will he desist until the Most High takes notice of him, acquits the virtuous and delivers judgement. And the Lord will not be slow, nor will he be dilatory on their behalf. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 32:2-3. 17-19. 23*

Response: *The Lord hears the cry of the poor.*

I will bless the Lord at all times, his praise always on my lips; in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. The humble shall hear and be glad.

The Lord turns his face against the wicked to destroy their remembrance from the earth. The just call and the Lord hears and rescues them in all their distress.

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; those whose spirit is crushed he will save. The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.

Response: *The Lord hears the cry of the poor.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy (2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18)*

My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing. The first time I had to present my defence, there was not a single witness to support me. Every one of them deserted me – may they not be held accountable for it. But the Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 18:9-14)*

Jesus spoke the following parable to some people who prided themselves on being virtuous and despised everyone else, 'Two men went up to the Temple to pray, one a Pharisee, the other a tax collector. The Pharisee stood there and said this prayer to himself, "I thank you, God, that I am not grasping, unjust, adulterous like the rest of mankind, and particularly that I am not like this tax collector here. I fast twice a week; I pay tithes on all I get." The tax collector stood some distance away, not daring even to raise his eyes to heaven; but he beat his breast and said, "God, be merciful to me, a sinner." This man, I tell you, went home again at rights with God; the other did not. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' **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:

Jesus draws a blunt picture in today's Gospel. The Pharisee's prayer is almost a parody of the thanksgiving psalms (see for example Psalms 30, 118). Instead of praising God for His mighty works, the Pharisee congratulates himself for his own deeds, which he presents to God in some detail. The tax collector stands at a distance, too ashamed even to raise his eyes to God (see Ezra 9:6). He prays with a humble and contrite heart (see Psalm 51:19). He knows that before God no one is righteous, no one has cause to boast (see Roman 3:10; 4:2). We see in the Liturgy today one of Scripture's abiding themes: that God "knows no favorites," as today's First Reading tells us (see 2 Chronicles 19:7; Acts 10:34–35; Romans 2:11). God cannot be bribed (see Deuteronomy 10:17). We cannot curry favor with Him or impress Him—even with our

good deeds or our faithful observance of religious duties such as tithing and fasting. If we try to exalt ourselves before the Lord, as the Pharisee does, we will be brought low (see Luke 1:52). This should be a warning to us—not to take pride in our piety, not to slip into the self-righteousness of thinking that we're better than others, that we're "not like the rest of sinful humanity." If we clothe ourselves with humility (see 1 Peter 5:5–6), if we recognize that all of us are sinners in need of His mercy, we will be exalted (see Proverbs 29:33). The prayer of the lowly, the humble, pierces the clouds. Paul testifies to this in today's Epistle as He thanks the Lord for giving him strength during his imprisonment. Paul tells us what the Psalmist sings today—that the Lord redeems the lives of His humble servants. We too must serve Him willingly. And He will hear us in our distress, deliver us from evil, and bring us safely to His heavenly kingdom.

Scott Hanh

PRAYER AT HOME: The humble prayer of the tax collector makes a suitable prayer for you this week: **'God, be merciful to me, a sinner.'**

VOCATION VIEW: If you exalt yourself, what do you leave for God to give you? Rather, listen to God's voice. Doing His will is all you need to do.

RECENT DEATH: Luigi Zangari, Sally Tan Siew Mee, John Vivian,

ANNIVERSARY: Jane Sutton, Estercasio Ilagan, Devasagayam Lourdunathan and Maria Margarate, Lorenza Acciarito, Guillermo De Guzman

During the month of November, due to large numbers of names only the names of the recently departed will be placed in the Take Away Sheet and Prayers of the faithful.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, 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, William Harris, Annette Landicho Manicad Lapworth, Charlie (Carmel) Restall, Italo Tautunu, Alfredo Landicho Manicad

WEEKDAY LITURGY (27th TO 31st October 2025)

Mon: 9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tues: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
Sat: **6.30pm Healing Mass (see flyer on the side)**
All Saints' Day
 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (1st and 2nd October 2025)

All Soul's Day Mass

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11am and 5pm Mass

Healing Mass
 with Fr. Joby George VC
31 OCT 2025
 Friday

PRAISE & WORSHIP ROSARY
 6:30 – 7:00 PM

HOLY MASS
 7:00 – 8:00 PM

ADORATION
 8:00 – 8:30 PM

Fellowship follows after.
 Please bring a plate to share.

St. Andrew's Church, Werribee

ALL SAINTS' DAY
 holy day of obligation
&
ALL SOULS' DAY
2025

SATURDAY, 1st NOVEMBER at 9.00am **MASS FOR ALL SAINTS' DAY**
 at 6.00pm **VIGIL MASS FOR ALL SOULS' DAY**

SUNDAY, 2nd NOVEMBER at 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm
MASS FOR ALL SOULS' DAY

After the 11am Mass in the parish there will be a blessing of our Memorial Garden remembering all our loved ones.

PLEASE NOTE:
 We will have a special Mass in the Werribee Cemetery at 10.30am.
 We thank Tobin Brothers Funeral Director and the Werribee Cemetery Authorities for organizing the All Souls Day Mass in Werribee Cemetery.

Celebrating Wedding Anniversary

Every mass during the first weekend of the month we will have a special blessing for all the couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries for that month. Those who will be celebrating a special anniversary, 25, 30, 40, 50 years, please notify the Parish Office on 9741 4144 at least two weeks before that month.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 26th October to 3rd November 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 1 st / 2 nd Nov	Risa Ann Chandsan	Lillian Jilbert	Edna Silva	Titus Lizardo	Peter Cullen
MUSIC 1 st / 2 nd Nov	St. Faustina's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Sariling Tinig Choir	Ensemble of Faith Choir	King Jesus Praise and Worship Choir
Communio n Minister 1 st / 2 nd Nov	Rhea Fernandes Noelene Keogh Reuben Charles	Jude Disanayaka Anna Obieta Nimal Pandithakoralege	Rita Edemu Emmanuel Edemu Maria Malanyaon	Otilia Lesoa Katrina Gauci Dominic Thiep	Nadia Richards Maria Parba Sindhu Moreira
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 27 Oct: J. Hennessy Mon 3 Nov: S. Raphael		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 27 Oct: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 31 Oct: P. Palamara Mon 27 Oct: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 26 Oct: O. Lesoa Sun 2 Nov: C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 26 Oct: Priya Sun 2 Nov: S. Raphael		

St. Andrew's Parish warmly invites all families to celebrate...

ALL SAINTS DAY

Come dressed up as your FAVOURITE SAINT!

Saturday 1st November
Mass - 9:00am
St. Andrew's Church



Followed by Games and Fellowship
Please bring a plate to share
ALL WELCOME

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WERRIBEE

PARISH FAIR

FREE ENTRY

ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL GROUNDS
TO GREAVES ST NORTH WERRIBEE

SATURDAY NOVEMBER 22 2025 10:00AM TILL 5:00PM

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- RIDES LIVE MUSIC FOOD & DRINKS SINGING COMPETITION GAMES BAKE STALL RAFFLES FACE PAINTING MARKETS & MORE!

SINGSTAR COMPETITION
AGE GROUPS
8-12 YRS
13-17 YRS
18+ YRS

UNLIMITED RIDES PASS \$40
Includes unlimited rides
1 x Sausage, Drink & Donut

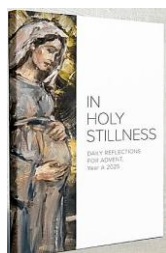
FOR MORE INFO CONTACT
PARISH OFFICE 9741 4144

REGISTER NOW!

RayWhite STELLA COLLEGE DOON HOMES St. Andrew's Church EVERYDAY SPARKY Le Pine for Events WYNDHAM City and Country 3POINT SERVICES

ADVENT REFLECTION

A 26-day reflection resource for Advent 2025



- Reflections written by Lisa McKerr, Chair of the Advisory Council for the Australian Catholic Bishops' Commission for Evangelisation, Laity and Ministry
- Designed for individual reflection and Advent small groups
- Sunday reflections include prompts for small group hosts

- Small group instructions to assist with preparation
- A small book that is easy to carry, and read, at home or in a small group context (21cm x 14.8cm)
Cost \$5 (+gst) with bulk discounts available. If you are interested, let the parish office know so we can order in bulk by 15 Nov 2025. Email werribee@cam.org.au or call 03 9741 4144 (Tue - Fri, 9AM - 4PM).



St. Andrews Parish Fair
Saturday, 22nd November 2025
12.00noon to 2.00pm
St. Andrew's Ground Primary School

Show your hidden talent and receive fabulous prizes.

Age Category: A) 8 – 12 years old
B) 13 – 17 years old
C) 18 + years old

Registration forms are available at the altar steps or scan the QR code. Submit completed form by Friday, 14th November at the Parish Office.



SCAN to Register online

STATUES REPAIRS AND REPAINTING

Thank you to all generous people who contributed to this project. St. Joseph statue has been taken for repair and repaint. This project will continue, and statue will be taken one by one.



LEGION OF MARY, St. Andrew's Parish – Werribee - Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium
You are invited to join us every TUESDAY at 6.30pm to 7.30pm in the Penola Hub. All welcome.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT - every 1st Sunday of the month after 5pm mass at St Andrew's Church. Come join us on **2 November 2025** for a **Night of Worship** — a time to lay aside our sorrows and worries, and rest in the presence of our God who is worthy of all praise.

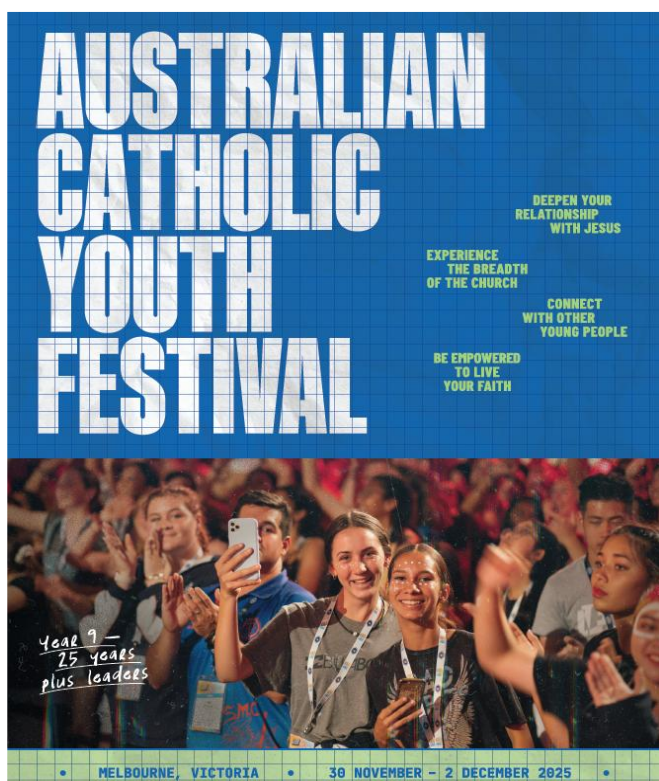
HOME BASED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM AT ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE

Parents of children attending *Non-Catholic Primary Schools* in the Werribee area who are interested in their child attending the Sacramental Program for 2026 are asked to leave their details at the Parish Office via email werribee@cam.org.au or call 9741 4144. The program is conducted for children in Grade 3 Pre-Sacrament, Grade 4 Reconciliation, Grade 5 Eucharist and Grade 6 Confirmation. Please note Enrolments close 20th December 2025. *Thank you. Benita, HBRE Coordinator.*

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF STUDENTS – RCIS

St Andrew's Parish will be conducting workshops for Secondary Students residing within the Parish of St. Andrew's and wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation in 2026. Please contact the Parish Office at St. Andrew's Parish on Ph. 9741 4144 or werribee@cam.org.au for more information and to leave your details. Enrolments close 20th December 2025. *Thank you - Benita*

THE BETHANY WAY INTRODUCTORY RETREAT – *'At the feet of Jesus: on retreat with Mary, Martha and Lazarus'* Saturday 8 November 2025, 12noon-4pm, Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne. All are invited to this free retreat opening anew key passages of Scripture relating to Jesus' relationship with the family at Bethany. Discover Bethany, and your relationship with Jesus Christ, with reflective talks and plenty of time for personal prayer. The retreat will introduce you to The Bethany Way, a new immersive formation offering in 2026. Learn more and register:
<https://melbournecatholic.org/bethanyway>



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

1st Wednesday at 10.30am

Baptcare Wyndham Lodge Community

1st Thursday at 11.00am

Uniting AgeWell Manor Lakes Community

2nd Wednesday 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

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.

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