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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

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR C, 1ST / 2ND 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: Sirach 27:4-7

When a sieve is shaken, the husks appear; so do one's faults when one speaks. As the test of what the potter moulds is in the furnace, so in tribulation is the test of the just. The fruit of a tree shows the care it has had; so too does one's speech disclose the bent of one's mind. Praise no one before he speaks, for it is then that people are tested.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 92:2-3,13-14,15-16

Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the LORD, to sing praise to your name, Most High, to proclaim your kindness at dawn and your faithfulness throughout the night.

The just one shall flourish like the palm tree, like a cedar of Lebanon shall he grow. They that are planted in the house of the LORD shall flourish in the courts of our God.

They shall bear fruit even in old age; vigorous and sturdy shall they be, declaring how just is the LORD, my rock, in whom there is no wrong.

Response: Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

Brothers and sisters: When this which is corruptible clothes itself with incorruptibility and this which is mortal clothes itself with immortality, then the word that is written shall come about: Death is swallowed up in victory. Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers and sisters, be firm, steadfast, always fully devoted to the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. Shine like lights in the world as you hold on to the word of life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:39-45

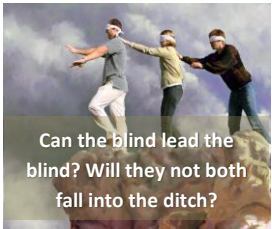
Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.



TAP TO DONATE - At the request of many parishioners and at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, we have installed a tapping receiver for those who wish to contribute to the parish but don't carry 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.

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



GOSPEL REFLECTION: *Disciples or Mask-Wearers?* In ancient Greece actors wore masks which concealed the face. One may say they were 'two-faced'. They were called 'Hypocrites', and we derive our word and the idea of 'hypocrite' from that. As did Jesus. He could always see through the veneer which people (such as you and I) present to the outside world, and his gaze would (and still can) penetrate through to the heart – the core of the personality. For us, judging the heart of someone is fraught with risk. As Jesus humorously put it, how readily we see the smallest splinter of sawdust in someone else's eye, and in super-critical mode fail to see the plank of wood which impairs and distorts *our* vision. We should not rush to judgment. The fact is that only the gaze of God can really penetrate to the heart of someone. We know that the gaze of Jesus, Who is God, is always a loving gaze visualising a heart open to salvation. (Mk 10:17-22) This is one of the reasons why recent Popes have opposed capital punishment. Time must be given for the heart of the convicted criminal to respond to that loving gaze. And it leaves the Final Judgment, even of the murderer, to God. Listen to the dying moments of Our Lord. His loving gaze penetrated beyond the masks and actions of his tormentors and focused on their hearts. Then he cried out this plea: 'Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.' We are all conscious of the times we have fallen short of the practice and teaching of our Master despite our praying: 'Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.' We could pause for a moment to pray that The Teacher's loving gaze fall upon us to make us whole-hearted disciples willing 'to be formed by divine teaching'. **Fr Michael Tate**

PRAYER AT HOME: You could use today's communion antiphon as your prayer this week: I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful to me, sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus leads where we need to go. Do not close your eyes, your ears or your heart to Jesus plan for your life. (Luke 6:39-45)

RECENT DEATH: Stanislava Ida Smith, Brendan John Thompson

ANNIVERSARY: Sharon Mills, Mario Sammartino, Sebastiano Sammartino, Susana De Castro,

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Edith and Alwin Salagubang, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Kelly Jennings, Crispin De Silva

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 (3rd to 8th March 2025)

- Mon:** 9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- Tues:** 9.00am Mass
- Wed: Ash Wednesday**
9.00am Mass
7.30pm Mass
- Thurs:** 9.00am Mass
- Fri:** 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Station of the Cross, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction at 9.00pm
- Sat:** 9.00am Mass followed by confession

WEEKEND MASSES (8th and 9th March 2025)

- Sat:** 6.00pm Vigil Mass
- Sun:** 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5pm Mass
2.00pm Mass – Burmese Community Mass

MASS AT THE HOSPITAL AND 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 Tuesday 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

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=bDZuUEJpVWVp6bUFVMkJK6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672 Password: 9rGLKz

Let us continue to pray together for each other.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our parish has partnered with Reclink Australia for their Sports Share program. Volunteers will assist in organizing sports equipment donations on Fridays between 9:30am to 1:00pm at 35 Gerves Drive, Werribee VIC 3030.

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

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

Friday, 9th MAY 2025, 7.30pm AT PENOLA HUB

We are asking all Parish Groups to submit a report on last year's activities (one A4 page as a guideline) to be included in the AGM Booklet, as part of Parish accountability to one another. To enable the Parish Office staff to collate the reports and produce the booklet, **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR GROUP'S REPORT NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, 4th March 2025**. Please email your report, if possible, to werribee@cam.org.au or drop it into the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 2nd to 10th March 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 8 th / 9 th Mar.	Martina Nettis	Darren Giese	Ana Balanza	Katrina Gauci	Andrew Canet
MUSIC 8 th / 9 th Mar.	Philu and Co.	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	Padre Pio Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Andrew's Children Choir
Communion Minister 8 th / 9 th Mar.	Noelene Keogh Kristine Ventura Philomen Fernandes	Red Dubier Lillian Jilbert	Rita Edemu Stella Onos Charles Mei	Grace Iaria Ana Balanza Dennis Vanspall	Judy Anderson Genni Douglas Katherine Canet
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 3 Mar: J. Hennessy Mon 10 Feb: Mass		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 3 Mar: Z. Prasad Fri 7 Mar: P. Palamara Mon 3 Mar: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 2 Mar: M. Galea Sun 9 Mar: C. Demate		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 2 Mar: S. Raphael Sun 9 Mar: S. Raphael		



COME & SEE
Everyone is welcome regardless of race, religion, or culture.

everyone has questions

Wednesdays, 7:00PM
from 05 March 2025
Venue: 33 Mortimer St, Werribee

Alpha is a safe-space where you can ask any question.
Alpha can help individuals explore topics about life, death, faith, and many more.

here's a seat for you at the table

Sessions are FREE with light dinner.

Let's explore ALPHA together



Scan & register now, or send an email to: Alpha.StAndrews.Parish@gmail.com

QR Code now fully accessible !!!



START ANEW IN CHRIST

LENTEN REFLECTION

Everyone is invited to a free Lenten Reflection every Thursday between 12nn to 1pm at Penola Hub starting 6 March – 10 April 2025. This will be facilitated by our Pastoral Worker.

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT YEAR C 2025

The Wyndham Vale Catholic Community
(incorporating Manor Lakes, Bluestone, Harpley, Jubilee, Mambourin)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:30 PM | 21 MARCH 2025
2-20 HOWQUA WAY MANOR LAKES, VIC 3024

Our Lady of the Southern Cross Primary School

Everyone is welcome to join us!

MINISTER OF THE WORD AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST

Here at St Andrew's parish "in-house" training is conducted to allow parish members to more actively participate in the Mass as Minister of the Word and as Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. The next training sessions are Tuesday 25 March at 7:30pm or Saturday 29 March at 10:30 am. Training is conducted within the church of St Andrew's to familiarize participants with parts of the church, the P.A. system, etc in a supportive environment with like-minded individuals before exposure to a weekend Mass audience. All current ministers are encouraged to participate to keep their skills up to date and to mentor newer ministers. For further detail please contact Peter on 0397426258.

ELSHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - is 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.

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

2025 JUBILEE - PILGRIMS OF HOPE - Bookings are open for the Archdiocese of Melbourne's Jubilee of Youth Pilgrimage 2025. This pilgrimage is open to Catholics aged between 18 and 30 years. Harvest Journeys is the pilgrimage provider, and Fr Jude Johnson will accompany the pilgrims as their chaplain. This graced and hope-filled journey will take in the towns and cities of Italy, the homes of great saints like St Francis and St Clare—and soon-to-be canonized -saints Carlo Acutis and Pier Giorgio Frassati—before culminating in a visit to the Eternal City of Rome, where we will walk through the Holy Doors of St Peter's Basilica and participate in the Jubilee celebrations. Embark on an incredible pilgrimage to encounter God and deepen your faith with fellow pilgrims. Registrations for this pilgrimage will close on Friday 11 April 2025. **Book now and be a pilgrim of hope!**

Saint Joseph Men's Dinner

In honour of the Solemnity of St Joseph, you are invited to join men from around Melbourne for Holy Mass, fraternity and a meal.

WHO Men aged 18+ (young men aged 15-17 may attend with their fathers).
Dress Code: Semi-Formal

WHEN Wednesday 19th March 2025
• 6.30pm - Holy Mass of the Solemnity
• 7.30pm - Dinner (at menu prices)

WHERE St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
• 28 College Street, Caroline Springs VIC 3023
Dinner Location: WestWaters
• 10/20 Lake Street, Caroline Springs VIC 3023

RSVP Please RSVP by Wednesday 12th March

Dinner Speaker:
Fr James Baptist

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

Thursday 6 March 2025 6.30pm to 7.30 pm at St Mary Star of the Sea, 33 Howard St, West Melbourne VIC 3003 for more information, mail udisciple@cam.org.au or call 9926 5677.

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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