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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

PARISH TEAMS

Clergy

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP
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Rev. Deacon William Daw

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Benita Dahanayake

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Fr. Stephen Kumyangi

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PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary

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Principal:

Michael Gavaghan

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Southern Cross Primary

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Principal: Simon Dundon

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Regional College –

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Principal: Chris Caldwell

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Regional College -

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Principal: Rose Connolly.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT YEAR C

7TH / 8TH DECEMBER 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: Bar 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING: Phil 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert... **(to be continued)**

GOSPEL (continued)

John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL REFLECTION

The 2nd Sunday of Advent invites us to **prepare our hearts for Jesus**. In the Gospel, John the Baptist urges us to make our paths straight, which means **removing anything that stands between us and God**. We all face different challenges—such as pride or comfort—which can hinder our spiritual journey. This Advent, we are called to address these obstacles and **make room for the Lord**. John the Baptist's message was compelling because people were overwhelmed by the difficulties of their time. **He offered them hope** by announcing that change was coming and they needed to be ready. This preparation wasn't passive; it required active effort. John's call to baptism was a call to leave behind old habits and prepare for something new. **It was about transforming their hearts and lives to welcome Jesus.**

RECENT DEATH: Patricia Myers-Lowe, Aldo Dinatale, Alirio Roemio Rangel (Portugal), Pompeo Brunetti, David Xuerb
ANNIVERSARIES: Helena & Mate Matesin, Julijana (Pronon Yuliyana) Baloe, Saviour Galea.

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Michael Edwards, Dr. Bong Lu, Nini Lu, Rosita Dizon, Alexander, Felipe and Anne, Tenorio and Franco Masalit, Paul Long Thanh Nguyen, Anna Liên Phung Huynh, Julie Horkings, Kelly Jennings, Anthony Zahra, Alwin and Edith Salagubang, Rohan Fernando, Mary Cathnese Diciembre.

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 werribee@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.**

WEEKDAY LITURGY (09th Dec to 15th Dec 2024)

Mon: 9.00am **and** 7.00pm **Solemnity of The IMMACULATE CONCEPTION**

Tues: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 9.00am Mass

Thurs: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass

Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (14th / 15th December 2024)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

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

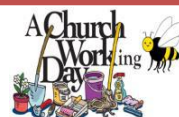
St. Vincent's Aged Care

1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Friday at 2.00pm



Christmas Sports Equipment Drive to Support Disadvantaged Australians

St. Andrew's Parish has partnered with the Reclink Aus Sports Share initiative. We welcome donations such as footballs boots, runners, soccer balls, rackets of all forms, bikes, and any forms of sport equipment. **Contact Peter Cullen AM for more details on 0421 442 340 or visit reclink.org. (pls see flyer)**



CHURCH WORKING BEE

will be held in the Church on **Saturday, 21st December 2024** from 9.30am to 1pm to prepare our Church and Church grounds for Christmas Celebrations. We invite all to come. This is our church. Let us prepare it for our Lord's Birthday. **More hands make work lighter and easy to accomplish!**

King Jesus Worship Ministry – As we prepare for the Birth of our Saviour, we invite everyone to join our new King Jesus praise & worship ministry at St. Andrew Church on Saturday 14 Dec 2024 following the 6pm vigil Mass. We look forward to seeing you there. God bless. For details, please **contact Sherine 0417 731 848.**

SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP AFTER 11AM MASS – Come and meet new and regular parishioners, this Sunday, 8th December 2024. Tea, coffee, cake, biscuits and cookies will be served. Please come and join us in this friendly gathering. You are most welcome to bring a plate to share. Everyone is welcome. See you all there!!!
(Weather Permitting)


St Andrew's Nativity Play and Carols Night



You are warmly invited to the **St Andrew's Nativity Play and CAROLS**

Saturday 21st December
7pm - St Andrew's Church
followed by FELLOWSHIP

For more information contact
Susanne - 0438 372 952



MONDAY 09 DECEMBER 2024

SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE

We invite all to join us for **Mass:**
9am or 7pm

St Andrew's Youth Group

St Andrew's Youth Group is a place to have fun while growing in your relationship with Our Lord Jesus Christ.

SESSIONS INCLUDE:

- Group Prayer
- Fun Games and Activities
- Interesting Talks and Presentations on the Catholic Faith
- Praise and Worship with the Youth Band
- A Free & Delicious Dinner!

Please contact the parish office for more information:
Phone: (03) 9741 4144 or
Email: werribee@cam.org.au

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 08th To 16th December 2024

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 14 th / 15 th Dec	Nicola Fernando	Peter Walters	Titus Lizardo	Dominic Thiep	Katherine Canet
MUSIC 14 th / 15 th Dec	Philu & Co.	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	St. Andrew Choir	Joseph the Dreamer Choir	Youth Group
Communion Minister 14 th / 15 th Dec	Noelene Keogh Desiree Galea	Anna Obieta Alfred Obieta Kevin McGuane	Jen Climie Titus Lizardo Anson John	Katrina Gauci Otilia Lesoa Graeme Robers	Sindhu Moreira Stephen Hart
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 09 Dec: Mon 16 Dec:	Immaculate Conception Solemnity John Hennessy	
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 09 Dec: Fri 13 Dec: Mon 09 Dec:	Z. Prasad P. Palamara Volunteer	
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 08 Dec: Sun 15 Dec:	O. Lesoa C. Ilagan	
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 08 Dec : Sun 15 Dec:	Vir Manansala Sherine	

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Community Christmas Carols

Join us weekday evenings 6pm to 8:30pm from Monday 25th Nov. to Thursday 5th Dec., we travel from house to house bringing the true meaning of Christmas to our parish families

If you are interested in spreading JOY TO THE WORLD and singing Christmas Carols, join the CHRISTMAS CAROLLING team.

If you want us to do caroling in your house. Please contact Powlin 0408 524 293



Induction Session

Safeguarding Unit

A recording of our Parish Safeguarding Induction held last 01 December 2024 has now been uploaded in our YouTube page and website. We encourage those who were not able to attend physically to watch this video in their own time. Thank you.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_8FaVx4Sml

<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/articles/a190I00000gpKfIAI/parish-safeguarding-induction-2024>

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 2025 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 2024.
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 2025.

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 2024.
Thank you - Benita


RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO : ricorda che il nostro gruppo di preghiera si conclude Mercoledì 11 Dicembre 2024 con la santa messa. Auguriamo a tutti un santo natale e felice anno nuovo. Il gruppo di preghiera riapre Mercoledì 12 Febbraio 2025 dalle ore 10.00am alle 12.00pm nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Siete tutti benvenuti.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) will be held on March in the 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 February 2025.** Please email your report if possible to werribee@cam.org.au or drop it into the Parish Office. We are hoping to see at least two representatives of your group attending the AGM. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. Exact date and time of the AGM will be confirmed later date.

REMINDER: Friday 20th December 2024 at 7.00pm Parish Reconciliation. Please take this opportunity to make your reconciliation than waiting till the last moment and priest might not be available.

FOR THE ACTIVITIES IN THE PARISH AND THE NEIGHBOURING PARISHES, PLEASE SEE FLYERS ON THE NOTICE BOARD.

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.