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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
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Werribee North,
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 1ST AND 2ND AUGUST 2026

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 prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 55:1-3)*

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 144:8-9. 15-18*

Response: *The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time. You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts.

Response: *The hand of the Lord feeds us: he answers all our needs.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:35. 37-39)*

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us. For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 14:13-21)*

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore, he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick. When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered, 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me,' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves he handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining, twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

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: In Jesus and the Church, Isaiah's promises in today's First Reading are fulfilled. All who are thirsty come to the living waters of Baptism (see John 4:14). The hungry delight in rich fare given bread to eat and wine to drink at the Eucharistic table. This is the point, too, of today's Gospel. The story of Jesus' feeding of the 5,000 brims with allusions to the Old Testament. Jesus is portrayed as a David-like shepherd who leads His flock to lie down on green grass as He spreads the table of the Messiah's banquet before them (see Psalm 23). Jesus is shown as a new Moses, who likewise feeds vast crowds in a deserted place. Finally, Jesus is shown doing what the prophet Elisha did satisfying the hunger of the crowd with a few loaves and having some left over (see 2 Kings 4:42 –44). Matthew also wants us to see the feeding of the 5,000 as a sign of the Eucharist. Notice that Jesus performs the same actions in the same sequence as at the Last Supper He takes bread, says a blessing, breaks it, and gives it (see Matthew 26:26). Jesus instructed His Apostles to celebrate the Eucharist in memory of Him

And the ministry of the Twelve is subtly stressed in today's account. Before He performs the miracle, Jesus instructs the Twelve to give the crowd "some food yourselves." Indeed, the Apostles themselves distribute the bread blessed by Jesus (see Matthew 15:36). And the leftovers are enough to fill precisely 12 baskets corresponding to each of the Apostles, the pillars of the Church (see Galatians 2:9; Revelation 21:14). In the Church, as we sing in today's Psalm, God gives us food in due season, opens His hands and satisfies the desires of every living thing. Now, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Repeat this phrase often this week, *'The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, call on him from their hearts.'*

VOCATION VIEW: If some people did not hoard the riches of this world, all people would have enough to eat and drink. Too many people starve to death every day. Who will speak loudly of justice today?

RECENT DEATH: Edna Domingo, Vita Buccheri

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Marcelino Cataquian, Estercasio Ilagan Sr., Domingos Carceres de Carvalho, Sebastian Accardi, Bakina Hikolo Herve

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, John Hassett, Julie Horkings, Anna, Lynne Worsley, Rafael, Janet, Vlad, Mark, Sweetey and Gail D'Monte, Leanne Bell, Antonio Tejero

To add or renew names for the Prayer for the Sick, please complete a Mass offering envelope and return it to the parish office. Envelopes are available in the church brochure racks or at the parish office. Names will be kept on the list for two months.

REMINDER: Parishioners are asked to note that requests for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries, and similar intentions to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful must clearly indicate the date and time of the Mass you will be attending for the name to be mentioned. All requests must be received at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday afternoon, and Mass offering envelopes should be addressed to Administration. Envelopes are available in the church brochure racks or at the parish office

WEEKDAY LITURGY (3rd to 8th August 2026)

Mon: 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy
Tues: 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Novena to St. Anthony at Penola Hub
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: **First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus**
 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Rosary, Mass, Exposition and Benediction
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (8th and 9th August 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm - Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am Mass
 5.00pm - Mass followed by Praise and Worship
 2.00pm Burmese Community Mass

Please offer your special prayers for all the students from our Catholic schools and programs who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation next week, on Saturday, 8th August 2026, St. Andrews Primary School, Corpus Christi Primary School, Bethany Primary School, Our Lady of Southern Cross Primary School, St. John the Apostle Primary School, St. Joseph Primary School and Home Based Religious Education (HBRE) and Rite of Christian Initiation for Students (RCIS). Thank you to all Teachers and Catechists who have dedicated their time, faith, and effort to help prepare these young people for this important step in their faith journey. May the Holy Spirit guide and bless them always.

THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN will commence next weekend. We invite you to reflect on what a vibrant faith community means for you and your family and to consider making a personal, recurring monthly gift in support of the vital ministries that serve our Archdiocese. Further information will be shared in the coming weeks; in the meantime, We encourage you to begin prayerfully discerning your support. Thank you.



IS SYNODALITY SLOW? - Synodality may seem slower than top-down decision-making, but it often leads to deeper, more lasting renewal. What is discerned together is more likely to be embraced together.



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.

SHAPE THE FUTURE: BE COUNTED AS CATHOLIC THIS CENSUS - Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 2nd to 10th August 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 8 th / 9 th Aug.	Desiree Galea Ann Jennings	Pranjali Fernandez Anna Obieta	Rita Edemu Stella Onos	Eric Demate Natasha Krishnakumar	Angelo Moreira Andrew Canet
MUSIC 8 th / 9 th Aug.	St. Carlo's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Padre Pio's Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Andrew's Youth Choir
Communion Minister 8 th / 9 th Aug.	Wilson Monteiro Aroon Sequeira Anne- Marie Palmer	Pranjali Fernandez David Cox Peter Walters	Maria Malanyaon Sherine Raphael	Titus Lizardo Otilia Lesoa Katrina Gauci	Stephen Hart Nadia Richards Maria Parba
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)	This week: Next week:		Mon 3 Aug: Mon 10 Aug:	M. H. Chong S. Raphael	
CLEANER	Cleaning: Vacuuming:		Mon 3 Aug: Fri 7 Aug: Mon 3 Aug:	M. Tong, N. Chol A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Volunteer	
ALTAR CLOTH	This week: Next week:		Sun 2 Aug: Sun 9 Aug:	M. Galea C. Demate	
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This week: Next week:		Sun 2 Aug: Sun 9 Aug:	C. Ilagan C. Ilagan	

St. Andrew Sculpture

We are asking financial support for the preservation St. Andrew's statue.

Current:



Recovering, renovating and installing the statue of St. Andrew's as at present which cost us \$19,850.

Proposed:



Many parishioners have suggested to have the installation as in the photo above elevating the statue and safeguarding it. We have yet to know the cost for this project.

NEW ENVELOPES FROM AUGUST 2026 TO JANUARY 2027

New sets of Thanksgiving envelopes in street alphabetical order are available for collection after all masses in front of the Altar steps. It would help greatly if you could deliver some in your area. Thank you!

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 1ST & 2ND AUGUST 2026

A heartfelt thank you to the St Andrew's community from the Werribee Conference Home Visiting Team for your wonderful generosity in supporting this year's St Vinnies Winter Appeal. Through your kindness and compassion, **\$2,255.35** was raised to support people doing it tough this winter. Your generosity brings hope and assistance to those who need it in our community.

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP INVITES YOU TO DELVE DEEPER INTO YOUR FAITH.

HOLY FACE OF JESUS by Sindhy Ladegourdie on Tuesday 4 August 2026 - The Holy Face devotion is a Catholic act of reparation to Jesus Christ, primarily for sins against the first three commandments: blasphemy, profanation of Sundays, and denial of God.

OUR LADY OF KIBEHO by Marie Helene Chong on Tuesday 11 August 2026 - Mary appeared to three school children from 1981 to 1989 in Kibeho, Rwanda (Africa) with the following messages: "I am the Mother of the Word.", "Repent! Repent! Repent!", "Covert while there is still time." Our Lady of Kibeho is the first and only Vatican approved Marian apparitions in Kibeho, Rwanda, on the continent of Africa. Venue: Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee Time: 1pm to 2.30pm, followed by fellowship. Enquiries: Susanne Sweeny, 0438 372 952



A STRUCTURED COURSE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING

'Confidence Building: Be Heard and Understood with Clarity and Interest.' A ten Week Program starting on 12th of August and finishing on 21st October 2026 every Wednesday from 7.30pm till 9.00pm in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street Werribee. A program organized by **Knights of the Southern Cross**. Register your interest by messaging Duncan Rao on 0414 947 567 or via email to davincent63@gmail.com Please see flyer on notice board.

VISIT OUR PIETY STALL

Organised by
Wyndham Vale Catholic Community

Supporting our
New Church Building Project

**ST ANDREW'S PARISH
PRIMARY SCHOOLS
CONFIRMATION DAY**
SATURDAY 8 AUGUST 2026
12:30 PM to 5:30 PM

LOCATION
MacKillop College
Tenison-Woods Centre

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**SATURDAY
Aug 29 2026**

**TIME
6:30 PM
ONWARDS**

LOCATION

ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
CNR OF STAWELL ST & GREAVES ST NTH WERRIBEE

**\$50 ADULT
\$25 CHILD (5-12)
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WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST - Parents, Youth and Young Adults! World Youth Day 2027 Seoul is only 1 year away! It is open to youth aged 16 years and above. FIND OUT MORE ABOUT WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 at our next Youth Group! PARENTS, YOUTH AND YOUNG ADULTS are invited to this INFORMATION MEETING SUNDAY 9th AUGUST PENOLA HUB 6PM - 8:30PM Dinner Provided.

TO REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE, CLICK HERE Come along and hear TESTIMONIES from our Young Adults who attended WYD in 2023. For more information contact Susanne 0438 372 952

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.

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