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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
Incorporating the Communities of
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Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

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TWENTY FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 22ND AND 23RD 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 22:19-23)

Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father's house.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 137:1-3. 6. 8

Response: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple.

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul.

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands.

Response: Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 11:33-36)

How rich are the depths of God how deep his wisdom and knowledge and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 16:13-20)

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.

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: “Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!” Paul exclaims in today’s Epistle. Today’s Psalm, too, takes up the triumphant note of joy and thanksgiving. Why? Because in the Gospel, the heavenly Father reveals the mystery of His kingdom to Peter. With Peter, we rejoice that Jesus is the anointed Son promised to David, the one prophesied to build God’s temple and reign over an everlasting kingdom (see 2 Samuel 7). What Jesus calls “my Church” is the kingdom promised to David’s son (see Isaiah 9:1–7). As we hear in today’s First Reading, Isaiah foretold that the keys to David’s kingdom would be given to a new master, who would rule as father to God’s people.

Jesus, the root and offspring of David, alone holds the kingdom’s keys (see Revelation 1:18; 3:7; 22:16). In giving those keys to Peter, Jesus fulfills that prophecy, establishing Peter and all who succeed him as holy father of His Church. His Church, too, is the new house of God, the spiritual temple founded on the “rock” of Peter and built up out of the living stones of individual believers (see 1 Peter 2:5). Abraham was called “the rock” from which the children of Israel were hewn (see Isaiah 51:1–2). And Peter becomes the rock from which God raises up new children of God (see Matthew 3:9). The word Jesus uses “church” (*ekklesia* in Greek) was used in the Greek translation of the Old Testament for the “assembly” of God’s children after the Exodus (see Deuteronomy 18:16; 31:30). His Church is the “assembly of the firstborn” (see Hebrews 12:23; Exodus 4:23–24), established by Jesus’ exodus (see Luke 9:31). Like the Israelites, we are baptized in water, led by the Rock, and fed with spiritual food (see 1 Corinthians 10:1–5). Gathered at His altar, in the presence of angels, we sing His praise and give thanks to His holy name. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Repeat this often this week, ***‘You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.’***

VOCATION VIEW: Many of us fear people in authority, as authority can be used rightly or wrongly. As Christians, we are called to see power as service. We shall all be judged on love.

RECENT DEATH: Romeo Sonda, Geoffrey Thomas Brown, Dino Michelin

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: John and Kathleen O’Mahoney, Tullia Ballan, Nina Cox, Angelo Fabris, Thelma Fernandes, Bitaya Hikolo Joseph

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, John Hassett, Julie Horkings, Anna, Lynne Worsley, Rafael, Janet, Vlad, Mark, Sweety and Gail D’Monte, Leanne Bell, Antonio Tejero, Mary Therese Donaghy, Rustico Socorrin, Bitaya Hikolo Joseph

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 (24th and 29th 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: 9.00am Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (29th and 30th August 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Mass

THE 2026 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

This is a final reminder to complete your pledge to the 2026 Archbishop's Campaign and to play your part in supporting the vital ministries that serve our faith community across the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The campaign invites all the faithful to support the formation of seminarians, the care of our retired priests, and the important charitable and evangelisation works of the Archdiocese. Further details, along with information on how to make a gift, can be found in the brochures available in the pews and foyer today. While recognising the challenges many may be facing, I encourage you to consider giving generously in whatever way you are able.

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WHY THE CHURCH IS EMBRACING SYNODALITY NOW

The call to synodality is a response to the signs of the times. In a fragmented world, God calls the Church to witness communion, dialogue, and hope.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE PARISH, PLEASE SEE FLYERS ON THE NOTICE BOARD.

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE - The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting: **Tuesday, 22 September 2026 beginning 19:00 – 20:00 Location: via ZOOM.** Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 23rd to 31st August 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 29 th / 30 th Aug.	Anne-Marie Palmer Gerry Ilagan	Gloria Udorly Laura Chamberlain	Angelo Bautista Rose Chu	Titus Lizardo	Stephen Hart Nadia Richards
MUSIC 29 th / 30 th Aug.	St. Philomena	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Light of Jesus Choir	St. Andrew's Children Choir
Communion Minister 29 th / 30 th Aug.	Rhea Fernandes Reuben Charles	Anna Obieta Alfred Obieta Jude Disanayajke	Stella Onos	Grace Iaria Dennis Vanspall Sheridan Fevaleaki	Sindhu Moreira Genni Douglas Katherine Canet
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)	This week: Next week:		Mon 24 Aug: C. Ilagan Mon 31 Aug: M. H. Chong		
CLEANER	Cleaning: Vacuuming:		Mon 24 Aug: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 28 Aug: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 24 Aug: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH	This week: Next week:		Sun 23 Aug: M. Galea Sun 30 Aug: C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This week: Next week:		Sun 23 Aug: S. Raphael Sun 30 Aug: S. Raphael		

REMINDER: A night of music, dance, great food, and wonderful people create the perfect happy evening



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE

DINNER DANCE

Music • Delicious Food • Dancing



LIVE BAND TRIOS

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)
UNDER 5 FREE (NO SEAT)

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A STRUCTURED COURSE IN PUBLIC SPEAKING

'CONFIDENCE BUILDING: BE HEARD AND UNDERSTOOD WITH CLARITY AND INTEREST'

COURSE DETAILS

-  DURATION: 10-WEEK PROGRAM
-  STARTS: 19TH OF AUGUST
-  DAY: EVERY WEDNESDAY
-  TIME: 7.00PM TILL 8.30PM
-  LOCATION: PENOLA HUB, 33 MORTIMER STREET, WERRIBEE

PROGRAM NOTES

- ★ ALL AGES WELCOME
- \$ ONLY \$30.00 FOR THE ENTIRE PROGRAM

REGISTRATION

REGISTER YOUR INTEREST BY MESSAGING DUNCAN RAO



SCAN TO REGISTER

OR CONTACT:
[0414 947 567]
[DAVINCENT63@GMAIL.COM]



THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS

2027 WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA



If you want to come to WYD next year, come along to our first catch-up meeting! This is a chance to get to know other pilgrims attending and chat more about fundraising! **Parents are required to attend with their 16 and 17 year olds.** (WYD is open to youth 16 - 35 years.)

Youth aged 16 years before August 2027 as welcome to attend.) Sunday 30th AUGUST, 6:00PM - 7:30PM, PENOLA HUB, 33 Mortimer Street Werribee. Please RSVP to Susanne 0438 372 952.

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 about elevating the statue and safeguarding it. Cost for this project will be \$10,000

REPAIRS AND REPAINTING OF OUR SACRED STATUES



Dear Brothers and Sister. We continue our work of repairing, renovating and repainting our sacred statues. You can see in these pictures the statue of the Sacred Heart outside and our Lady's statue inside been done beautifully. We thank the parishioners who have donated towards this work and welcome others who would like to contribute.

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We meet every Tuesday at 1pm - 2:30pm in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer St. Werribee to praise and worship the Lord, share scripture and pray to the Holy Spirit for our needs and the needs of others. We conclude with weekly fellowship. All are welcome! Susanne - 0438 372 952

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO

ricorda che il nostro gruppo di preghiera continua ogni Mercoledì dalle ore 10am alle 12.00pm nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Tutti benvenuti.

PEONIES CRAFT GROUP - It is a friendly group, which meets every Thursday at 10.00am until mid-day at the Penola Hub. We meet for companionship, having a cup of tea or coffee together and sewing, knitting, crochet or whatever craft each person likes to do. Sometimes we just come along to meet with our friends. We welcome all ages

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 Wednesday at 11.00am

Werribee Mercy Hospital

2nd Thursday at 2.30pm

Mercy Place Wyndham

3rd Tuesday at 11.00am

Acare Werribee

3rd Wednesday 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

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

LA SACRA FAMIGLIA - si riunirà 28/08 7.00pm. unisciti a noi per risvegliare lo Spirito della Comunità italiana Penola Hun 33 Mortimer Street Werribee

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.

f 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.

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