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## ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Incorporating the Communities of  
Werribee Central, Wyndham Vale, Werribee South,  
Werribee North,  
Tarnet West, Upper Point Cook  
and Little River

### PARISH TEAMS

#### Pastoral Team:

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**St. Andrew's Primary School** – Ph. 9741 3686  
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## TWENTYSECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B 31<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST / 1<sup>ST</sup> SEPTEMBER 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: Deuteronomy 4:1-2,6-8**

Moses said to the people: "Now, Israel, hear the statutes and decrees which I am teaching you to observe, that you may live, and may enter in and take possession of the land which the LORD, the God of your fathers, is giving you. In your observance of the commandments of the LORD, your God, which I enjoin upon you, you shall not add to what I command you nor subtract from it. Observe them carefully, for thus will you give evidence of your wisdom and intelligence to the nations, who will hear of all these statutes and say, 'This great nation is truly a wise and intelligent people.' For what great nation is there that has gods so close to it as the LORD, our God, is to us whenever we call upon him? Or what great nation has statutes and decrees that are as just as this whole law which I am setting before you today?"

### **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 15:2-3,3-4,4-5**

**Response: The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

Whoever walks blamelessly and does justice; who thinks the truth in his heart and slanders not with his tongue.

Who harms not his fellow man, nor takes up a reproach against his neighbour; by whom the reprobate is despised, while he honors those who fear the LORD.

Who lends not his money at usury and accepts no bribe against the innocent. Whoever does these things shall never be disturbed.

**Response: The one who does justice will live in the presence of the Lord.**

### **SECOND READING: James 1:17-18,21-22,27**

Dearest brothers and sisters: All good giving and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no alteration or shadow caused by change. He willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Humbly welcome the word that has been planted in you and is able to save your souls. Be doers of the word and not hearers only, deluding yourselves. Religion that is pure and undefiled before God and the Father is this: to care for orphans and widows in their affliction and to keep oneself unstained by the world. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

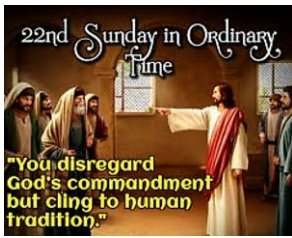
### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, Alleluia. The Father willed to give us birth by the word of truth that we may be a kind of firstfruits of his creatures. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8,14-15,21-23**

When the Pharisees with some scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, they observed that some of his disciples ate their meals with unclean, that is, unwashed, hands. For the Pharisees and, in fact, all Jews, do not eat without carefully washing their hands, keeping the tradition of the elders. And on coming from the marketplace they do not eat without purifying themselves. And there are many other things that they have traditionally observed, the purification of cups and jugs and kettles and beds. So the Pharisees and scribes questioned him, "Why do your disciples not follow the tradition of the elders but instead eat a meal with unclean hands?" He responded, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written: This people honours me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me; in vain do they worship me, teaching as doctrines human precepts. You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition." He summoned the crowd again and said to them, "Hear me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that enters one from outside can defile that person; but the things that come out from within are what defile. "From within people, from their hearts, come evil thoughts, unchastity, theft, murder, adultery, greed, malice, deceit, licentiousness, envy, blasphemy, arrogance, folly. All these evils come from within and they defile." **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**

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**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** The overarching theme of the readings for this Sunday is 'words spoken in truth'. On one level, the laws are the words of the covenant. They are part of the contract that was drawn up between God and the people. They are words of truth, because they are the reliable revelation of God and because they genuinely reflect righteous living. The biblical covenant laws are truly humane. Obedience to the words of the covenant leads to life and blessings, while disobedience results in the opposite. Our religious customs always carry some profound religious meaning, but we may not know or care what it is – and yet we perform them. Do people know or care why we stand or sit or kneel during liturgy? Do people have a 'church' wedding because it is a religious event, or because 'that's the way we have always done it'? Religious practices do not always flow from a deep religious conviction. But once we realise our need for God, these practices become genuine expressions of religious sentiment. When the word of God has taken root in us, everything becomes a religious practice. This word can come to us through the teachings of our faith, through the example of good people around us, through the wonder and mystery of creation. When it does take hold of us, our inner eye is opened, our hearts are softened, and we turn instinctively to God like a flower turns to the sun. When we are brought to birth in this way, covenant law becomes sacred, religious practices are cherished, and we are filled with the power that saves. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

**PRAYER AT HOME:** Use today's entrance antiphon for your prayer this week: **Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I call to you all the day long.**

**VOCATION VIEW:** Thank God our struggles of faith can be ultimately overcome through prayer, perseverance and love. 'Do what the word tells you.' Be doers of the word.

**RECENT DEATH:** Salvatore Oliva, Emerito Reboles

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Jasna and Zvonko Bartulovic, Giuseppe Palmieri

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** Nimal Pandithakoralege, Ryan Fitzgerald, Michael Edwards, Dr. Bong Lu, Nini Lu, Finda Daduya, Rosita Dizon, Alexander, Felipe and Anne, Tenorio and Franco Masalit

**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 werrabee@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 (2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> September)**

- 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:** 9.00am Mass followed by confession
- Celebration of the Birthday of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

**WEEKEND MASSES (7<sup>th</sup> / 8<sup>th</sup> September 2024)**

- Sat:** 6.00pm Vigil Mass
- Sun:** 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Mass
- 2.00pm Burmese Community Mass**



**Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

The birth of Mary prepares the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ

Mass will be offered in honor of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 9.00am Mass

followed by a fellowship at the Presbytery veranda. You are most welcome to bring a plate to share. All are welcome. See you all there.

**Note:** The actual date of the Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary is Sunday, 8<sup>th</sup> September, as it falls on a Sunday, we will be celebrating it a day before (which is the first Saturday of the month).



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY, FR. ANTON !!!**

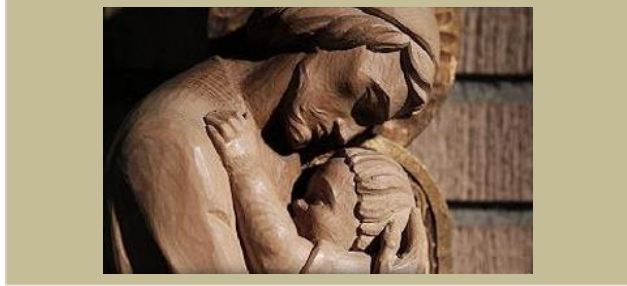
Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

May your birthday be filled with grace, Love, and Joy. We pray that God will protect you and shine His glorious light on your path as you journey through another year of your life and priestly ministry.

**MARY & MARTHA WOMEN'S MINISTRY** - The Mary & Martha Women's Ministry had its second meeting on Tuesday, August 13th. We had a beautiful discussion on The Assumption Of Our Lady and shared valuable life experiences to take us into our everyday lives. *We invite you to join us for our next meeting on Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at the Penola Hub from 7pm -8:30pm.* We pray that you will hear God's call to join us. *For inquiries email Monique - mnqmei@gmail.com*

**WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING**

Every masses 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 special anniversary, 25, 30, 40, 50 years, please notify the Parish Office on 9741 4144 at least two weeks before that month.



**PRAY FOR ALL FATHERS AND PRIESTS**

God our Father, we give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old.

**We pray for young fathers,** newly embracing their vocation; may they find the courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

**We pray for our own fathers,** who have supported and challenged us; may they continue to lead in strong and gentle ways.

**We remember fathers around the world,** whose children are lost or suffering; may they know that the God of compassion, walks with them in their sorrow.

**We pray for men who are not fathers** but still mentor and guide us, with fatherly love and advice.

**Most importantly, all our Priests,** our spiritual Fathers, who guide, teach us and lead us to You and who feed and nourish us with Your Sacraments.

**We remember fathers, grandfathers and great-grandfathers,** who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nurture us with their love.  
Amen.

**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**  
1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 11.00am

**Baptcare Wyndham Lodge Community**  
1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 11.00am

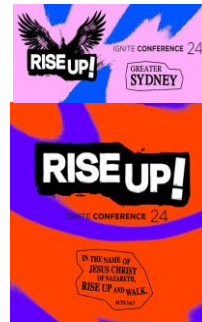
**Werribee Mercy Hospital**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 2.30pm

**Uniting AgeWell Manor Lakes Community**  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 11.00am

**Mercy Place Wyndham**  
3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday at 11.00am

**Manor Court Werribee Aged Care**  
4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10.30am

**St. Vincent's Aged Care**  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Friday at 2.00pm



**THE IGNITE PILGRIMS**

are having their very last fundraiser before they leave for Sydney at the end of September. Father's Day Sausage Sizzle BBQ Sunday 1st September after the morning masses. \$3.50 for a sausage in bread \$2.00 for a can of soft drink Thank you, St Andrew's Parish, for getting behind our young people!

**LEGION OF MARY NEW MEETING SCHEDULE**  
Praesidium: Immaculate Heart of Mary is inviting you to join our meeting every Tuesday from 6.30pm to 7.30pm at Penola Hub. For more information, please call the Parish Office 9741 4144. All are welcome to join.

**ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 1<sup>st</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> September 2024**

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
<b>LECTORS</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Gloria Udorly	Kevin McGuane	Titus Lizardo	Sandy Henderson	Nadia Richards
<b>MUSIC</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Philu and Co.	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	Padre Pio Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Andrew's Children Choir
Communion Minister 7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Kristine Ventura Noelene Keogh <b>Desiree Galea</b>	Kevin McGuane Nelly Bautista Lillian Jilbert	Titus Lizardo Maria Malanyaon Anson John	Cora Demate Clare Taylor <b>Anthony Acciarito</b>	Sindhu Moreira Stephen Hart Genni Douglas
<b>COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)</b>		This week: Next week:	Mon 2 Sept: M. Chong Mon 9 Sept: C. Ilagan		
<b>CLEANER</b>		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 2 Sept: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 6 Sept: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 2 Sept: Volunteer		
<b>ALTAR CLOTH</b>		This week: Next week:	Sun 1 Sept: C. Ilagan Sun 8 Sept: M. Galea		
<b>OUR LADY'S STATUE</b>		This week: Next week:	Sun 1 Sept: G. Ilagan Sun 8 Sept: S. Rafael		

### DAILY ROSARY ON ZOOM

Please join us via Zoom Meeting every night at 6.55pm for 7.00 pm start

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2764655672?pwd=bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkY6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672

Password: 9rGLKz

*Let us continue to pray together for each other.  
Stay safe and God bless you all.*

**CHILDREN'S LITURGY** – Our 9.30am Children's Liturgy is looking for volunteers who can assist us as "Main Facilitator" or a "Volunteer Guide". If you are interested, please contact [kemp.vinson@cam.org.au](mailto:kemp.vinson@cam.org.au) or call the Parish Office on 9741 4144.

**ELSHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** Join us as we lift our voices in songs of praise and worship. We meet every Tuesday at 1pm to 2:30pm in the Penola Hub - 33 Mortimer St Werribee followed by tea and coffee. Deepen your relationship with Jesus, through praise and worship, prayer and reflection. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Susanne on 0438 372 952

**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 and cultures. Please contact the Parish office for further details.

**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.



The Parish of St. Andrews and the Diocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at: <https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

### CATHOLIC EARTH CARE SEASON OF CREATION CONVOCATION (12–14 September 2024)



Please join us as we spend time together learning and sharing about how we can all care for creation. We will gather online during Thursday 12 and Friday 13 September to engage in keynote presentations, workshops, discussions and spiritual experiences. On Saturday 14 we encourage participants to attend one of 11 diocesan hubs to transform our learnings into action. If there is not a hub near you, we will continue online together. Attend for 1, 2 or all 3 days! Group discounts available. For more information and to register, visit:

[www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation](http://www.caritas.org.au/soc-convocation)

### LONG TERM VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES IN THE AUSTRALIA-PACIFIC REGION THE CAGLIERO PROJECT, SALESIANS OF DON BOSCO

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for departure in January 2025 to work with young people in our Salesian communities in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Mongolia. Applications close October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024. Send us an enquiry - [www.cagliero.org.au](http://www.cagliero.org.au) or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

#### Upcoming CTC Events

- Information Session for Educators
  - Information Session for Prospective Students
  - Engaging Your Faith Online Sessions
- For more information:

<https://ctc.edu.au/news-and-events/>

<https://ctc.edu.au/contact/contact-the-registrar/>



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.

**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.

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