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and Little River

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FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR A, 25TH AND 26TH APRIL 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 Acts of the Apostles (Acts of the Apostles 2:14. 36-41)*

On the day of Pentecost Peter stood up with the Eleven and addressed the crowd with a loud voice: 'The whole House of Israel can be certain that God has made this Jesus whom you crucified both Lord and Christ.' Hearing this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and the apostles, 'What must we do, brothers?' 'You must repent,' Peter answered 'and every one of you must be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. The promise that was made is for you and your children, and for all those who are far away, for all those whom the Lord our God will call to himself.' He spoke to them for a long time using many arguments, and he urged them, 'Save yourselves from this perverse generation.' They were convinced by his arguments, and they accepted what he said and were baptised. That very day about three thousand were added to their number. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 22:1-6*

Response: *The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.*

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

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SECOND READING: *A reading from the first letter of St Peter (1 Peter 2:20-25)*

The merit, in the sight of God, is in bearing punishment patiently when you are punished after doing your duty. This, in fact, is what you were called to do, because Christ suffered for you and left an example for you to follow the way he took. He had not done anything wrong, and there had been no perjury in his mouth. He was insulted and did not retaliate with insults; when he was tortured he made no threats but he put his trust in the righteous judge. He was bearing our faults in his own body on the cross, so that we might die to our faults and live for holiness; through his wounds you have been healed. You had gone astray like sheep but now you have come back to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 10:1-10)*

Jesus said: 'I tell you most solemnly, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold through the gate but gets in some other way is a thief and a brigand. The one who enters through the gate is the shepherd of the flock; the gatekeeper let him in, the sheep hear his voice, one by one he calls his own sheep and leads them out. When he has brought out his flock, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow because they know his voice. They never follow a stranger but run away from him: they do not recognise the voice of strangers.' Jesus told them this parable, but they failed to understand what he meant by telling it to them. So, Jesus spoke to them again: 'I tell you most solemnly, I am the gate of the sheepfold. All others who have come are thieves and brigands; but the sheep took no notice of them. I am the gate. Anyone who enters through me will be safe: he will go freely in and out and be sure of finding pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it to the full.' **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: Easter's empty tomb is a call to conversion. By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, as Peter preaches in today's First Reading. He is the "Lord," the divine Son that David foresaw at God's right hand (see Psalms 110:1, 3; 132:10–11; Acts 2:34). And He is the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel (see Ezekiel 34:11–14, 23; 37:24). As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd (see Mark 6:34; Numbers 27:16–17). He calls not only to the children of Israel but to all those far off from Him to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice. The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in today's Psalm. Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter's preaching. "What are we to do?" they cried. We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in today's Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation. We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God. Jesus has gone ahead, has driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb—the verdant pastures of life abundant. **Scott Hahn**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use today's gospel acclamation as your prayer: *'I am the good shepherd, says the Lord; I know my sheep, and mine know me.'*

VOCATION VIEW: On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

RECENT DEATH: Ingrid Boyd (daughter of Loredana and Alan), Maria Rigoni, Antonino Battaglia, Vilma Aruliah,

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Marcelino Cataquian, Alesandro Battaglia, Maria De Marchi

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, John Hassett, Julie Horkings, Anna, Lynne Worsley, Sheila 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 (27th April to 4th May 2026)

Mon: 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy
Tues: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (2nd and 3rd April 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am Mass and 5.00pm
2.00pm Karani Community Mass – Penola Hub
5.00pm Tamil Community Mass – Penola Hub

A COLLECTION FOR FR. JAMES BAPTIST SEND-OFF GIFT

Sadly, it is time for us to say Goodbye and Thank You to our dear Fr. James as he is about to make his way to another Parish for his ministry. It is our opportunity to express our love and gratitude for his presence and all his ministries among us. As announced, we will have a special collection at all the masses. This special collection will form a part of that expression. We will have a Farewell Mass next Sunday, 3rd May at 11am followed by fellowship in the Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street Werribee. You are welcome to bring a plate to share. Everyone is invited!!!

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal - Next weekend we will have a third collection on each Mass for the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria is the Church's mission in action - empowering communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Your kindness and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community. Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. "For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

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



GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY 2026 - Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Leo tells us: *Listen to the voice of the Lord who invites you to a full and fruitful life, calling you to put your talents to use (cf. Mt 25:14-30) and to unite your limitations and weaknesses with the glorious cross of Christ.* Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

A prayer request - You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the alter at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT - every 1st Sunday of the month after 5pm mass at St Andrew's Church. Please come and join us as we praise and thank our God for his abundant blessings, never-ending mercy and protection over us. Our next worship night will be on 3rd May 2026.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY - Next week is the first weekend of the month. We will have a special blessing on each mass for all the couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries for that month. Those who will be celebrating a special anniversary, 25, 30, 40, 50 years, please notify the Parish Office on 9741 4144.

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH – A CELEBRATION OF WOMEN - Join us for a beautiful and heartfelt gathering as we honour and give thanks for the incredible women in our lives, those who love, nurture, guide, and give so selflessly within their families and communities. **Saturday, 2nd May, 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, St Andrew's Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee.** This special event is open to all women, whether you are a mother, a spiritual mother, longing to be a mother, grieving the loss of a mother or child, or simply someone who carries a motherly heart. You are seen, valued, and warmly invited. What to expect: • A time of prayer and reflection • A delicious, shared brunch • A creative bouquet-making activity to take home Come and be refreshed, encouraged, and surrounded by a community of women who walk alongside one another in faith and love. *Hosted by the Mary & Martha Women's Ministry "She is clothed with strength and dignity..." – Proverbs 31:25.* We would love for you to join us. Bring a friend and celebrate together. **BOOKINGS NOW OPEN.** <https://www.trybooking.com/DLHZQ>



WHY LISTENING MATTERS IN THE CHURCH? - Listening is not a sign of weakness. In the Christian tradition, listening is an act of humility and faith. We believe that God can speak through the experiences, joys, and struggles of His people. Synodality reminds us that listening is a form of love and a path to wisdom.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 26th April to 4th May 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 2 nd / 3 rd May	Rewana Anthony	David Cox	Maria Malanyaon	Sandy Henderson	Katherine Canet
MUSIC 2 nd / 3 rd May	St. Andrew's Youth Choir (Boys and Girls)	St. Anthony's Choir	Sariling Tinig Choir	Ensemble of Faith	King Jesus Praise and Worship Choir
Communion Minister 2 nd / 3 rd May	Philu Fernandes Aroon Sequeira Wilson Monteiro	Jude Disanayaka Anna Obieta Alfred Obieta	Jen Climie Mary Nguyen Charles Emmanuel	Otilia Lesoa Katrina Gauci Graeme Roberts	Katherine Canet Genni Douglas Judy Andreson
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 27 Apr: S. Raphael Mon 4 May: J. Hennessy		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 27 Apr: Z. Prasas Fri 1 May: Volunteer Mon 27 Apr: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 26 Apr: M. Galea Sun 3 May: C. Demate		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 26 Apr: S. Raphael Sun 3 May: S. Raphael		

SCHOOL OF DISCIPLESHIP 2026 - The 2026 session of the School of Discipleship will commence from Sunday 17th May at 6:30 pm at St Peter's Church Hall. This is a faith outreach program aimed to teach members more about our Catholic faith with three purposes – to learn it, live it and share it. All are welcome to join. Enquiries to Anita D'Souza on 0411772320 or Praful on 0431068125. For further details, please scan the QR code or register at <https://bit.ly/3EFg96N>.



PERMANENT DIACONATE INFORMATION

SESSION - 2 MAY 2026 - The annual May Information session has been scheduled. The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and the 50s, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. It is an opportunity to further discern your vocation. Wives most welcome. The session will be on Saturday morning, 2nd May and will be in person. If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but if you forget, then just turn up on Saturday morning. All are welcome. **Event Date: Saturday 2 May 2025 10.00am–11.30am Venue: Catholic Theological College 278 Victoria Parade East Melbourne**

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



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IS COMING TO MELTON - Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out to nurture your most precious relationship away from daily distractions. The two of you will come away from your weekend feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep the intimacy alive. While the weekend is based around Catholic values, couples of all faiths are welcome. No group sharing is required. Come along and experience your special weekend at: St Dominic's Parish Melton When: June 26 – 28th 2026 Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday around 4:30pm



We're delighted to invite you to **Joseph's Corner's Special High Tea**, a celebration of hope, connection, and a new chapter in our journey... Enjoy an elegant afternoon of delicious treats, warm company, and inspiring conversation, all while helping families affected by addiction access the support they need, wherever they are. Your presence makes a difference - please join us for Tea, Talk, and Tangible impact. Event Details: Date: **Sunday 3 May 2026 Time: 2:00pm - 5:00pm** Venue: Mount St. Joseph Girl's School, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona, 3018 Ticket Price: \$40 per person Buy your ticket using the link below or if you wish to pay at the door or email: hightea@josephscorner.org.au or phone Rob Quail on 0407687003

MIDDLE EAST EMERGENCY APPEAL – AID TO THE CHURCH IN NEED - is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care. To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal



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](https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsCatholicParishWerribee). 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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