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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

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 20TH AND 21ST JUNE 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 Jeremiah (Jeremiah 20:10-13)*

Jeremiah said: 'I hear so many disparaging me, "Terror from every side! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!" All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall, "Perhaps he will be seduced into error. Then we will master him and take our revenge!" But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero; my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure; everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs. But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice, who scrutinise the loins and heart, let me see the vengeance you will take on them, for I have committed my cause to you. Sing to the Lord, praise the Lord, for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.' **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

Responsorial Psalm: *Psalm 68:8-10. 14. 17. 33-35*

Response: *Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

It is for you that I suffer taunts, that shame covers my face, that I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my own mother's sons. I burn with zeal for your house and taunts against you fall on me.

This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour. In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.

The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains. Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, the sea and all its living creatures.

Response: *Lord, in your great love, answer me.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 5:12-15)*

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of 'law-breaking', yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law. Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man's fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

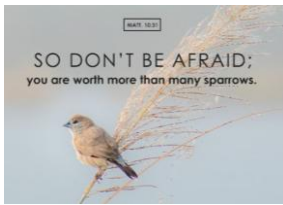
Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 10:26-33)*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops. 'Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows. 'So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.'

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: Our commitment to Christ will be put to the test. We will hear whispered warnings and denunciations, as Jeremiah does in today's First Reading. Even so-called friends will try to trap and trip us up. For His sake we will bear insults and be made outcasts even in our own homes, we hear in today's Psalm. As Jeremiah tells us, we must expect that God will challenge our faith in Him, and probe our minds and hearts, to test the depths of our love. "Do not be afraid," Jesus assures us three times in today's Gospel. Though He may permit us to suffer for our faith, our Father will never forget or

abandon us. As Jesus assures us today, everything unfolds in His providence, under His watchful gaze even the falling of the tiniest sparrow to the ground. Each one of us is precious to Him. Steadfast in this faith, we must resist the tactics of Satan. He is the enemy who seeks the ruin of our soul in Gehenna, or hell. We are to seek God, as the Psalmist says. Zeal for the Lord's house, for the heavenly kingdom of the Father, should consume us, as it consumed Jesus (see John 2:17). As Jesus bore the insults of those who blasphemed God, so should we (see Romans 15:3). By the gracious gift of Himself, Jesus bore the transgressions of the world, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. In rising from the dead, He has shown us that God rescues the life of the poor, that He does not spurn His own when they are in distress. In His great mercy, He will turn toward us, as well. He will deliver us from the power of the wicked. That is why we proclaim His name from the housetops, as Jesus tells us. That is why we sing praise and offer thanksgiving in every Eucharist. We are confident in Jesus' promise that we who declare our faith in Him before others will be remembered before our heavenly Father. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Repeat this phrase often this week, *'Do not be afraid; I am with you.'*

VOCATION VIEW: That we can collaborate with God is a humbling truth. That God lives among us is startling. That we are the Body of Christ is our vocation.

RECENT DEATH: Pamela Bibby

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Gregoria Afferi, Manuel Cataquian, Rowena Ilagan, Michael-(Mick) Russo, Norma Boado, Joseph Goegan, Rohjin Joseph Park

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, John Hassett, Julie Horkings, Anna, Lynne Worsley, Sheila Joseph, Rafael, Janet, Amado Galves Dizon, Vlad

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 (22nd to 27th June 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 (27th / 28th June 2026)

- Sat:** 6.00pm - Mass
- Sun:** 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am Mass and 5.00pm
10.00am St. Michael Church – Little River
2.00pm South Sudanese Community 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 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



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 **5th July 2026.**



SYNODALITY AND UNITY - Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences.

DAY RETREAT



DIVINE AUSTRALIA
Healing Masses & Retreats

MELBOURNE JULY 2026

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28

ONE-DAY RETREAT

4TH JULY 2026 10:00AM to 7:00PM

St Andrew's Catholic Church - Penola Hub
33 Mortimer Street, Werribee

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HEY GUYS!!

JOIN US! Ever wondered if ministry work is for you? Join us for Young Adults this Sunday at the Penola Hub as we learn about ministries!! ✚

Chiara, who has been serving with NET ministries this past year will be our guest speaker. We'll have small group discussions and get food after at Plaza!! 🍕🍔🌮 Hope to see you there :)))

"Dove sono due o tre riuniti nel mio nome io sono in mezzo a loro"
(Matteo 18-20)

Vi aspettiamo ogni quarto venerdì del mese per condividere insieme i nostri valori cristiani e risvegliare lo Spirito della Comunità Italiana



Pinola Hub
33 Mortimer Street Werribee
26.06.26 dalle 19 alle 21

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 21st to 29th June 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 27 th / 28 th June	Aldrin Manohar	Laura Chamberlain	Ana Balanza	Anthony Acciarito	Peter Cullen
MUSIC 27 th / 28 th June	Joyful Voices Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Ensemble of Faith	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 27 th / 28 th June	Rhea Fernandes Reuben Charles	Jude Disanayaka Anna Obieta Albert Obieta	Mary Nguyen Charles Emmanuel Rita Edemu	Eric Demate Cora Demate Clare Taylor	Sindhu Moreira Judy Anderson Genni Douglas
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 22 Jun: S. Raphael Mon 29 Jun: J. Hennessy		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 22 Jun: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 26 Jun: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 22 Jun: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 21 Jun: O. Lesoa Sun 28 Jun: C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 21 Jun: Jodie Siu Sun 28 Jun: S. Raphael		

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS - PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE - Confidence Building: Be Heard and Understood with Clarity and Interest. The Knights of the Southern Cross are to conduct "A Structured Course in Public Speaking". This Ten-Week Program is to take place during August, September and October. It takes participants from basic principles and practices to become accomplished and confident speakers. Further details to follow. Please call Duncan Vincent Rao on 0414 947 567 to register your interest.

PLEASE NOTE "In accordance with diocesan guidelines, our funeral fees will increase starting 1 July 2026. " Funeral Directors will be advised accordingly. Thank you.



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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men ALIVE reUNION on Sunday 5th July at St Mary McKillop Church Bannockburn.

For information, and to register for the event use the link or the code:

<https://forms.gle/CaquM9YTFtE24pyK8>



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

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



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JOIN THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WERRIBEE - HOME VISITATION TEAM

- Many families in our community are struggling to make ends meet and cannot afford the basic necessities of daily life. The Home Visitation Team reaches out with compassion - visiting households in need and providing essential support such as food parcels, vouchers, and other material aid. If you feel called to make a meaningful difference, we invite you to join this mission of hope and service. Simply complete the short form, and a team member will contact you to discuss how you can get involved. Or alternatively email:

wbee.conf.pres@svdv-vic.org.au

MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS – Sunday 12 July 2026, 11am,

St Patrick's Cathedral East Melbourne. Married couples and their families are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries 5, 10, 15, 20, 25,30, 35 or 40 years and above will receive a commemorative certificate. Please register for your spot by Tuesday 7 July. For any queries, please contact 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au. Register now.



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.

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



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

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