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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

#### Clergy

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP  
Fr. James Baptist  
Fr. An Hoang Le  
Fr. Anton  
Aseervathampillai  
Rev. Deacon William Daw

#### Pastoral Worker

Kemp Vinson

#### Home Based RE Coordinator

Benita Dahanayake

#### Finance:

Natascha Eve Klein

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Fr. Anton Aseervathampillai

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### PARISH SCHOOLS

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Michael Gavaghan

**Corpus Christi Primary School** – Ph. 9741 8440  
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Principal: Joanne Webster

**Our Lady of the Southern Cross Primary School** – Ph. 9974 8500  
Principal: Justin Hilton

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Principal: Troy Rickard

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### **FEAST OF THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD YEAR C – 1<sup>ST</sup> / 2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2025**

**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: Malachi 3:1-4**

Thus says the Lord GOD: Lo, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me; and suddenly there will come to the temple the LORD whom you seek, and the messenger of the covenant whom you desire. Yes, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. But who will endure the day of his coming? And who can stand when he appears? For he is like the refiner's fire, or like the fuller's lye. He will sit refining and purifying silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi, refining them like gold or like silver that they may offer due sacrifice to the LORD. Then the sacrifice of Judah and Jerusalem will please the LORD, as in the days of old, as in years gone by.

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

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 24:7,8,9,10**

**Response: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in!

Who is this king of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle.

Lift up, O gates, your lintels; reach up, you ancient portals, that the king of glory may come in!

Who is this king of glory? The LORD of hosts; he is the king of glory.

**Response: Who is this king of glory? It is the Lord!**

#### **SECOND READING: Hebrews 2:14-18**

Since the children share in blood and flesh, Jesus likewise shared in them, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the Devil, and free those who through fear of death had been subject to slavery all their life. Surely, he did not help angels but rather the descendants of Abraham; therefore, he had to become like his brothers and sisters in every way, that he might be a merciful and faithful high priest before God to expiate the sins of the people. Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested.

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

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, Alleluia. A light of revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

#### **GOSPEL: Luke 2:22-32 (shorter version)**

When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, Mary and Joseph took Jesus up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord, just as it is written in the law of the Lord, every male that opens the womb shall be consecrated to the Lord, and to offer the sacrifice of a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons, in accordance with the dictate in the law of the Lord. Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon. This man was righteous and devout, awaiting the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit was upon him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he should not see death before he had seen the Christ of the Lord. He came in the Spirit into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus to perform the custom of the law in regard to him, he took him into his arms and blessed God, saying: "Now, Master, you may let your servant go in peace, according to your word, for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples: a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and glory for your people Israel."

#### **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:** Traditionally this is the fortieth day of Christmas. Though the Christmas season closed with the Epiphany, the Presentation brings us back to some of the Christmas themes. The feast is on the edge, a kind of hinge between the seasons of Christmas and Lent. The temple is not merely a building where believers gather to worship God. It is sacred because it is the dwelling place of God on earth. Therefore, the coming of God to the temple was always a time of great anticipation and excitement. It promised blessing and rejoicing. The first reading declares that God will come to the temple in might and power. This coming will be terrifying. The sacred precincts have been desecrated and so God will come to purify it with fire and lye. This picture of purification is modified by the reading from the Letter to the Hebrews where we see that the purging and refinement are

accomplished in the self-sacrifice of Christ. It took the eyes of the old man and the faith of an old woman to recognise that the Lord had indeed come into the temple. Ritually, it was the child who was redeemed. In fact, it is the world that will be redeemed by this child. He is the light that shines in the darkness of the world; he will enlighten all people, Jew and Gentile alike. This feast shares the theme of universality so prominent on the feast of the Epiphany. The king of glory opens the portals for the entire universe to enter. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

**PRAYER AT HOME:** Repeat often this week the Communion Antiphon: ***'My eyes have seen your salvation, which you prepared in the sight of all the peoples.'***

**VOCATION VIEW:** Christ is 'the light to enlighten all nations'. How are you called to help him bring that light to the world? Pray to discern your vocation.

**RECENT DEATH:** Lino Atem, Renita Perera

**ANNIVERSARY:** Josie Menegazzo, Araceli Macaraig Tenorio, Epifanio Pequena Neri, Michael Leonora, Ricarda Provendido

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Edith and Alwin Salagubang

**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 Staff.*

**WEEKDAY LITURGY (3<sup>rd</sup> to 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025)**

**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

7.00pm Rosary, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Benediction at 9.00pm

**Sat:** **Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita**

9.00am Mass followed by confession

**WEEKEND MASSES (1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2025)**

**Sat:** 6.00pm Vigil Mass

**Sun:** 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5pm Mass

2.00pm Burmese 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**

1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday at 10.30am

**Baptcare Wyndham Lodge Community**

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 11.00am

**Uniting AgeWell Manor Lakes Community**

2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday at 11.00am

**Werribee Mercy Hospital**

2<sup>nd</sup> Thursday at 2.30pm

**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



**FEAST DAY OF ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA**  
Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> February 2025

**"Be good, love the Lord  
pray for those who  
do not know Him.**

**What a great grace  
it is to know God!"**

**NEW ENVELOPES OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2025**

New sets of Thanksgiving envelopes in street alphabetical order are available for collection after all masses from the Church foyer. It would help greatly if you could deliver some in your area. Thank for your continuous support to our Parish.

**CHURCH OPENS ON WEEKDAYS** - We have

upgraded our security cameras and have installed cameras in the church for the safety of all of us and the place. This will enable us to keep the Church open from Tuesdays to Fridays from 9.00am till 4.00pm for anyone who would like to visit the Blessed Sacrament. The door on the presbytery side will be open. Will start this from February 2025. Thank you and let us keep our church safe for everyone.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES



Fr. James  
celebrates his birthday  
on 3<sup>rd</sup> February



Fr. An Le  
celebrates his birthday  
on 7<sup>th</sup> of February

Dear Fr. James and Fr. An,

Your birthday celebrates the joy of living a full life with God in your heart. May it be filled with happiness, peace and love and may you have God's blessings always.

## TAP TO DONATE



At the request of many parishioners and at the recommendation of the Finance Committee, we have installed a tapping receiver for those who wish to contribute to the parish but don't carry cash. The receiver is stationed at the main entrance and instruction is detailed at the station. Thank you for your continuous and generous support to St. Andrew's Parish Church which is very much appreciated.



## You are invited to COME & SEE

This seminar is open to all! Everyone is welcome regardless of race, religion or cultural affiliation.

Alpha is a safe space where you can ask any question. Alpha can help individuals explore topics about life, death, faith, and many more.

**Every Wednesday Night starting on 5th March 2025  
7 to 9 PM only. Venue: 33 Mortimer St, Werribee**

Join us to explore ALPHA

Scan and register now,  
or send an email to:

[Alpha.Werribee@gmail.com](mailto:Alpha.Werribee@gmail.com)



**TWO NEW SCHOOLS IN OUR PARISH** - MACS, the Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic School Pty Ltd would like to inform the parishioners that it is planning to build two new Catholic schools in our parish within another two years. First will be a Kinder to Year 12 college in Jubilee Estate which will be a Campus of MacKillop College and the other will be a primary school Tarnet.

## ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 2<sup>nd</sup> to 10<sup>th</sup> February 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
<b>LECTORS</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> / 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Gerry Ilagan	John Hennessy	Perpetua Gitau	Sandy Henderson	Katerine Canet
<b>MUSIC</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> / 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	St. Faustina Choir	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	Padre Pio Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Andrew's Children's Choir
<b>Communion Minister</b> 8 <sup>th</sup> / 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb.	Desiree Galea Anson John Kristine Ventura	Lillian Jilbert Jude Disanayaka Kevin McGuane	John Faranda Maria Malanyaon Titus Lizardo	Otilia Lesoa Katrina Gauci Graeme Roberts	Nadia Richards Judy Anderson Sindhu Moreira
<b>COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)</b>		This week: Next week:	Mon 3 Feb: J. Hennessy Mon 10 Feb: S. Raphael		
<b>CLEANER</b>		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 3 Feb: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 7 Feb: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 3 Feb: Volunteer		
<b>ALTAR CLOTH</b>		This week: Next week:	Sun 2 Feb: C. Demate Sun 9 Feb: J. Francisco		
<b>OUR LADY'S STATUE</b>		This week: Next week:	Sun 2 Feb: M. Parba Sun 9 Feb: S. Raphael		

**ST. ANDREW'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)** - We are asking all Parish Groups to submit a report on last year's activities (one A4 page as a guideline) to be included in the AGM Booklet, as part of Parish accountability to one another. To enable the Parish Office staff to collate the reports and produce the booklet, **PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR GROUP'S REPORT NO LATER THAN TUESDAY, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025.** Please email your report, if possible, to [werribee@cam.org.au](mailto:werribee@cam.org.au) or drop it into the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.




**ELSHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** – will commence on Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> February 2025, at 1pm - 2.30pm in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Everyone is welcome. God bless you all and your loved ones.

**RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO** - Ricorda che il primo incontro per 2025 si inizia Mercoledì 12 Febbraio 2025 con la santa messa, dalle ore 10am alle 12.00pm nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Siete 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 and cultures. Please contact the Parish office for further details.

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



**START ANEW IN CHRIST**

**LENTEN REFLECTION**

Everyone is invited to a free Lenten Reflection every Thursday between 12nn to 1pm at Penola Hub starting 6 March – 10 April. This will be facilitated by our Pastoral Worker.

If you are interested, please list your name in the clipboard beside the altar. The booklet to be used will have a minimal cost of \$5.

DAILY REFLECTIONS FOR LENT YEAR C 2025



**GAZA CRISIS APPEAL**


A ceasefire means more aid can assist people affected in Gaza. Your support is urgently needed.

**DONATE NOW** [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza)  
1800 024 413



### **CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S GAZA CRISIS APPEAL**

We urgently need your support. The ceasefire means more aid can assist people in Gaza, but the need is immense and the recovery long. Gaza's people cannot recover alone. They need the support of the global community to survive and rebuild. **Please donate to Caritas Australia's Gaza Crisis Appeal.** You can donate online [www.caritas.org.au/gaza](http://www.caritas.org.au/gaza) or phone 1800 024 413

 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.

**The Order of Malta**

invites you to the annual Lourdes Day Mass, an opportunity to pray for the sick and infirm, particularly those who are not able to visit Lourdes.

**The Mass will take place at St Patrick's Cathedral, with Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli as the principal celebrant on Saturday 8 February 2025 at 10.30am–12.00pm**



Everybody attending will receive a gift pack containing water from the grotto at Lourdes, rosary beads and prayer material.

*For more information, please contact Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.*

**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.

**Connect With St. Andrew's Digitally. Follow Us Online!**



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