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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

#### FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A 31ST JANUARY AND 1ST FEBRUARY 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 Zephaniah (Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13)*

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth, who obey his commands. Seek integrity, seek humility: you may perhaps find shelter on the day of the anger of the Lord. In your midst I will leave a humble and lowly people, and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the name of the Lord. They will do no wrong, will tell no lies; and the perjured tongue will no longer be found in their mouths. But they will be able to graze and rest with no one to disturb them. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

#### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 145:7-10*

**Response: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free.

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down, the Lord, who protects the Stranger and upholds the widow and orphan.

It is the Lord who loves the just but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age.

**Response: Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

#### SECOND READING: *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 1:26-31)*

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense of the word, how many were influential people, or came from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by human reckoning; those whom the world thinks common and contemptible are the ones that God has chosen – those who are nothing at all to show up those who are everything. The human race has nothing to boast about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom, and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast about the Lord. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

#### Gospel Acclamation:

**Alleluia, alleluia! Rejoice and be glad; Your reward will be great in heaven.  
Alleluia!**

#### GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 5:1-12)*

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the poor in spirit: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.' **GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



### GOSPEL REFLECTION:

In the readings since Christmas, Jesus has been revealed as the new royal son of David and Son of God. He is sent to lead a new exodus that brings Israel out of captivity to the nations and brings all the nations to God. As Moses led Israel from Egypt through the sea to give them God's law on Mount Sinai, Jesus too has passed through the waters in baptism. Now, in today's Gospel, He goes to the mountain to proclaim a new law—the law of His Kingdom. The Beatitudes mark the fulfillment of God's covenant promise to Abraham—that through his descendants all the nations of the world would receive God's blessings (see Genesis 12:3; 22:18). Jesus is the son of Abraham (see Matthew 1:1). And through the wisdom He speaks today, He bestows the Father's blessings upon "the poor in spirit." God has chosen to bless the weak and lowly, those foolish and despised in the eyes of the world, Paul says in today's Epistle. The poor in spirit are those who know that nothing they do can merit God's mercy and grace. These are the humble remnant in today's First Reading, taught to seek refuge in the name of the Lord. The Beatitudes reveal the divine path and purpose for our lives. All our striving should be for these virtues—to be poor in spirit; meek and clean of heart; merciful and makers of peace; seekers of the righteousness that comes from living by the law of Kingdom. The path the Lord sets before us today is one of trials and persecution. But He promises comfort in our mourning and a great reward. The Kingdom we have inherited is no earthly territory but the promised land of heaven. It is Zion where the Lord reigns forever. And, as we sing in today's Psalm, its blessings are for those whose hope is in the Lord. **Scott Hank**

**PRAYER AT HOME:** *Read and reflect on the Beatitudes this week.* Can you write one for yourself?

**VOCATION VIEW:** A child's handful of pulled dandelions will bring joy to a mother. A small act of kindness will surprise the lonely heart. Who will bring joy and kindness today?

**RECENT DEATH:** Rosa Guerrero, Giancarlo Fioretti, Antonino Squadrito

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** Nimal Pandithakoralege

**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 Sunday Bulletin 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 (2<sup>nd</sup> to 7<sup>th</sup> February 2026)

Mon: **The Presentation of the Lord**  
9.00am Mass and Blessings of Candles

Tues: **Feast of Saint Blaise, Bishop and Martyr**  
9.00am Mass and Blessings of Throat

Wed: 9.00am Mass

Thurs: 9.00am Mass

Fri: **First Friday**  
9.00am Mass  
7.00pm Rosary  
7.30pm – 9.00pm Mass, Exposition, Adoration and Benediction

Sat: **First Saturday**  
8.15am Rosary and Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary  
9.00am Mass

#### WEEKEND MASSES (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> February 2026)

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**  
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

**Manor Court Werribee Aged Care**  
4th Thursday at 10.30am

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

**LEGION OF MARY - PRAESIDIUM: IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY** will be resuming our weekly meetings starting Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2026 in Penola Hub from 6.30pm to 7.30pm. For more information, please call the Parish Office 9741 4144. All are welcome to join

## ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026

|   | 6.00pm  | 8.00am                                      | 9.30am                                   | 11.00am   | 5.00pm  |
|---|---|---|--|---|---|
| LECTORS<br>7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb            | Rewana Anthony  | Gloria Uدورلي                               | Cathleen de Leon                         | Jessica Adams                                   | Angelo Moreira                                    |
| MUSIC<br>7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb              | St. Andrew's Youth Choir                                | St. Anthony's Choir                         | Padre Pio Choir                          | South Sudanese Choir                            | St. Andrew's Children Choir                       |
| Communion Minister<br>7 <sup>th</sup> / 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb | Philomen Fernandes<br>Aroon Sequeira<br>Wilson Monteiro | Peter Walters<br>David Cox<br>John Hennessy | Rita Edemu<br>Stella Onos<br>Charles Mei | Otilia Lesoa<br>Katrina Gauci<br>Graeme Roberts | Nadia Richards<br>Judy Anderson<br>Sindhu Moreira |
| COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)                                  | This week:<br>Next week:                                |   | Mon 2 Feb: <b>Mass</b>                   | Mon 9 Feb: C. Ilagan                            |   |
| CLEANER   | Cleaning:<br>Vacuuming:                                 |   | Mon 2 Feb: Z. Prasad                     | Fri 6 Feb: P. Palamara                          |   |
| ALTAR CLOTH   | This week:<br>Next week:                                |   | Mon 2 Feb: Volunteer                     | Sun 1 Feb: O. Lesoa                             |   |
| OUR LADY'S STATUE   | This week:<br>Next week:                                |   | Sun 8 Feb: C. Ilagan                     | Sun 1 Feb: P. Fernandez                         |   |
|   | Sun 8 Feb: S. Anandamma                                 |   |  |   |   |



**OUR LADY'S STATUE** – Roster for our Lady's Statue for 2026 is now available in the Foyer. If you would like to have the statue at your home, please fill in the Roster Sheet or call the Parish Office on 9741 4144. Thank you.



**FEAST DAY OF  
ST. JOSEPHINE BAKHITA**  
Patron Saint of South Sudan and Sudan

**Sunday, 8th February 2025**

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

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



**El Shaddai  
Charismatic  
Prayer  
Group**

El Shaddai Charismatic Prayer Group resumes for 2026 on **Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> February** **1pm - 2:30pm** at **Penola Hub Chapel** **33 Mortimer St. Werribee**

We meet every Tuesday 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

**“What's the meaning of life?”  
“Who is God?”  
“What if?”**



**COME & SEE**  
You're Invited!  
**Alpha** is a safe space to ask questions, share doubts & grow with others.

Starts March 5 | 7:00 PM  
Penola Community Hub

Gather for a meal video & conversation  
Open to all!  
Check the link:  
[bit.ly/AlphaWerribeeInvite](http://bit.ly/AlphaWerribeeInvite)  
Email Us:  
[Alpha.StAndrews.Parish@gmail.com](mailto:Alpha.StAndrews.Parish@gmail.com)

**NEW ENVELOPES OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2026** - New sets of Thanksgiving envelopes in **street alphabetical order** are available for collection after all masses at the front of the altar near the Baptismal font. It would help greatly if you could deliver some in your area. Thank you for your continuous support to our Parish.

**ST. ANDREW'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)** will be held on March in the Penola Hub. we are asking all Parish Groups to submit a report on year 2025 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 Friday, 13th February 2026**. Please email your report, if possible, to [werribee@cam.org.au](mailto:werribee@cam.org.au) or drop it into the Parish Office. We are hoping to see at least two representatives of your group attending the AGM. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance. Exact date and time of the AGM will be confirmed later date.



Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession. Please note that due to other events at the Cathedral, the venue will change to St Mary, Star of the Sea, 33 Howard Street, West Melbourne, on the following dates: Thursday 12 February 2026, 7.00pm–8.00 pm For more information, email [udisciple@cam.org.au](mailto:udisciple@cam.org.au) or call 9926 5677.

**LOURDES DAY MASS** -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 on **Saturday 14 February 2026, 10.30am–11.30am** at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne with Archbishop Peter A Comensoli as the principal celebrant. For more information, please contact Sauro Antonelli AM on 0411 250 288.



**LENT 2026: I AM LIGHT** - During Lent this year, we will very deliberately tend and nurture the Light of Life given to us by Jesus. We would love to have you join us. Each day a 2.30 min video will arrive in your email, with bespoke images, curated music, the word of God and a simple prayer. The Light within you will then grow and become clearer, a torch to show you the way forward, to find and help others, a 'life light' shining in you. Created by Michael Hansen SJ, these daily prayers will enlighten you through Lent and prepare you for the night of lights on Holy Saturday. Register to receive your blessing to your inbox each day from Ash Wednesday 18th February to Easter Sunday 5th April 2026. Price information: We offer these Lenten prayers for free because we wish to reach everyone, regardless of income. But this year we have significant costs for each daily prayer because of many new images and music. If you wish, and are able, please support our ministry with a donation Note gifts to the Ministry are not refundable or tax deductible.

**LENT 2026 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES** - Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here:

<https://brucedownes.org/lent-2026-sign-up/> Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

**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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St. Andrew's Digitally.  
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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.**