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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
Incorporating the Communities of
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Werribee North,
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST YEAR A – 6TH AND 7TH 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 book of Deuteronomy (Deut 8:2-3. 14-16)*

Moses said to the people: 'Remember how the Lord your God led you for forty years in the wilderness, to humble you, to test you and know your inmost heart – whether you would keep his commandments or not. He humbled you, he made you feel hunger, he fed you with manna which neither you nor your fathers had known, to make you understand that man does not live on bread alone, but that man lives on everything that comes from the mouth of the Lord. 'Do not then forget the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery: who guided you through this vast and dreadful wilderness, a land of fiery serpents, scorpions, thirst; who in this waterless place brought you water from the hardest rock; who in this wilderness fed you with manna that your fathers had not known.'

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 147:12-15. 19-20*

Response: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem! Zion, praise your God! He has strengthened the bars of your gates, he has blessed the children within you.

He has established peace on your borders, he feeds you with finest wheat. He sends out his word to the Earth and swiftly runs his command.

He makes his word known to Jacob, to Israel his laws and decrees. He has not dealt thus with other nations; he has not taught them his decrees.

Response: Praise the Lord, Jerusalem

SECOND READING: *A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians (1 Corinthians 10:16-17)*

The blessing-cup that we bless is a communion with the blood of Christ, and the bread that we break is a communion with the body of Christ. The fact that there is only one loaf means that, though there are many of us, we form a single body because we all have a share in this one loaf. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

SEQUENCE

Behold the bread of angels, sent For pilgrims in their banishment, The bread for God's true children meant, That may not unto dogs be given: Oft in the olden types foreshowed; In Isaac on the altar bowed, And in the ancient paschal food, And in the manna sent from heaven. Come then, good shepherd, bread divine, Still show to us thy mercy sign; Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine; So may we see thy glories shine In fields of immortality; O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best, Our present food, our future rest, Come, make us each thy chosen guest, Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to John (John 6:51-58)*

Jesus said to the Jews: 'I am the living bread which has come down from heaven. Anyone who eats this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I shall give is my flesh, for the life of the world.' Then the Jews started arguing with one another: 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' they said. Jesus replied: 'I tell you most solemnly, if you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. Anyone who does eat my flesh and drink my blood has eternal life, and I shall raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is real food and my blood is real drink. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood lives in me and I live in him. As I, who am sent by the living Father, myself draw life from the Father, so whoever eats me will draw life from me. This is the bread come down from heaven; not like the bread our ancestors ate: they are dead, but anyone who eats this bread will live for ever.' **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: The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That's how Jesus presents it in today's Gospel. He doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms. Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word trogein that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing (see John 6:54, 56, 57, 58). He is testing their faith in

His Word, as today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert. The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites' hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. In today's Psalm, too, we see a connection between God's Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with "finest wheat" and proclaiming His Word to the world. In Jesus, "the living Father" has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world. Yet, as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today's Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse (see John 6:66). But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life (see John 6:63, 67). In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when he calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature (see 1 Peter 2:4). This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us believe. And He gives us His promise: that, sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Recite the acclamation from the Eucharistic prayer each day: **'When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, O Lord, until you come again.'**

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: Gerald Fastuca, Monica Carlton, Elisea Pueyo Ezpeleta, Eric Baltero, Fr. Andrew Nguyen Van Hai

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Andrea Andalaro, Antonino De Pasquale, Venera De Pasquale, Robert Giarrusso, Giombattista and Gesualda Aidone, Giovanni (John) Marino, Giuseppe and Maria Marino and all the deceased family members of Marino and Elevato Family, Sebastiano and Lucia Giliberto and all the deceased family members of Giliberto and Giuliano Family, Mercy Viviera, Fortunato S. Ison, Victoria Amparo-Napiza, Angelo Mel, Angelo Muraca, Leone Brunato, Angelo Santamaria, Rolando Aguilar, Manuel, Paul, Anne, Fr. Matthew Valookaran

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

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 (8th to 13th June 2026)

- Mon:** 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy
- Tues:** 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Novena to St. Anthony
- Wed:** 9.00am Mass
- Thurs:** 9.00am Mass
- Fri:** 9.00am Mass
- Sat:** **Feast of St. Anthony de Padua**
9.00am Festive Mass, St. Anthony's Prayer, Blessing of the Bread

WEEKEND MASSES (13th and 14th June 2026)

- Sat:** 6.00pm - Mass
- Sun:** 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am Mass and 5.00pm
2.00pm Karenni Community Mass – Penola Hub

SYNODALITY IS ABOUT MISSION



The purpose of synodality is not internal reform for its own sake. Its goal is evangelisation helping the Church become more faithful, more welcoming, and more effective in proclaiming the Gospel to today's world.

ST ANTHONY OF PADUA
FEAST CELEBRATION 2026

FEAST DAY CELEBRATION
SATURDAY, 13 JUNE 2026

- 9:00 AM FESTIVE MASS
- BLESSING AND DISTRIBUTION OF ST ANTHONY'S BREAD

WEEKLY NOVENA
AN ONGOING INVITATION TO PRAYER AND DEVOTION
STARTS ON **9 JUNE 2026**
7:00 PM

Join us weekly for prayer and devotion as we seek the intercession of St Anthony of Padua.

"Pray for us, O Blessed St Anthony, that we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ."

AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WERRIBEE
All parishioners, families, and friends are warmly invited to attend and celebrate the Feast of St Anthony of Padua.

EVERYONE WELCOME



This week, you are invited to partner with Catholic Mission and the Church in Malawi as we support families rebuilding after devastating floods and help children access education close to home. Through projects like St Peter's Nyamikuta Primary School, the Church is creating a place where children can learn, be nourished, and grow with dignity, regardless of their background or beliefs. As we celebrate 100 years of World Mission Day, we are reminded by Pope Leo XIV that we are 'One in Christ, United in Mission'. Join with us in celebration and action by supporting this work with a compassionate gift. Use the provided appeal envelope, scan the QR code, or visit catholicmission.org.au/united to make a difference today. To learn more about Catholic Mission and our work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united



There will be a Third Collection next weekend on all masses for the PROPAGATION OF FAITH

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance the vital work of the Church. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many and offering hope to the people of Malawi.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 7th to 15th June 2026

| | 6.00pm | 8.00am | 9.30am | 11.00am | 5.00pm |
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| LECTORS 13 th / 14 th June | Thiloshini Perera | John Hennessy | Maryann Agbodike | Stealth D'Rozario | Stephen Hart |
| MUSIC 13 th / 14 th June | St. Carlo's Choir | St. Anthony's Choir | Padre Pio Choir | South Sudanese Choir | St. Andrew's Children's Choir |
| Communion Minister 13 th / 14 th June | Reuben Charles Anson John Desiree Galea | Albert Obieta Kevin McGuane Laura Chamberlain | Rita Edemu Stella Onos Charles Mei | Clare Taylor Anthony Acciarito Grace Iaria | Andrew Canet Stephen Hart Maria Parba |
| COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY) | | This week: Next week: | Mon 8 Jun: C. Ilagan Mon 15 Jun: M. H. Chong | | |
| CLEANER | | Cleaning: Vacuuming: | Mon 8 Jun: Z. Prasad Fri 12 Jun: S. Hadgie Mon 8 Jun: Volunteer | | |
| ALTAR CLOTH | | This week: Next week: | Sun 7 Jun: C. Demate Sun 14 Jun: J. Francisco | | |
| OUR LADY'S STATUE | | This week: Next week: | Sun 7 Jun: W. Azavedo Sun 14 Jun: A. Layton | | |

St Andrew's YOUTH Group

FOOD DRIVE

YOUTH GROUP SUNDAY
14th JUNE
6PM - 8:30PM
PENOLA HUB
Grade 6 to 17 years
Special Guest - Martin Rowan

St Andrew's Youth Group are collecting **NON PERISHABLE FOOD** and **PANTRY ITEMS** for people in need in our community. Please bring your donations to our next Youth Group - **SUN 14 JUNE**. Special Guests - Martin Rowan Co Founder of The Bay Leaf Community Kitchen, a not for profit charity.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER IS COMING TO MELTON IN JUNE! LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE IN LOVE... A GIFT FOR EVERY MARRIED COUPLE.

Every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. We are offering a live-out weekend experience at St Dominic's parish and school on June 26-28th. Starts at 7pm on Friday evening and concludes on Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Website: wwme.org.au Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY BLESSING

We will have a special blessing on each mass for all the couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries for this month of June. Those who will be celebrating a special anniversary, 25, 30, 40, 50 years, please notify the Parish Office on 9741 4144.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION DURING MASS

At St Mary of the Angels Parish (Upper Level, Pioneer Room), 150 Yarra St, Geelong - on Friday 12 June from 6 - 9pm AND Saturday 13 June from 9am - 4pm (NB: these are continuous, not repeated sessions)

The Ministry of Holy Communion training program examines what liturgical ministry is about in general, and details in particular the practical and spiritual formation needed for those who Minister Holy Communion within the Church's liturgy. The Celebration of the Mass is explored in some detail, with a special focus on the Liturgy of the Eucharist and the Communion Rite, particularly the Ministry of Communion Under Both Kinds.

These training workshops will be led by Cathy Murrowood, Liturgy Educator at the ACU Centre for Liturgy, and me. Nominations by the Parish Priest are required by Friday 5 June 2026 to Maryanne (Email: Maryanne.Hemsley@acu.edu.au), and more information about the ACU Centre for Liturgy's online and face-to-face liturgical ministry training programs are available via the Centre's website (see [Pastoral training programs - ACU](#)).

WYNDHAM VALE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Incorporating Manor Lakes, Bluestone, Harpley, Jubilee, Mambourin

Community Mass

SUNDAY - JUN
21
10:00 AM

All welcome.
Mass will be followed by fellowship.
Please bring a plate to share if you can.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
OUR LADY OF SOUTHERN CROSS
2/20 HOWGUA WAY, MANOR LAKES VIC 3024

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

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

LOOKING FOR A JOB

My name is Ann Maria. I have recently moved to Wyndham Vale and attend Mass at St. Andrew's Church, Werribee.

I am currently a part-time student studying Master in Management and am looking for suitable part-time work. I have a background in Human Resources and Administration, and I believe I could be of assistance in any admin-related roles. Additionally, I have experience teaching Catechism and working with children, so I am equally open to roles such as babysitting or nannying, should any families in the parish require such support. I would be happy to forward my resume for your kind consideration. Should any opportunities arise that align with my experience and availability, I would be truly grateful to be kept in mind. I completely understand if there are no current openings and appreciate you taking the time to look into this. Thank you! Ann Maria 0485576544.

FOR MORE INFORMATION OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE PARISH, 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.



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

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**JOIN THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL
SOCIETY WERRIBEE - HOME
VISITATION TEAM** - Many families in



**MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS, SUNDAY 12
JULY 2026, 11AM, ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL**

Couples and their families are invited as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Couples who are celebrating the following anniversaries, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above will receive a commemorative certificate. Registrations will open shortly.



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 7th June 2026.