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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

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE YEAR C 22ND AND 23RD NOVEMBER 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: *A reading from the second book of Samuel (2 Samuel 5:1-3)*

All the tribes of Israel came to David at Hebron. 'Look' they said 'we are your own flesh and blood. In days past when Saul was our king, it was you who led Israel in all their exploits; and the Lord said to you, "You are the man who shall be shepherd of my people Israel, you shall be the leader of Israel."' So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron, and King David made a pact with them at Hebron in the presence of the Lord, and they anointed David king of Israel. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 121:1-5*

Response: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

I rejoiced when I heard them say: 'Let us go to God's house.' And now our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem.

Jerusalem is built as a city strongly compact. It is there that the tribes go up, the tribes of the Lord.

For Israel's law it is, there to praise the Lord's name. There were set the thrones of judgement of the house of David.

Response: *Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (Colossians 1:12-20)*

We give thanks to the Father who has made it possible for you to join the saints and with them to inherit the light. Because that is what he has done: he has taken us out of the power of darkness and created a place for us in the kingdom of the Son that he loves, and in him, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. He is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

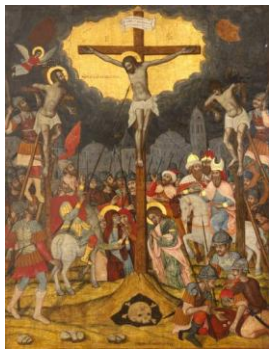
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 23:35-43)*

The people stayed there before the cross-watching Jesus. As for the leaders, they jeered at him. 'He saved others,' they said, 'let him save himself if he is the Christ of God, the Chosen One.' The soldiers mocked him too, and when they approached to offer him vinegar, they said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.' Above him there was an inscription: 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals hanging there abused him. 'Are you not the Christ?' he said. 'Save yourself and us as well.' But the other spoke up and rebuked him. 'Have you no fear of God at all?' he said. 'You got the same sentence as he did, but in our case, we deserved it: we are paying for what we did. But this man has done nothing wrong. Jesus,' he said, 'remember me when you come into your kingdom.' 'Indeed, I promise you,' he replied, 'today you will be with me in paradise.' **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:

Week by week, the Liturgy has been preparing us for the revelation to be made on this, the last Sunday of the Church year. Jesus, we have been shown, is truly the Chosen One, the Messiah of God, the King of the Jews. Ironically, in today's Gospel we hear these names on the lips of those who don't believe in Him Israel's rulers, the soldiers, a criminal dying alongside Him. They can only see the scandal of a bloodied figure nailed to a cross. They scorn Him in words and gestures foretold in Israel's Scriptures (see Psalm 22:7–9; 69:21–22; Wisdom 2:18–20). If He is truly King, God will rescue Him, they taunt. But He did not come to save Himself, but to save them and us. The good thief shows us how we are to accept the salvation He offers us. He confesses his sins and acknowledges he deserves to die for them. And he calls on the name of Jesus, seeking His mercy and forgiveness. By his faith he is saved. Jesus “remembers” him as God has always remembered His people, visiting them with His saving

deeds, numbering them among His chosen heirs (see Psalm 106:4–5). By the blood of His cross, Jesus reveals His Kingship not in saving His own life, but in offering it as a ransom for ours. He transfers us to “the kingdom of His beloved Son,” as today's Epistle tells us. His kingdom is the Church, the new Jerusalem and House of David that we sing of in today's Psalm. By their covenant with David in today's First Reading, Israel's tribes are made one “bone and flesh” with their king. By the New Covenant made in His blood, Christ becomes one flesh with the people of His kingdom the head of His body, the Church (see Ephesians 5:23–32). We celebrate and renew this covenant in every Eucharist, giving thanks for our redemption, hoping for the day when we too will be with Him in Paradise. **Scott Hahn**

PRAYER AT HOME: The plea of the penitent thief makes a fine prayer this week: **“Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”**

VOCATION VIEW: Who will work for Jesus, the King of Peace, Hope and Honour, the King of Love, Truth and Justice? Who is dedicated and enthusiastic enough to proclaim his Good News? It must be YOU!

RECENT DEATH: Lisa Blackman, Rose Galea, Vilma Furlanetto

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Crispin De Silva, Lynne Worsley, Dorothy Rayner, Maria Trang Nguyen, Peter Tho Huynh, Saraswathy Govindasamy, John Hassett, Rustico Socorin, Cecilia Maria, Teresa Goegan, Dinah Elly, Eutiquio Valenzuela, Tony Grech, William Harris, Annette Landicho Manicad Lapworth, Charlie (Carmel) Restall, Italo Tautunu, Alfredo Landicho Manicad

WEEKDAY LITURGY (24TH / 29TH November 2025)

Mon: 9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
 Tues: 9.00am Mass
 Wed: 9.00am Mass
 Thurs: 9.00am Mass
 7.00pm Novena for St. Andrew followed by Mass
 Fri: 9.00am Mass
 7.00pm Novena for St. Andrew followed by Mass
 Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (29TH / 30TH November 2025)

Sat: 5.30pm Novena for St. Andrew
 6.00pm Vigil Mass
 Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, and 5pm Mass

11.00am Mass for St. Andrew's Feast Day



This year we will be celebrating the Feast of St. Andrew Our Patron Saint on Sunday 30th November 2025 at 11.00am Mass

There will be a rosary and novena three days before the festive celebration.

- Thursday, 27th and Friday, 28th November 2025 at 7.00pm followed by Mass
- Saturday, 29th November at 5.30pm followed by Mass

On Sunday, 30th November 2025 we will have a festive mass at 11.00am followed by procession on the church ground. There will be fellowship afterwards

You are most welcome to bring a plate to share. Everyone is invited to join.

PHILIPPINES EMERGENCY APPEAL: TYPHOON TINO (KALMAEGI)

You may have seen Australian media reports about Category 4 Typhoon Kalmaegi (locally known as Typhoon Tino) impacting Cebu in the Philippines. What is not being widely reported is the devastation on the neighbouring island of Negros, where our Good Samaritan ministries are based. The inland community, including the Sisters of the Good Samaritan Kinder School, has also been impacted, with families losing loved ones, facing significant damage, displacement, and loss of essential resources.

WE WILL BE HAVING A SPECIAL COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND AFTER ALL MASSES TO RAISE FUNDS TO HELP FAMILIES REBUILD AND TO RESTORE SAFE SHELTER, MEALS, AND SUPPORT.

CALLING ALL NEW AND EXISTING LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS

There will be a training session to held on Tuesday 25th November 2025 at 7.30pm and on Saturday 29th November at 10.30am in St. Andrew's Church. You are expected to attend the training session for you to be added on the next year 2026 parish rosters. Anyone interested, please register by calling the Parish Office on 9741 4144. Thank you for your generous support to St. Andrews Parish.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 23rd November to 1st December 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 29 th / 30 th Nov	Aroon Sequeira	David Cox	Olivia Ochi	Ann Jennings	Sindhu Moreira
MUSIC 29 th / 30 th Nov	St. Philomena's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's P/S Choir	King Jesus Praise and Worship Choir	St. Andrew's Children Choir
Communion Minister 29 th / 30 th Nov	Philu Fernandes Aroon Sequera Wilson Monteiro	Kevin McGuane Alfred Obieta	Sherine Raphael Charles Mei Stella Onos	Anthony Acciarito Maria Teofilo Graeme Roberts	Stephen Hart Judy Anderson Genni Douglas
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 24 Nov: M. H. Chong Mon 1 Dec: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 24 Nov: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 28 Nov: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 24 Nov: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 23 Nov: J. Francisco Sun 30 Nov: O. Lesoa		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 23 Nov: J. Sui Sun 30 Nov: M. Parba		



WYD CROSS AND PILGRIMAGE WALK

ACYF Launch and Reception of the WYD Cross & Icon and Pilgrimage Walk Sunday 30 November

All are invited to St Patrick's Cathedral on Sunday, 30 November as we welcome more than 6,000 young pilgrims from across Australia for the Australian Catholic Youth Festival.

Let us gather together as the local Church in Melbourne to share in their joy and offer a truly warm Melbourne welcome.

Cathedral Program:

- **1:30 pm** - Melbourne Catholic Festa: A joyful celebration of the diversity and beauty of our faith communities. gathering on the Cathedral forecourt.
- **2:30 pm** - Reception of the WYD Cross and Icon Join us as we welcome these powerful symbols of faith which have travelled the world inspiring young Catholics.
- **3:00 pm** - Pilgrimage Walk: A pilgrimage of hope, led by the WYD Cross and Icon, journeying 5km from the Cathedral to MCEC (note: only ticketed pilgrims can enter MCEC). A shorter 3km Cathedral - Birrarung Marr - Return route is also available.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY CHRISTMAS APPEAL - Hungry, anxious and desperate. Christmas will look different this year for struggling families. Our parish is supporting the St Vincent de Paul Society's Christmas Appeal. Each year, our Christmas Appeal plays a vital role in enabling the good works of the Society and, with your support, we hope to achieve a strong result so we can continue serving the community. Over the past six months, the Werribee Conference of St Andrew's Parish has provided over \$66,000 in material assistance, including food, clothing, furniture and financial support, to families and households in the Parish of St Andrew's. With the current cost-of-living crisis, the assistance we provide for people experiencing hardship this festive season will be needed more than ever. Parishioners are encouraged to donate generously to help continue the Society's work of helping those most in need. There will be a third collection at Masses on 6 & 7 December. Non-perishable food or gift cards can be left in the Vinnies basket in the church. **Please note we are unable to accept donations of clothing. These should be dropped off at the Vinnies Shop, Costa Drive, Hoppers Crossing.**

HOME BASED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM AT ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE

Parents of children attending *Non-Catholic Primary Schools* in the Werribee area who are interested in their child attending the Sacramental Program for 2026 are asked to leave their details at the Parish Office via email werribee@cam.org.au or call 9741 4144. The program is conducted for children in Grade 3 Pre- Sacrament, Grade 4 Reconciliation, Grade 5 Eucharist and Grade 6 Confirmation. Please note Enrolments close 20th December 2025. Thank you. Benita, HBRE Coordinator.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF STUDENTS RCIS

St Andrew's Parish will be conducting workshops for Secondary Students residing within the Parish of St. Andrew's and wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation in 2026. Please contact the Parish Office at St. Andrew's Parish on Ph. 9741 4144 or werribee@cam.org.au for more information and to leave your details. Enrolments close 20th December 2025. *Thank you - Benita*

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - Join us as we lift our voices in songs of praise and worship. We meet every Tuesday at 1pm to 2:30pm in the Penola Hub - 33 Mortimer St Werribee followed by tea and coffee. Deepen your relationship with Jesus, through praise and worship, prayer and reflection. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Susanne on 0438 372 952

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO ITALIANO - Ricorda l'incontro settimanale del mercoledì mattina dalle 10am alle 12noon nella Penola Hub 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Unitevi a noi in preghiera, siete tutti

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.



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 7th December 2025.

WYNDHAM VALE COMMUNITY MASS UPDATE -

Please note that there will be no Wyndham Vale Community Mass during the month of December 2025. Our next Community Mass will be on Sunday, 18 January 2026 at 10:00 AM at OLS Primary School Hall. We look forward to gathering again in the New Year to celebrate the Eucharist together. Wishing you and your families a blessed and peaceful Christmas season. *WVCC Leadership Team*

MASS AT THE HOSPITAL & 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



Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession on **Thursday 27 November 2025 6.30pm–7.30 pm**. Please note that various venues will be used for Six30 Holy Hour throughout 2025. Please check venue details each week on the [Events](#) page of Melbourne Catholic. For more information, email udisciple@cam.org.au or call 9926 5677.

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.

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