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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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C, 15TH / 16TH MARCH 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: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

The Lord God took Abram outside and said, "Look up at the sky and count the stars, if you can. Just so," he added, "shall your descendants be." Abram put his faith in the LORD, who credited it to him as an act of righteousness. He then said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." "O Lord GOD," he asked, "how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He answered him, "Bring me a three-year-old heifer, a three-year-old she-goat, a three-year-old ram, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." Abram brought him all these, split them in two, and placed each half opposite the other; but the birds he did not cut up. Birds of prey swooped down on the carcasses, but Abram stayed with them. As the sun was about to set, a trance fell upon Abram, and a deep, terrifying darkness enveloped him. When the sun had set and it was dark, there appeared a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch, which passed between those pieces. It was on that occasion that the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying: "To your descendants I give this land, from the Wadi of Egypt to the Great River, the Euphrates." **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14.

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom should I fear? The LORD is my life's refuge; of whom should I be afraid?

Hear, O LORD, the sound of my call; have pity on me, and answer me. Of you my heart speaks; you my glance seeks.

Your presence, O LORD, I seek. Hide not your face from me; do not in anger repel your servant. You are my helper: cast me not off.

I believe that I shall see the bounty of the LORD in the land of the living. Wait for the LORD with courage; be stouthearted, and wait for the LORD.

Response: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:17—4:1

Join with others in being imitators of me, brothers and sisters, and observe those who thus conduct themselves according to the model you have in us. For many, as I have often told you and now tell you even in tears, conduct themselves as enemies of the cross of Christ. Their end is destruction. Their God is their stomach; their glory is in their "shame." Their minds are occupied with earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we also await a savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will change our lowly body to conform with his glorified body by the power that enables him also to bring all things into subjection to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, in this way stand firm in the Lord.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory. From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, King of endless glory.

GOSPEL: Luke 9:28b-36

Jesus took Peter, John, and James and went up the mountain to pray. While he was praying his face changed in appearance and his clothing became dazzling white. And behold, two men were conversing with him, Moses and Elijah, who appeared in glory and spoke of his exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem. Peter and his companions had been overcome by sleep, but becoming fully awake, they saw his glory and the two men standing with him. As they were about to part from him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good that we are here; let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." But he did not know what he was saying. While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my chosen Son; listen to him." After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. They fell silent and did not at that time tell anyone what they had seen. **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION:

On the second Sunday of Lent, we move from Jesus' retreat to the desert and temptation by the devil to the glory shown in Jesus' Transfiguration. In his Transfiguration, we see an anticipation of the glory of Jesus' Resurrection. In each of the reports of the Transfiguration, the disciples keep secret what they have seen. Not until they also witness His Passion and death will the disciples understand Jesus' Transfiguration. We hear this story of Jesus' Transfiguration early in Lent, but we have the benefit of hindsight. In our hearing of it, we anticipate Jesus' Resurrection even as we prepare to remember Jesus' Passion and death. **Loyola Press**

PRAYER AT HOME: O God, who have commanded us to listen to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to behold your glory. Amen.

VOCATION VIEW: Are you listening to Jesus, the Chosen One? Be open to what he reveals to you. Let his message dwell in your heart. (Luke 9:28-36)

RECENT DEATH: Andre Litjens, Mark Anthony Faranda

ANNIVERSARY: Carmen Azzopardi, Giovanni & Anna Trifilo, Concetto Torre, Thomas Joseph Carlow

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Edith and Alwin Salagubang, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Kelly Jennings, Crispin De Zilva, Maria Trang Nguyen, Eden Guzman, Myrna Fevilla, Peter Tho Huynh.

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 (17th to 23rd March 2025)

Mon: 9.00am Mass - *St. Patrick's Feast Day*

Tues: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 9.00am Mass – *St. Joseph's Feast Day*

Thurs: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass followed by *Station of the Cross*
7.00pm *Station of the Cross* followed by Mass

Sat: 9.00am Mass followed by *confession*

WEEKEND MASSES (22th and 23rd March 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm *Vigil Mass*

5.00pm *Tarneit West Community Mass at St. John P/S*

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

10.00am *St. Michael's Community Mass – Little River*

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 Tuesday 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

TAP TO DONATE - At the request of many parishioners and the recommendation of the Finance Committee, we have installed a tapping receiver for those who wish to contribute to the parish without carrying 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.



CHURCH OPENS ON WEEKDAYS - The Church opens from Tuesdays to Fridays, 9.00am to 4.00pm for anyone who would like to visit the Blessed Sacrament. The door on the presbytery side will be open. Thank you, let us keep our church safe for all.

OUR ST. JOHN THE APOSTLE SCHOOL CELEBRATES 10TH BIRTHDAY

One of our schools, the school of St. John the Apostle in Tarneit celebrates its 10th Birthday this week. We began the celebrations with a Thanksgiving Mass of Friday morning.

We join the community in thanking the Lord for all the blessings he has poured on the school last ten years and ask God to continue to bless the principal, staff, students and the families always.

Let this school and its family may be the Light of Christ to all.

PARISH CENSUS

A parish census will be conducted following the Homily at all Masses this weekend and next weekend. This will enable us to update our parish records – adding new members of our community and noting changes with addresses, emails and phone numbers. Census Cards, Privacy Envelopes and pencils will be distributed on arrival at each Mass, and you are requested to return your envelope in one of the collection baskets. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 16th to 24th March 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 22 th / 23 rd Mar.	Gloria Udorly	Angela Callea	Rita Edemu	Diorela Paguia	Gabrielle Villegas
MUSIC 22 th / 23 rd Mar.	Philu and Co.	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	St. Andrew Choir	Ensemble of Faith Choir	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 22 th / 23 rd Mar.	Noelene Keogh Desiree Galea Anson John	Red Dubier Peter Walters David Cox	Jen Climie Mary Nguyen Rita Edemu	Grace Iaria Clare Taylor Anthony Acciarito	Stephen Hart Judy Anderson Genni Doughlas
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 17 Mar: Mass at 9am Mon 24 Mar: Mass at 9am		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 17 Mar: M. Tong & N. Chol Fri 21 Mar: A. Ucala & R. Nykuy Mon 17 Mar: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 16 Mar: J. Francisco Sun 23 Mar: O. Lesoa		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 16 Mar: Siu Sun 23 Mar: Siu		

The Wyndham Vale Catholic Community
(incorporating Manor Lakes, Bluestone, Harpley, Jubilee, Mambourin)

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

6:30 PM | FRIDAY, 21 MARCH 2025
2-20 HOWQUA WAY MANOR LAKES, VIC 3024

Our Lady of the Southern Cross Primary School

Everyone is welcome to join us!

DAILY ROSARY ON ZOOM

We are inviting you to join us to pray the Rosary at home with the family. Please join us via Zoom Meeting every night at 6.55pm for 7.00 pm start

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2764655672?pwd=bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkJK6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672 Password: 9rGLKz

Let us continue to pray together for each other.

PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT

(every 4th Saturday of the month)

“Praise the Lord for He is good, sing praise to his name for that is pleasant.”
Psalm 135:3.

Please join us to praise and thank God for his blessings and mercy on Saturday 22 March 2025, 7pm at St. Andrew's Church.

WALK WITH MARY 2025 - Join the Combined Societies of Mary and Archbishop Peter A Comensoli on Sunday 23 March 2025, 2.00pm–3.30pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne for a special Mass, street procession and entrustment to Our Lady. Come and honour Our Lady on this special Sunday held in memory of her Annunciation. All welcome! For all enquiries, email: csmmary.org@tpg.com.au or call (03) 9509 2207.

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM)

Friday, 9th MAY 2025, 7.30pm AT PENOLA HUB

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR GROUP'S REPORT for the AGM ASAP. Please email your report, if possible, to werribee@cam.org.au or drop it into the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.

The Wyndham Vale Catholic Community

Sunday 16 March 2025 – 10.00 am Mass

April 2025 – There is no Mass

Sunday 18 May 2025 – 10.00 am Mass

MINISTER OF THE WORD AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTER OF THE EUCHARIST

Here at St Andrew's parish "in-house" training is conducted to allow parish members to more actively participate in the Mass as Minister of the Word and as Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist. The next training sessions are Tuesday 25 March at 7:30pm or Saturday 29 March at 10:30 am. Training is conducted within the church of St Andrew's to familiarize participants with parts of the church, the P.A. system, etc in a supportive environment with like-minded individuals before exposure to a weekend Mass audience. All current ministers are encouraged to participate to keep their skills up to date and to mentor newer ministers. For further detail please contact Peter on 0397426258.

ELSHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - is meeting every Tuesday 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 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 benvenuti.

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

Saint Joseph Men's Dinner



In honour of the Solemnity of St Joseph, you are invited to join men from around Melbourne for Holy Mass, fraternity and a meal.

WHO

Men aged 18+ (young men aged 15-17 may attend with their fathers).
Dress Code: Semi-Formal

WHEN

Wednesday 19th March 2025
• 6.30pm - Holy Mass of the Solemnity
• 7.30pm - Dinner (at menu prices)

WHERE

St Catherine of Siena Catholic Church
• 28 College Street, Caroline Springs VIC 3023
Dinner Location: WestWaters
• 10/20 Lake Street, Caroline Springs VIC 3023

RSVP

Please RSVP by Wednesday 12th March



Dinner Speaker:
Fr James Baptist



YOUTH LENTEN RETREAT



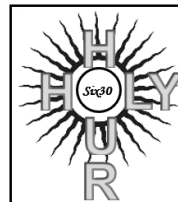
with Fr Christopher & Br Isaac Seraphin

SATURDAY 29TH MARCH
10AM - 4PM

The Penola Hub - 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee

Grade 6 to 25yrs
Lunch Provided

Please RSVP with dietary requirements to Fr James
james.baptist@cam.org.au



Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession.

Thursday 20 March 2025 6.30pm to 7.30 pm at St Mary Star of the Sea, 33 Howard St, West Melbourne VIC 3003 for more information, mail udisciple@cam.org.au or call 9926 5677.

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.

f 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.