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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

TWENTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C, 30TH AND 31ST AUGUST 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

FIRST READING: *A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus (Sirach 3:17-20, 28-29)*

My son, be gentle in carrying out your business, and you will be better loved than a lavish giver. The greater you are, the more you should behave humbly, and then you will find favour with the Lord; for great though the power of the Lord is, he accepts the homage of the humble. There is no cure for the proud man's malady, since an evil growth has taken root in him. The heart of a sensible man will reflect on parables, an attentive ear is the sage's dream. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 67:4-7. 10-11*

Response: *God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.*

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy. O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence.

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place. God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom.

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life. It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor.

Response: *God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter to the Hebrews (Hebrews 12:18-19, 22-24)*

What you have come to is nothing known to the senses: not a blazing fire, or a gloom turning to total darkness, or a storm; or trumpeting thunder or the great voice speaking which made everyone that heard it beg that no more should be said to them. But what you have come to is Mount Zion and the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem where the millions of angels have gathered for the festival, with the whole Church in which everyone is a 'first-born son' and a citizen of heaven. You have come to God himself, the supreme Judge, and been placed with spirits of the saints who have been made perfect; and to Jesus, the mediator who brings a new covenant. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 14:1. 7-14)*

On a sabbath day Jesus had gone for a meal to the house of one of the leading Pharisees; and they watched him closely. He then told the guests a parable, because he had noticed how they picked the places of honour. He said this, 'When someone invites you to a wedding feast, do not take your seat in the place of honour. A more distinguished person than you may have been invited, and the person who invited you both may come and say, "Give up your place to this man." And then, to your embarrassment, you would have to go and take the lowest place. No; when you are a guest, make your way to the lowest place and sit there, so that, when your host comes, he may say, "My friend, move up higher." In that way, everyone with you at the table will see you honoured. For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and the man who humbles himself will be exalted.' Then he said to his host, 'When you give a lunch or a dinner, do not ask your friends, brothers, relations or rich neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy by inviting you in return. No; when you have a party, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means that you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.' **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today's First Reading, and the message of today's Gospel. Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all. This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud. We again call to mind the Exodus in today's Psalm how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a "Father of orphans." We now have also gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table. We are to give

alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood. The Lord promises that if we are humble, we will be exalted and find favour with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous. We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist today's Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God. It is the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher. **Dr. Scott Hahn**

PRAYER AT HOME: Use today's collect as your prayer this week: **God of might, giver of every good gift, put into our hearts the love of your name, so that, by deepening our sense of reverence, you may nurture in us what is good and, by your watchful care, keep safe what you have nurtured.**

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus keeps saying, "Let go. Come, follow me." If your pride is holding you back, or if you're looking for exaltation, let go. Come, follow His way.

RECENT DEATH: Vincenzo Inserra, William Bartels, Thelma Fernandes, Melinda Houston

ANNIVERSARY: Michael Sfameni, Violet Mobbs, Rowena Ilagan, Loreto Ilagan, Mate and Helena Matesin, Lauren Jerkovic, Augustin and Marija Jerkovic

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

WEEKDAY LITURGY (1st to 6th September 2025)

Mon: 9.00am Liturgy of the word with Communion

Tues: 9.00pm Mass

Wed: 9.00am Mass

Thurs: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass

NO FIRST FRIDAY Rosary, Mass and Adoration

Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (6th / 7th September 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm Mass

5.00pm Tamil Community Mass – Penola Hub

THERE WILL BE NO FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION ON 5TH SEPTEMBER AS HBRE CONFIRMATION WILL BE HELD THAT EVENING.

COME & SEE

Everyone is welcome regardless of race, religion, or cultural affiliation.



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- Corpus Christi College Building Fund
- Priests Retirement Foundation
- John Pierce Centre
- Melbourne Overseas Missions
- University of Divinity Building Fund
- Annual grants to Catholic community agencies and community service organisations
- Archbishop's evangelisation initiatives
- Seminarian education

THE 2025 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

We ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

Thank you for your generosity and support!



This annual Archbishop's Campaign will be conducted in parishes throughout August this year.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 31st AUGUST to 8th September 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 6 th / 7 th Sept	Agnes D'Lima	John Hennessy	Olivia Ochi	Sandy Henderson	Katherine Canet
MUSIC 6 th / 7 th Sept	Philu and Co. Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Sariling Tinig Choir	Ensemble of Faith	King Jesus Praise and Worship Choir
Communion Minister 6 th / 7 th Sept	Aroon Sequeira Wilson Monteiro Kristine Ventura	Lillian Jilbert Nimal Pandithakoralege Anna Obieta	Charles Mei Stella Onos Jen Climie	Clare Taylor Stealth D'Rozario Maria Teofilo	Maria Parba Sindhu Moreira Stephen Hart
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 1 Sept: C. Ilagan Mon 8 Sept: M.H. Chong		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 1 Sept: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 5 Sept: A. Majok, N. Deng Mon 1 Sept: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 31 Aug: J. Francisco Sun 7 Sept: O. Lesoa		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 31 Aug: Priya Sun 7 Sept: N. George		

Dear Parish Volunteers,

We are truly grateful for your ongoing commitment and the valuable time you give to serve our parish community. Your dedication to God's work is deeply appreciated, and we thank you for all that you do. As part of our parish's responsibility to maintain a safe and compliant environment, we kindly ask all volunteers to ensure the following are up to date:

1. Working with Children Check (WWCC)

If you have not updated your Working with Children Check, please do so as soon as possible. When applying or renewing, please select "volunteering at St Andrew's Church" as the organisation. The Department of Human Services will then send us a copy directly. Please also email us a copy of your updated check for our records.

2. Safeguarding Children And Young People Code Of Conduct Declaration

The Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration is an acknowledgement that clergy, employees and volunteers have read and understood the behaviours and conduct expected of them and agree to comply with the Code of Conduct. **Clergy, employees and volunteers are required to sign the Safeguarding Children and Young People Code of Conduct Declaration upon their commencement. Volunteers are required to re-sign the Declaration every three years. Clergy and employees are required to re-sign the Declaration annually.**

Printed forms can be found near the altar steps. You may pick up two forms one for yourself to keep as a reference and other one to be signed and returned to the parish office.

3. Parish Registration

It is compulsory for all volunteers to be registered parishioners in our parish database. If you are not yet registered, please complete the attached parishioner registration form and email it back to us. Please note: Only registered parishioners can take part in volunteer work within the parish.

4. Safeguarding Training

Those who missed the Safeguarding Training in December are required to complete the training online. Once completed, please email us a copy of your certificate for our records.

<https://safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org/s/login/?ec=302&startURL=%2Fs%2F>

5. Updated Contact Details

If your address, phone number, email, or name has changed recently, kindly let us know so we can keep your information current. Once again, we thank you for your generous service and support. May God continue to bless you abundantly as you serve in His vineyard.

Kindly note:

In accordance with parish and safeguarding requirements, volunteers who do not hold a current Working with Children Check will not be able to engage in any volunteer activities until their check is obtained or updated. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

Your cooperation to address this matter immediately would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, St. Andrew's Parish Safeguarding Committee



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 7 Sept 2025.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS SEPTEMBER MEETING is to be conducted on next Tuesday, September 2, in Penola Hub, at 7:30pm. All men are welcome to attend and learn how your talents and experience could assist in our work for the Parish and the wider Church Community. John Hennessy, 0418 517

JOIN US FOR MARY & MARTHA – A Women's Ministry Meeting! Ladies, you are warmly invited to our Mary & Martha Women's Ministry gathering this is a time to step away from the busyness of life and enter into a space of faith, fellowship, and renewal. **When:** Tuesday, 9th September 2025, 7 pm **Where:** Penola Hub. All women are welcome! Let's journey in faith together - see you there!

CARITAS AUSTRALIA: GAZA PLEDGE
(closes this Sunday 31 August 2025)

By September 9, changes to registration processes for international NGOs threaten to drastically reduce the already insufficient flow of food, water, and medicine into Gaza. While Caritas Australia's locally embedded partners remain unaffected, Caritas Australia has launched a pledge to acknowledge the devastating impact of any further reduction in aid to Gaza. To learn more and sign the pledge: caritas.org.au/gaza. Support through signing and sharing the pledge - **closes this Sunday 31 August 2025.**

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting **Tuesday, 24 September 2025 beginning 19:00 – 20:00 Location:** via [ZOOM](#)

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

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werribee@cam.org.au'. There is a QR code on the right side. The poster also features images of Woody from Toy Story and a woman in a movie costume."/>

MOVIE TRIVIA NIGHT
An ACYF Fundraiser

Help to send our youth to the Australian Catholic Youth Festival at this fun trivia night for all ages!

ADULTS & YOUTH: \$20
KIDS UNDER 12: \$10
TABLE OF 8: \$150

7.30PM, SATURDAY 13TH SEPTEMBER

The Penola Hub - 33 Mortimer St, Werribee
BYO snacks & non-alcoholic drinks

For TICKETS, please scan the code or email us: werribee@cam.org.au

COME DRESSED AS YOUR FAVOURITE MOVIE CHARACTER!



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.

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.

St. Andrew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.