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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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR C, 2ND AND 3RD 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 walk gently and respectfully upon the land.

FIRST READING: *A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes (Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23)*

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity! For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 89:3-6. 12-14. 17*

Response: *In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

You turn men back into dust and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' To your eyes a thousand years are like yesterday, come and gone, no more than a watch in the night.

You sweep men away like a dream, like grass which springs up in the morning. In the morning it springs up and flowers: by evening it withers and fades.

Make us know the shortness of our life that we may gain wisdom of heart. Lord, relent! Is your anger forever? Show pity to your servants.

In the morning, fill us with your love; we shall exult and rejoice all our days. Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: give success to the work of our hands.

Response: *In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians (Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11)*

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him. That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 12:13-21)*

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied, 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.' Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do; I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

THEN HE SAID TO THEM,
"WATCH OUT! BE ON
YOUR GUARD AGAINST
ALL KINDS OF GREED;
LIFE DOES NOT CONSIST
IN AN ABUNDANCE OF
POSSESSIONS."

Luke 12:15



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Both the first reading and the psalm response speak about the transitoriness of life. Life is all we have and it is so fragile, so fleeting. When we realise this, we may fear that in the end we will have nothing to show for our lives. Such thoughts show that we have not learned the most basic lesson of life – life is to be lived! The goods of the earth are both good and essential for survival and advancement. However, they do not satisfy the deepest longings of the human spirit. They provide us with pleasure and

challenge, but they cannot shield us from the transitoriness of life itself. In the face of such impermanence, they are ultimately worthless. Life itself is the far greater good; goods only enhance life. Recognising the transitoriness of life and the vanity of goods, we come to see that the only reality worthy of our total commitment is our relationship with God in Christ. Though made of dust and thus subject to perishability, we are joined with Christ and are promised imperishability. Having died to the vanities of this world, having taken off our old selves with their evil desires, we can now live as a new self, in generosity rather than greed, with openness to others rather than religious or gender or social biases. In our commitment to Christ we will discover that we can transform what is transitory in life by giving it away in love. If we can live in this way, life is anything but vanity! **Dianne Bergant CSA**

PRAYER AT HOME: This week to keep in your heart: *Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs.*

VOCATION VIEW: Another sign of Vocation is that your heart is more intent on things of heaven rather than on things of earth. God is everything: the only thing

RECENT DEATH: Antonio Epifanio Faranda, Bernard and Patricia Callahan, Ameurfina Javier and Josefina Maglanque

ANNIVERSARY: Marcelino Cataquian, Estercasio Ilagan, Emilio Boscolo and all the deceased members of Boscolo family, Rohan Fernando

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Edith and Alwin Salagubang, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Crispin De Zilva, 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

WEEKDAY LITURGY (28th July to 2nd August 2025)

Mon: Liturgy of the word with Communion

Tues: 9.00pm Mass

Wed: **Feast Transfiguration of the Lord**
9.00am Mass

Thurs: 9.00am Mass

Fri: **Solemnity St. Mary of the Cross**
9.00am Mass (St. Andrews P/S attending)

Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (2nd and 3rd August 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass

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



Solemnity of the
Assumption of the
Blessed Virgin
Mary

15th August 2025
Friday
9.00am Mass
7.00pm Rosary
followed by Mass

CATHOLIC HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION

are special feast days when Catholics are required to attend Mass and refrain from unnecessary work. These days are meant to be a time for special worship and remembrance of significant events in the lives of Jesus, Mary, and the saints, similar to how Sundays are observed.

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a Holy Day of Obligation

for Catholics because it commemorates the belief that Mary was taken up, body and soul, into heaven at the end of her earthly life, a unique privilege and honour reflecting her special role in God's plan of salvation. This event, while not explicitly detailed in the Bible, is a central tenet of Catholic tradition and is seen as a testament to Mary's holiness and her unique relationship with Jesus.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL 2025 - We are most grateful for your generous support of The Society's Winter Appeal special collection of \$1534.75 last weekend. It is through your compassion and kindness that we can continue to help those facing financial stress in the cost-of-living crises our community is experiencing. THANK YOU. We are also seeking new members to assist with the good works of the Society. If you would like to know more about becoming a member, please contact Noelene on 0400 878 844.

NEW ENVELOPES FROM AUGUST 2025 TO JANUARY 2026

New sets of Thanksgiving envelopes in alphabetical order are available for collection after all masses in front of the altar steps. It would help greatly if you could deliver some in your area. Thank you!

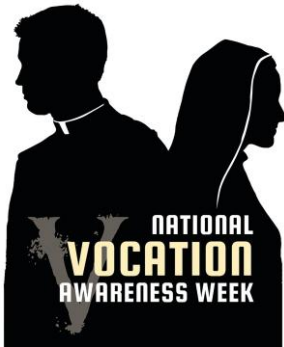


Congratulations to our dear Fr. Albert on his 43 Years of Priesthood

Saturday, 2nd August 2025. May God bless you abundantly for your generous and devoted service, may the Lord continue to pour out His abundant blessings upon you, and may the Lord show his mercy upon you. May He give you joy as you celebrate your 43rd Ordination Anniversary. Your years of service have been a testament to your unwavering faith. May you continue to inspire us all. Let us continue to keep Fr. Albert in our prayers.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 3rd to 11th AUGUST 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 9 th /10 th Aug	Aldrin Manohar	Darren Giese	Edna Silva	Anthony Acciarito	Stephen Hart
MUSIC 9 th /10 th Aug	St. Faustina Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Padre Pio Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Andrews Children's Choir
Communion Minister 9 th /10 th Aug	Rhea Fernandes Noelene Keogh Charles Reuben	Peter Walters David Cox John Hennessy	Sherine Raphael Emmanuel Edemu Bianca Pante	Dennis Vanspall Otilia Lesoa Sheridan Fevaleaki	Genni Doughlas Katherine Canet Nadia Richards
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 4 Aug: C. Ilagan Mon 11 Aug: M. H. Chong		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 4 Aug: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 8 Aug: P. Palamara Mon 4 Aug: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 3 Aug: J. Francisco Sun 10 Aug: O. Lesoa		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 3 Aug: M.H. Chong Sun 10 Aug: M.H. Chong		



NATIONAL VOCATIONS AWARENESS WEEK

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.



THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS AUGUST MEETING is to be conducted on next Tuesday, August 5, 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 517 396.

NEW BETHANY CAMPUS IN TARNEIT – OPENING IN 2027- HOGANS ROAD

As previously shared, a new Catholic school has been planned for the growing Tarneit area. We are pleased to confirm that this new development will become a second campus of Bethany Catholic Primary School, opening in 2027. This new campus will expand the opportunities for families within St Andrew's Parish to access quality Catholic education, while remaining connected to the mission and values of Bethany. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Joanne Webster (Principal), Father Albert, or Melbourne Archdiocese Catholic Schools (MACS). We are happy to support and answer any enquiries

FOR MORE INFORMATION OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE PARISH, PLEASE SEE FLYERS ON THE NOTICE BOARD.



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has questions**

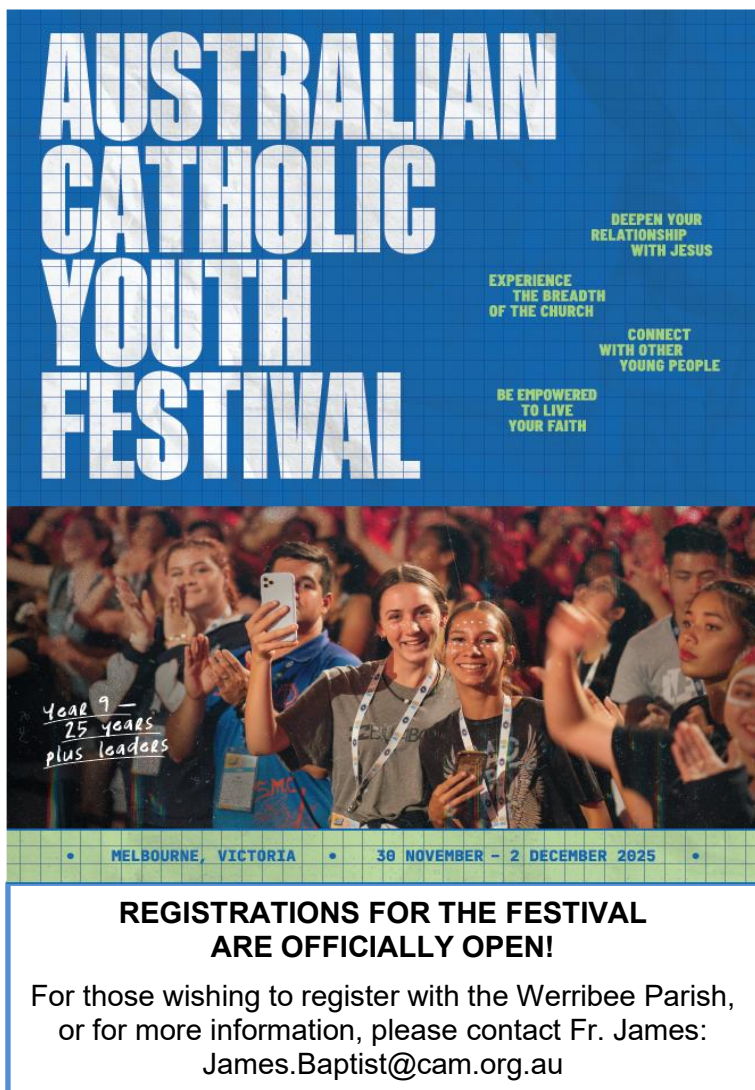
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or for more information, please contact Fr. James:
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Jubilee of Youth HOPE NIGHT

"FOR I KNOW THE PLANS I HAVE FOR YOU, SAYS THE
LORD, PLANS FOR WELFARE AND NOT FOR EVIL, TO
GIVE YOU A FUTURE AND A HOPE."
Jeremiah 29:11

Ages
11-25

- Live music
- Keynote talk
- Adoration & Benediction of
The Blessed Sacrament
- Confession available

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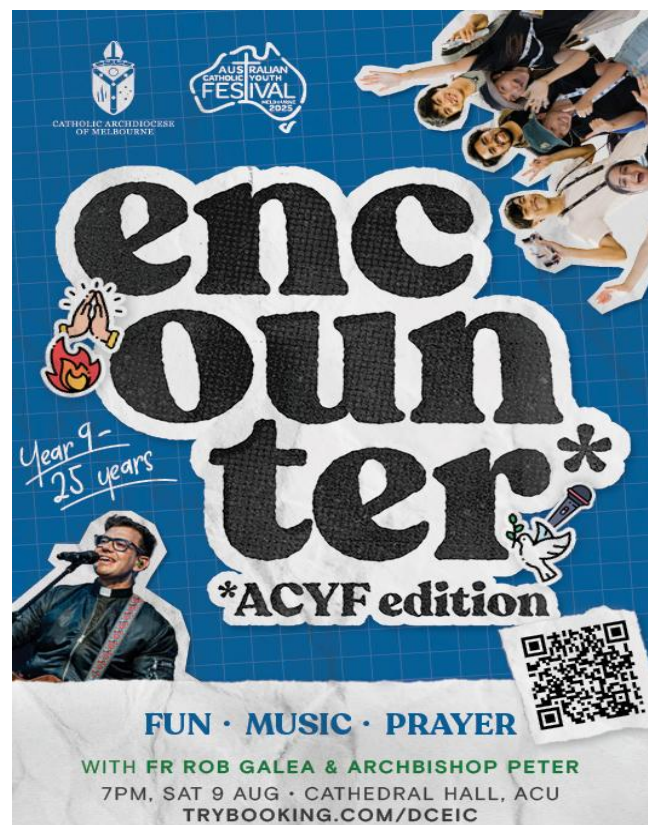
GUEST SPEAKER
Gary Pinto



SCAN ME

7pm, Saturday 2nd of August

St Andrew's Church, 105 Greaves St North,
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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.