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Monday: CLOSED  
Tuesday – Friday: 9am – 4pm



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

**Liturgy:** Mass Times  
Saturday 6pm Vigil  
Sunday 8, 9.30, 11am, 5pm  
Reconciliation  
Saturday 9.30am and 5pm

#### PARISH TEAMS

**Pastoral Team:**  
Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP  
Fr. John Paul Mount  
Fr. Anil Mascarenhas  
Sherry Vivera  
Pastoral Worker  
Benita Dahanayake  
Home Based RE Coordinator

#### Administrative Team:

Cora Ilagan  
Jen Climie (Finance)

**South Sudanese Deacon:**  
Rev. George Piech Meat  
9741 4144 (3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday)

#### PARISH SCHOOLS

**St. Andrew's Primary School** – Ph. 9741 3686  
Principal:  
Michael Gavaghan

**Corpus Christi Primary School** – Ph. 9741 8440  
Principal: Linda Roynic

**Bethany Primary School**  
– Ph. 9742 9800  
Principal:  
Marlene Monahan

**Our Lady of the Southern Cross Primary School** – Ph. 9974 8500  
Acting Principal:  
Sandy Henderson

**St. John the Apostle PS Tarneit West** -  
Ph. 8754 4300  
Principal: Simon Dundon

**MacKillop Catholic Regional College** –  
Ph. 8734 5200  
Principal: Rory Kennedy

**Thomas Carr Catholic Regional College** -  
Ph. 8734 2444  
Principal: Craig Holmes

### **THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT – 15<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019**

**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: Isaiah 35:1-6, 10**

The desert and the parched land will exult; the steppe will rejoice and bloom. They will bloom with abundant flowers, and rejoice with joyful song. The glory of Lebanon will be given to them, the splendor of Carmel and Sharon; they will see the glory of the LORD, the splendor of our God. Strengthen the hands that are feeble, make firm the knees that are weak, say to those whose hearts are frightened: Be strong, fear not! Here is your God, he comes with vindication; with divine recompense he comes to save you. Then will the eyes of the blind be opened, the ears of the deaf be cleared; then will the lame leap like a stag, then the tongue of the mute will sing. Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return and enter Zion singing, crowned with everlasting joy; they will meet with joy and gladness, sorrow and mourning will flee.

#### **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

#### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 146:6-7, 8-9, 9-10**

**Response: Lord, come and save us.**

The LORD God keeps faith forever, secures justice for the oppressed, gives food to the hungry. The LORD sets captives free.

The LORD gives sight to the blind; the LORD raises up those who were bowed down. The LORD loves the just; the LORD protects strangers.

The fatherless and the widow he sustains, but the way of the wicked he thwarts. The LORD shall reign forever; your God, O Zion, through all generations.

**Response: Lord, come and save us.**

#### **SECOND READING: James 5:7-10**

Be patient, brothers and sisters, until the coming of the Lord. See how the farmer waits for the precious fruit of the earth, being patient with it until it receives the early and the late rains. You too must be patient. Make your hearts firm, because the coming of the Lord is at hand. Do not complain, brothers and sisters, about one another, that you may not be judged. Behold, the Judge is standing before the gates. Take as an example of hardship and patience, brothers and sisters, the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

#### **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:**

**Alleluia, alleluia. The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. Alleluia.**

#### **GOSPEL: Matthew 11:2-11**

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: *Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you.* Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he." **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**

**PARISH OFFICE HOURS - Parish Office will close for Christmas on Monday, 23<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 and re-open on Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 9am.**

**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Half way through Advent we pause for a moment to celebrate Gaudete Sunday, a Sunday for rejoicing. Isaiah paints a picture of regeneration. The desert that once seemed to be dead is now bursting with life; eyes that lacked sight, ears incapable of capturing and holding sound, limbs without strength, and tongues devoid of speech are all given new life. There will be no death in that age of fulfilment, no limitations, no mourning. As we move deeper and deeper into the reality of God's presence in our midst, we will discover the meaning of true fulfilment. John the Baptist is a standard for judging the privilege of entering here and now, the kingdom of heaven. He was the herald of the coming of Jesus, the one who prepared for him, but John himself died before the death and resurrection of Jesus opened the flood gates of the eschatological tide. By comparison, even the least in the kingdom of God is far greater than this prophetic herald. John also serves as a model of patience in suffering. His circumstances teach us that moving toward eschatological fulfilment is not without cost. Just as Matthew presents us with the example of John the Baptist, so James describes the patience required of those who await the age of fulfilment. That age of fulfilment will dawn in its time; all we can do is discharge our responsibilities regardless of how demanding they might be, and wait for that day patiently, convinced that it will come in God's due time. *Dianne Bergant CSA*

**PRAYER AT HOME:** Use today's gospel acclamation as your prayer this week: ***Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!***

**VOCATION VIEW:** "The Lord is Near" Today the Church bids us rejoice, the Lord is near, indeed He is with us. Let us rejoice today for those who have said 'yes' to the call of Jesus. Pray for our priests and religious. Pray for the fifty men in formation to the priesthood at our seminary in Carlton, Corpus Christi College.

**RECENT DEATH:** Filippa Lentini, Antonio Di Gioacchino, Kevin Jenkinson, Patrick Attick

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Sean and Teresa Lavin, Helena Matesin and Marija Jerkovic (family attending 8am Mass), Albert Goegan, Theresa Sciberras (family attending 6pm Mass), Pasquale Alessi and all the deceased members of the Alessi and Bucci families, Bartolo Cicero, Maria Torre, Giovanni Rappazzo, Loreto Ilagan

**REMINDER:** Parishioners please note that names for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries etc. to be included in the Sunday Bulletin must be at the Parish Office no later than **Wednesday** afternoon and **please address envelopes to the Admin Staff**. The names for Prayers for the Sick will be deleted at the beginning of each year. If you have a name you would like included, please contact the Parish Office.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** Philomina Ciby, Greg Puls, Frank Fazio, Helen Kelly, Raywin Roberts, Jaime Gamon, John Mahony, Kent Bloxham, Lynne Worsley, Joyce Stewart, Mark Kevin Lauron, Roger Camacho, Peter Ashford, Nella Resta, Anton Miletic, Theresa Lesoa, Wally Burns, Fr. Jeyaraj Rasiah S.J., Sawitree, Jayden Vaz, Joy Gabilla

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY:** We try to be aware of all who through illness or disability are unable to attend Mass regularly. If you know of anyone who would benefit from Communion being brought to them, please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144.

### **LITURGY THIS WEEK: ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH**

**Mon:** 9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion  
**Tues:** 9.00am Mass  
7.00pm Evening Prayers followed by Mass  
**Wed:** 9.00am Mass  
7.00pm Evening Prayers followed by Mass  
**Thurs:** 9.00am Mass  
7.00pm Evening Prayers followed by Mass  
**Fri:** 9.00am Mass  
7.00pm Parish Reconciliation  
**Sat:** 9.00am Mass  
5.00pm Confessions

**ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING FOR OUR CHRISTMAS MASSES** is on **Friday, 20th December 2019 at 6pm in the Church** followed by a fellowship. New Altar Servers are welcome, too. If you are interested to attend please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or any of our priests. Thank you. Fr. Anil

**READERS AND COMMUNION MINISTERS REQUIRED** for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses. If you are currently an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and are able to assist, please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or put your name and contact number on the roster on the Altar steps. Thank you.

**LEGION OF MARY MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, 17<sup>th</sup> December 2019 at 7.30pm in the Penola Hub. All welcome.**

### **PARISH COMMUNITY MASSES – 10AM**

<b>Werribee Central/South</b>	<b>Sun, 15<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>
Chapel of St. Mary of the Cross/MacKillop College	
<b>Tamil Mass</b>	<b>NO MASS</b>
<b>Little River Community</b>	<b>Sun, 25<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>
St. Michael's Church	

*All parishioners and school families welcome to attend.*



**Christmas Offering envelopes** are now available from the **brochure racks and on the pews in the Church.**



**WORKING BEE** will be held in the Church on Saturday, 21<sup>st</sup> December 2019 from 9.30am to 1pm to prepare our Church and Church grounds for Christmas Season. We would greatly appreciate it if you could spare some time to help! Thank You! **More hands make work lighter and easy to accomplish!**

### **CHRISTMAS CARDS, MARY MACKILLOP AND COLUMBAN CALENDARS**

#### **FOR SALE AT THE PARISH OFFICE**

Packs of 8 Christmas Cards: \$8 each  
Calendars: \$10 each

## THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR. JOHN PAUL

Fr. John Paul has been appointed as Administrator of the Rosebud Parish, effective from 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020. We will have a leaving collection for Fr. John Paul on the weekend of 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019. His Farewell Mass is on the 29<sup>th</sup> December at 11am followed by fellowship. Please bring a plate to share.

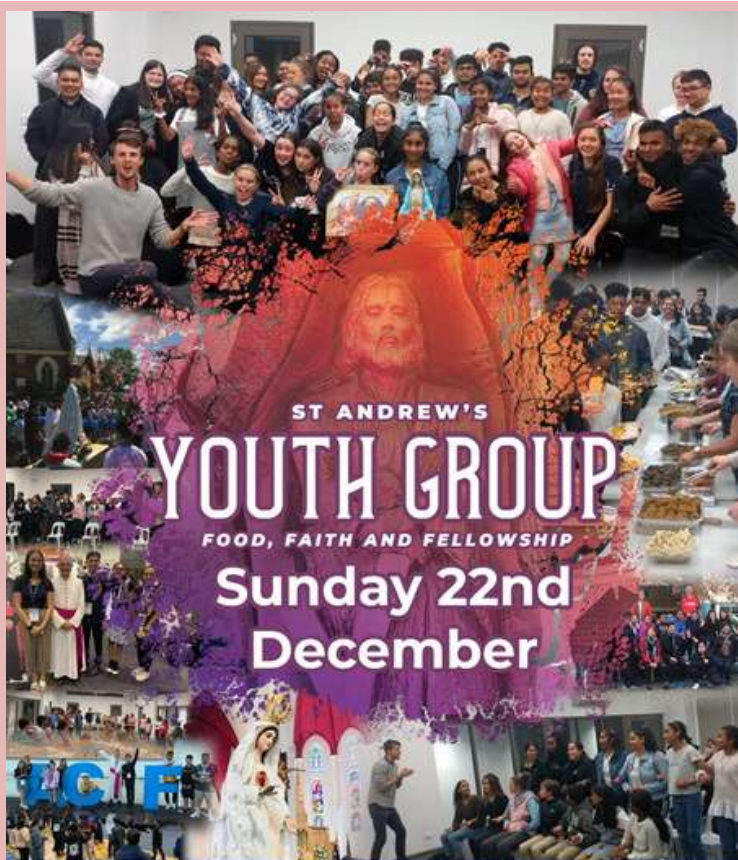


**MEETING WITH PARISHIONERS on Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 7.30pm at Penola Hub** – Fr. John Paul Mount has been appointed as the administrator of Rosebud parish starting 1<sup>st</sup> January 2020. We were also told by the Vicar General that he will not be replaced. Having only two priests is going to make it necessary to reorganize all the liturgies and other services in our parish. This may be also an opportunity for us to have a general meeting of the parish to review the parish and see how we can move forward.

**Acknowledging that this is our parish we invite you all to get involved in caring for the parish. Please prepare your comments, questions and suggestions to be presented and discussed at the meeting.**

### MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF 21<sup>st</sup> / 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2019

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5pm
<b>LECTORS</b>	Vic Valencia	Red Dubier	Maria Sammut	Diorela Paguaia	Young Adult Group
<b>MUSIC</b>	Sariling Tinig Choir	Tina D'Monte and Red Dubier	St. Andrew's Choir	Ensemble of Faith	Young Adult Group
<b>COUNTERS</b>	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 15 Dec: Sun 22 Dec:	Team 7: R. Dubier, J. Thompson, M. Thompson Team 6: N. Jewell, J. Luttick, W. Jennings, P. Stapleton		
<b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>	Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 16 Dec: Fri 20 Dec: Mon 16 Dec:	Team 2: B. Ashford, Z. Prasad Team 3: Volunteer Team 2: D. Aliston		
<b>ALTAR CLOTHS</b>	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 15 Dec: Sun 22 Dec:	Cora Demate Mary Nguyen		
<b>OUR LADY'S STATUE</b>	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 15 Dec: Sun 22 Dec:	Marie Massey, 6 Burley Court, Manor Lakes, 0407 642 823 Cora Ilagan, 0409 742 507		



**JOIN US for our 5PM YOUTH MASS at St Andrew's Parish Werribee**  
 Followed by our **Monthly Youth Group Gathering (13+)** at  
**6:15 - 8:30pm** at the Penola Hub (across the road from St Andrew's)  
 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee.  
**DINNER PROVIDED**  
 For more info email [WERRIBEE@CAM.ORG.AU](mailto:WERRIBEE@CAM.ORG.AU) or call 9741 4144

## Christmas Eve Nativity Play and Children's Choir

### REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

**Tuesday 10 December – 6pm to 7pm**  
Room 3, St. Andrew's Primary School

**Tuesday 17 December – 5pm to 6pm**  
St. Andrew's Church

**Monday 23 December – 5pm to 6pm**  
St. Andrew's Church

**Tuesday 24 December –**  
Christmas Eve Children's Mass  
St. Andrew's Church

Arrival & Rehearsal – 4:00pm  
Carols Begin at 5:00pm  
Mass Begins at 5:30pm

Nativity Enquiries: Susanne Sweeny 0438 372 952  
Children's Choir Enquiries: [secretarystaafc@gmail.com](mailto:secretarystaafc@gmail.com)



### GODSTART Christmas Party

A special Christmas Celebration to all families and children of all ages. Come celebrate the true meaning of Christmas!

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019, 12:30-3:30pm, Penola Hub. Please bring a plate of food to share ♥

RSVP to Susanne 0438372952 for catering purposes.

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**INFO NIGHT**  
Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
7.00pm



Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee

Alpha is a famous worldwide known Christian  
programme. We invite you to the information night.  
**COME AND SEE**

**RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF STUDENTS – RCIS** – We will be conducting workshops for Secondary Students residing within the Parish of St. Andrew's who are wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation in 2020. Workshops will commence during the month of February and will conclude in September 2020. 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. Thank you.

**HOME BASED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM AT ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE** - Home Based Religious Education Program is a Sacramental program for students in Non-Catholic Primary Schools who wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, Eucharist and Confirmation. Children in Grade 3 are asked to enroll in the Pre-Sacrament Class. The program also include any child from a Catholic Primary School who wishes to be baptised. If you have any queries, please leave your name and phone number at the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or email werribee@cam.org.au Please note Enrolments close 20<sup>th</sup> December 2019. Thank you.

**FULL RESULT OF THE ST. ANDREW'S PARISH FAIR REPORT WILL BE PUT ON OUR WEEKEND TAKE AWAY SHEET ONCE IT IS FINALISED.**

**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 baptise 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.

**NOTICE BOARDS - Please check flyers for various notices.**

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