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Saturday 9.30am and 5pm

PARISH TEAMS

Pastoral Team:

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP
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Pastoral Care in Wyndham Vale
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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 ADVENT YEAR C – 9TH DECEMBER 2018

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: Baruch 5:1-9

Jerusalem, take off your robe of mourning and misery; put on the splendor of glory from God forever: wrapped in the cloak of justice from God, bear on your head the mitre that displays the glory of the eternal name. For God will show all the earth your splendor: you will be named by God forever the peace of justice, the glory of God's worship. Up, Jerusalem! stand upon the heights; look to the east and see your children gathered from the east and the west at the word of the Holy One, rejoicing that they are remembered by God. Led away on foot by their enemies they left you: but God will bring them back to you borne aloft in glory as on royal thrones. For God has commanded that every lofty mountain be made low, and that the age-old depths and gorges be filled to level ground, that Israel may advance secure in the glory of God. The forests and every fragrant kind of tree have overshadowed Israel at God's command; for God is leading Israel in joy by the light of his glory, with his mercy and justice for company.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6.

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those who sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:4-6, 8-11

Brothers and sisters: I pray always with joy in my every prayer for all of you, because of your partnership for the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Christ Jesus. God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value, so that you may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

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: Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias was tetrarch of Abilene, during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechariah in the desert. John went throughout the whole region of the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: *A voice of one crying out in the desert: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths. Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."*

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: The advent of God's coming with its promise of fulfilment happens within world history. The first reading locates God's act of restoration in the city of Jerusalem. The gospel situates the ministry of John within a particular period of world history. They point us to historical experience as the place and the time of restoration, of incarnation, of redemption. They show us that God works within everyday life, in conventional places, during regular time. In fact, from a human point of view, the extraordinary events of salvation took place within what was quite ordinary. John proclaims the kind of transformation that results in a change of heart. Reversals characterise such transformation: the robe of mourning is replaced by the splendour of glory; tears are turned into rejoicing; those led away by enemies are brought back by God; valleys are filled, mountains are levelled, winding roads are made straight; even nature offers itself as shelter for the people of God. Those who are shamed and discarded are made glorious; those who suffer are comforted; the oppressed are freed; all of life's obstacles are removed; the way to God is made straight; the natural world enjoys peace and harmony. The transformation or repentance of heart takes place within human life, within relationships of justice between people and with the earth, in right living, in genuine unselfish love. It produces the fruits of righteousness of which Paul speaks. Advent is the time to prepare ourselves for this.
Dianne Bergant CSS

PRAYER AT HOME: Today's entrance antiphon is a lovely prayer for this week: ***The Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.***

VOCATION VIEW: Who, today, is willing to make ready the way of the Lord, to clear Him a straight path? Good, I prayed you would.

RECENT DEATHS: Grant eternal peace, O Lord to: Julius Ferdinands, Maria Pistone, Giuseppe Lombardo, Everad Fletcher (London)

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY: Carmine Di Gioacchino (family attending 9.30am Mass), Laurie Baker

ANNIVERSARIES: Joachim Wanger (father of Birgit Minness), John Glaubitz, Julijana Balog, Angela Martini, Bartolo Cicero, Carmela Piccolo (family attending 6pm Mass), Luigi Iannacone, Jane Jordan, Jeevan Yeruva, Helena Matesin, Marija Jerkovic, Biagio Cascone (tenth year death anniversary), Nellie Raw

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.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Peter Ashford, Br. Helmut Knab CMM, Frank Fazio, H Kelly, Alana Hathaway, Margaret Goddard, Floriza Mendoza, Palepina Alofi, Don Niroshan, Chike Ochi, Edwin Aneke, Mary Harper (Morwell), Robert Giarrusso, Carmen Spiteri, Georgina Duffy, Vicky Bakos, Marica Djukik, Maryse Sawmy, Janet Hadley, Anne Housden, Patricia Ryan, Raywin Roberts, Rosemond Paul, Ambroso Pyu Reh, Regina Thanasingham, Justin Worsley, Emerita Segovia, Eugene Xavier, Martinus Hassing, Fred Mockiewicz, Lynne Worseley, Michael Taylor, Carmen Farrugia, Josee Tuzzo, Agrippina Sturzo, John McIlroy

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
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: **Feast of St. Lucy**
9.00am Mass
Fri: **Feast of St. John of the Cross**
9.00am Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass
9.30am Confessions
5.00pm Confessions

PARISH COMMUNITY MASSES – 10AM

Tamil Mass	Sun, 16th Dec.
Penola Hub	5pm
South Sudanese Mass	Sun, 23rd Dec.
St. Andrew's Church	2pm

*All parishioners and school families
welcome to attend.*

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR ST. ANDREW'S AMATEUR THEATRE COMPANY GROUP

On behalf of the whole Parish, I would like to congratulate St. Andrew's Amateur Theatre Company Group for their production of 'Step Into The Spotlight 2018' having heard much about the group which is unique to our Parish. I was privileged to have the first taste of its production. It was without doubt a very high standard production involving very young children to matured artists. I know that every Monday and Thursday all came faithfully after work to bring this production to this level. It gives lot of opportunities to our own young and old to bring out their talents that God has blessed them with. Let us appreciate what blessings we have in our Parish. Thank you to the organiser, thank you to the casts, thank you to all who work behind the scene, thank you to family and friends who helped. God bless you all. *Fr. Albert Yogarajah*

MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF 15th / 16th December 2018

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5pm
LECTORS	Gloria Udorly	Anthony Tran	Makarita Jacobson	Sandy Henderson	Youth Group
MUSIC	Sariling Tinig Choir	Tina D'Monte and Red Dubier	St. Andrew's Choir	Couples for Christ International	Youth Group
COUNTERS	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 9 Dec: Sun 16 Dec:	Team 2: J. Alessi, N. Haveaux, G. Roberts, S. Sammut Team 3: M. Freeman, G. Stangherlin, A. Plant, M. Plant		
CHURCH CLEANING	Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 10 Dec: Fri 14 Dec: Mon 10 Dec:	Team 1: S. Vivera Team 5: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Team 4: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTHS	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 9 Dec: Sun 16 Dec:	Otilia Lesoa Cora Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 9 Dec: Sun 16 Dec:	Marie Massey, 6 Burley Court, Manor Lakes, 0407 642 823 Marie Massey, 6 Burley Court, Manor Lakes, 0407 642 823		

Plenary Council 2020: What is God asking of us in Australia at this time?



- Our questions about and our hopes for the Church arise from hearts that listen to the Spirit. Having spent time in prayer over the past week, this week, we are inviting all our parishioners to share their hopes for the Church. Parish groups that gather during the week are encouraged to enter into a listening and dialogue process, responding to the question of 'What is God asking of us in Australia this time?'
- See www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au for more information.

Advent

PLENARY PRAYER

Be still
Be still and know
Be still and know that I am
Be still and know that I am your God.

God of this Advent time
As we watch, wait, long and hope,
Awaken our hearts to your presence
Encourage us in our efforts to
listen humbly to each other
Inspire in us the words to speak
boldly with each other
Create within us a spirit of discernment
Give us hopeful hearts as we continue
our journey to the Plenary Council.
We ask this in the name of Emmanuel—
God-with-us.
Amen.

What do you think God is asking of us
at this time in Australia?
Visit www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au



You are invited to be a part of the St Andrew's Parish

Christmas Eve Nativity Play 2018

St. Andrew's Church

Monday, 24th December 2018 at 5.30pm

We would love your family to be involved in this
wonderful celebration of Christmas!

Every child who is coming to mass is encouraged to dress up as a character
from the Christmas story, i.e. Mary, Joseph, Angels, Shepherds, the Inn
Keeper, the Wise Men, travellers to Bethlehem.

For those children who would like to be a part of the Nativity Play, there
will be three rehearsals which are compulsory, Wednesday, 12th and 19th
December at 4.30pm – 5.30pm and Monday,
24th December at 10.00am-11.00am
in St. Andrew's Church.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or
Susanne Sweeny on 0438 372 952.

We look forward to celebrating the joy of Christmas with you!

ADVENT PROGRAM 2018 THE GRACE OF WAITING

Come, prepare and deepen your spiritual life as we journey through
Advent to the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

We have three separate sessions on Mondays at OLSC at 2pm
and Thursdays at Penola Hub at 2pm and at 7pm.

Please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 if you would like to
attend.

WORKSHOP FOR NEW LECTORS AND EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS will be held on
Wednesday, 12th December 2018 at 7pm in St. Andrew's Church.
Anyone interested, please register by calling the Parish Office on 9741 4144. Thank you.

EL SHADDAI CATHOLIC CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - invites you to their last meeting of the year on Tuesday 11th December 2019, 9am Mass in the Church, 10:00 – 12noon at Penola Hub, Christmas Story and the Carols. Our Christmas lunch will be at RSL Werribee at 12:30pm. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all. Prayer Group will reopen on the first Tuesday of February 2019. For all inquiries please contact Frances via the Parish Office on 9741 4144. All welcome.

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO – Il gruppo di preghiera Carismatico ringrazia tutti i membri del gruppo della vostra partecipazione e collaborazione durante tutto l'anno. Si avverte che il gruppo si chiude il 12 Dicembre e si riapre il 13 Febbraio. Il Pastorale coglie questa occasione per augurarvi buone feste Natalizi con tanta salute pace e Benedizione assieme i vostri famigliari. Grazie di nuovo appuntamento il 13 Febbraio

GUILD OF ST. ISIDORE – "Fear not." These two words are repeated nearly two hundred times in Scripture. "One of the things we absolutely owe our Lord is never to be afraid," said Bl. Charles de Foucauld. Men's holy hour Thursdays 7.30pm Penola Hub chapel. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God, and all else will be given you." (Matt 6:33)

ORDERS FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUES to be placed on the wall in our Sacred Garden are now being accepted. Plaques are \$250 each. Order forms are available from the Parish Office. Payment is required when order form is dropped off at the Parish Office. We have to wait until a number of orders have been received to be able to place the order with the supplier and will announce in the Take Away Sheet when the plaques will be installed and blessed. Thank you.

Caritas Global Gifts Protect the Miracle of Motherhood this Christmas

Send a Christmas message to those you love, and help save the lives of mothers and babies in vulnerable communities.

Share a message of compassion this Christmas



When you choose a Global Gift card to give to family or friends this Christmas, you are supporting women give birth safely with access to expert care before and after babies are born.

Order Global Gift cards online at www.globalgifts.org.au or call us on 1800 024 413.



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

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.



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