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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

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER, YEAR C 24TH / 25TH MAY 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: Acts 15:1-2. 22-29

Some men came down from Judaea and taught the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves circumcised in the tradition of Moses you cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement, and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long argument with these men it was arranged that Paul and Barnabas and others of the church should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the problem with the apostles and elders. Then the apostles and elders decided to choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas; the whole church concurred with this. They chose Judas known as Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the brotherhood, and gave them this letter to take with them: 'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some of our members have disturbed you with their demands and have unsettled your minds. They acted without any authority from us, and so we have decided unanimously to elect delegates and to send them to you with Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect who have dedicated their lives to the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm by word of mouth what we have written in this letter. It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with any burden beyond these essentials: you are to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from blood, from the meat of strangled animals and from fornication. Avoid these, and you will do what is right. Farewell.'

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 66:2-3. 5-6. 8

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing till the ends of the earth revere him.

Response: O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of an enormous high mountain and showed me Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from God out of heaven. It had all the radiant glory of God and glittered like some precious jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls of it were of a great height, and had twelve gates; at each of the twelve gates there was an angel, and over the gates were written the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on the east there were three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. The city walls stood on twelve foundation stones, each one of which bore the name of one of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. I saw that there was no temple in the city since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb were themselves the temple, and the city did not need the sun or the moon for light, since it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the Lamb was a lighted torch for it. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

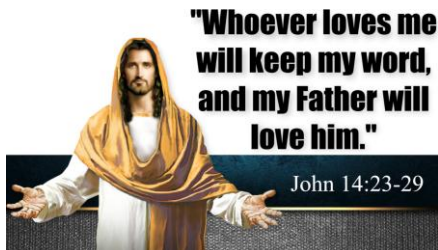
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia.

*** GOSPEL ON NEXT PAGE ***

GOSPEL: John 14:23-29

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If anyone loves me he will keep my word, and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him. Those who do not love me do not keep my words. And my word is not my own: it is the word of the one who sent me. I have said these things to you while still with you; but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you. Peace I bequeath to you, my own peace I give you, a peace the world cannot give, this is my gift to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid. You heard me say: I am going away, and shall return. If you loved me you would have been glad to know that I am going to the Father, for the Father is greater than I. I have told you this now before it happens, so that when it does happen you may believe.' **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: GOD'S HOME IS WHERE THE HEART IS

Some people have the idea that God is awfully remote, dwelling beyond the edge of the cosmos. We make contact by sending a prayer like a long range rocket, hoping it will find its target. This is far distant from Our Lord's teaching in today's Gospel. 'If anyone loves me and keeps my word, my Father and I *will make our home* with that person.' It is not in *outer* space, but in *inner* space that Divine Love will make a home. What turns a house into a home? It is in sitting around a table sharing a meal. So, Jesus created a sacred meal for us and invites us to share in the Heavenly Bread and Spiritual Drink. When we do so, we find, in the words of St John Paul II, that we 'digest, as it were, the secret of the Resurrection'. We take into ourselves the Real Presence of the Risen Lord who takes his home with us. Coming to Communion, even after a long time away, satisfies the yearning of the human heart because it is made to be the habitation of Divine Love. We could pause for a moment to reflect on the gracious fact that God chooses to dwell in our hearts. Let us respond wholeheartedly. **Reflection by Fr Michael Tate**

PRAYER AT HOME: This week, use today's prayer after Communion: ***Almighty and ever living God, who restore us to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ, increase in us we pray, the fruits of the paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts the strength of this saving food.***

VOCATION VIEW: It is not that talents add up to a vocation; but that a Vocation brings talents. The Spirit of God lives within you!

RECENT DEATH: Jennifer 'Jenny' Toohey, Alfred Galea, Mirella Moss

ANNIVERSARY: Marita Leonor, John Ballentine, Emanuela and Salvatore Resta, Italia Antonello, Elio Berton

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Edith and Alwin Salagubang, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Crispin De Zilva, Artemio Santos, Lynne Worsley, Dorothy Rayner, Maria Trang Nguyen, Peter Tho Huynh, Saraswathy Govindasamy, John Hassett

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 (26th to 31st May 2025)

Mon: Liturgy of the word with Communion
Tues: 9.00pm Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
Sat: **Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9.00am Mass followed by confession

WEEKEND MASSES (31st May / 1st June 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am, 5.00pm Mass
5.00pm Tamil Mass Community – Penola Hub

MASS AT THE HOSPITAL & 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

THE NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE (MASS COUNT)

- The count is conducted over the first four consecutive Sundays (and Saturday evenings) in May. This weekend 24th and 25th May 2025. Could collectors please see Priest prior to Mass. This annual count taken in May is important for our pastoral planning activities and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.



FLOWER OFFERING TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

As we know month of May is month of Mary, we encourage family especially those with little child/children to offer flowers to the Blessed Virgin Mary. There will be 5 foil trays at the altar steps at each mass which you can take one home. You can arrange flowers on it and bring it back to church on the following Sunday to offer to the Blessed Virgin Mary.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 25th May to 2nd June 2025

| | 6.00pm | 8.00am | 9.30am | 11.00am | 5.00pm |
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| LECTORS 31 st May / 1 st Jun | Rewanna Anthony | Peter Walters | Stella Onos | Grace Iaria | Stephen Hart |
| MUSIC 31 st May / 1 st Jun | Philu's Choir | St. Anthony Choir | Sariling Tinig Choir | Ensemble of Faith | Volunteer |
| Communion Minister 31 st May / 1 st Jun | Anson John Noelene Keogh Kristine Ventura | Kevin McGuane David Cox Peter Walters | Maria Malanyaon Jen Climie Mary Nguyen | Grace Iaria Ana Balanza Dennie Vanspall | Katerine Canet Nadia Richards Sindhu Moreira |
| COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY) | This week: Next week: | | Mon 26 May: S. Raphael Mon 2 June: J. Hennessy | | |
| CLEANER | Cleaning: Vacuuming: | | Mon 26 May: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 30 May: P. Palamara Mon 26 May: Volunteer | | |
| ALTAR CLOTH | This week: Next week: | | Sun 25 May: J. Francisco Sun 1 June: O. Lesoa | | |
| OUR LADY'S STATUE | This week: Next week: | | Sun 25 May: P. Chapman Sun 1 June: Volunteer | | |



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE

Dinner Dance

Raffle prizes



SAT 19 JULY 2025

COME ENJOY A WONDERFUL EVENING OF
DELICIOUS BUFFET FOOD AND DANCING

LIVE MUSIC BY
OLIVIA CANAVAN & THE BEATMAKERS

6.30PM ONWARDS
ST. ANDREWS PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
CNR OF STAWELL STREET AND GREAVES ST NTH WERRIBEE

\$50 Adult | \$25 Child 5-12
Under 5 free (no seat)

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WE ARE LOOKING FOR RAFFLE PRIZES IF YOU ARE ABLE TO
DONATE PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH DINNER DANCE

Everyone is invited to come to the Dinner Dance on Saturday, 19th July 2025 at 6.30pm onwards at the St. Andrew's Primary School Hall, corner of Stawell Street and Greaves Street North, Werribee. Adults - \$50.00, Child from 5 to 12 year old - \$25.00, and Child under 5 years old is free. Buffet and live music Tickets are now available at the Parish Office or you can book thru www.trybooking.com/DBEAO. Come!!! Let's enjoy the night while supporting our parish.



PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT (Every 4th Saturday of the month)

*'The Lord lives! Praise my defender!
Proclaim the greatness of the God
who saves me.'* **Psalm 18:46**

Join us to praise our risen Lord, who gives light and dispels our darkness on 24 May 2025 at 7pm (after the 6pm vigil mass) at St Andrew's Church Werribee.

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - Join us as we lift our voices in songs of praise and worship. We meet every Tuesday at 1pm to 2:30pm in the Penola Hub - 33 Mortimer St Werribee followed by tea and coffee. Deepen your relationship with Jesus, through praise and worship, prayer and reflection. Everyone is welcome. For more information contact Susanne on 0438 372 952

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.

GRACE WITH THE SACRAMENTS AND DIVINE MERCY WITH FR CHRIS ALAR MIC

Saturday 31 May 2025, 9.30am–5.00pm at St. Patrick Cathedral. Bestselling author Fr Chris Alar MIC will be visiting Australia in May to launch his new book *Understanding the Sacraments: God's Grace Guaranteed*. Fr Chris is one of the most dynamic and widely viewed Catholic speakers in the world today. He is known for his powerful teachings on Divine Mercy, the Eucharist and the Catholic faith, bringing clarity, healing and hope to audiences everywhere. Fr Chris will be speaking around the country and in Melbourne at

St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne 9.30am: Rosary. 10am to 5pm Mass and talk by Fr Chris Alar.

Divine Mercy Shrine, 343–337 Greens Road, Keysborough 1pm: Rosary followed by talks (Tommy Canning, Bridget Sakr and Fr Chris Alar), 3pm: Hour of Mercy and 4pm: Mass

For more information please contact Nina on 0418 354 811, Carmen on 0400 482 499 or John on 03 9830 4386. Don't miss this opportunity to hear one of the Church's most inspiring speakers!



On the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi), all are invited to this special Corpus Christi Procession as our Archdiocese of Melbourne publicly and joyfully bears witness to Christ—the hope who does not disappoint in this Year of Jubilee.

Following the 11am Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne, a Eucharistic procession will commence from the Cathedral, making a pilgrimage through Melbourne CBD in prayer and song before concluding with Benediction at Federation Square.

'My dear friends in Christ, I ask you to join me for this extraordinary Eucharistic Procession, bringing along your parishes, schools, and communities to bear witness to Christ in our midst. In this grace-filled Jubilee Year, may we share the living hope of Christ with every step we take.' – Archbishop Peter A Comensoli

We encourage parishes, schools, communities and movements to begin preparing for this pilgrimage. Communities are invited to bring their banners!

'Did not our hearts burn within us while he walked with us ...' (Luke 24:32).

Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au or (03) 9926 5761

PILGRIM PLACES in Melbourne Archdiocese



St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Northern Region:

St. Luke's, Lalor
Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie
St. Mary Magdalen's, Trentham

Southern Region:

Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough
Our Lady of Lavang Shrine, Keysborough
St. Patrick's, Mentone
St. Macartan's, Mornington

Western Region:

St. Mary's Star of the Sea, West Melbourne
St. Mary MacKillop, Keilor Downs
Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Eastern Region:

St. Dominic's Camberwell East
Sacred Heart, Croydon
St. Francis Xavier, Mansfield

<https://pilgrimsofhope.catholic.org.au/>

MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with the Jubilee of Families. Sunday, 1st June 2025, 11.00am–12.00pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above will receive a commemorative certificate.

Please register for your spot by Sunday 25 May. For any queries, please contact the Proclaim team on 9926 5761 or at proclaim@cam.org.au

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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.