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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-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME – YEAR C

11TH / 12TH OCTOBER 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 second book of the Kings (2 Kings 5:14-17)*

Naaman the leper went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, as Elisha had told him to do. And his flesh became clean once more like the flesh of a little child. Returning to Elisha with his whole escort, he went in and stood before him. 'Now I know' he said, 'that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel. Now, please, accept a present from your servant.' But Elisha replied, 'As the Lord lives, whom I serve, I will accept nothing.' Naaman pressed him to accept, but he refused. Then Naaman said, 'Since your answer is "No," allow your servant to be given as much earth as two mules may carry, because your servant will no longer offer holocaust or sacrifice to any god except the Lord.'

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 97:1-4*

Response: *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation; has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord all the earth, ring out your joy.

Response: *The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy (2 Timothy 2:8-13)*

Remember the Good News that I carry. 'Jesus Christ risen from the dead, sprung from the race of David'; it is on account of this that I have my own hardships to bear, even to being chained like a criminal but they cannot chain up God's news. So I bear it all for the sake of those who are chosen, so that in the end they may have the salvation that is in Christ Jesus and the eternal glory that comes with it. Here is a saying that you can rely on: If we have died with him, then we shall live with him. If we hold firm, then we shall reign with him. If we disown him, then he will disown us. We may be unfaithful, but he is always faithful, for he cannot disown his own self. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! For all things give thanks to God, because this is what he expects of you in Christ Jesus. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke (Luke 17:11-19)*

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus travelled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered one of the villages, ten lepers came to meet him. They stood some way off and called to him, 'Jesus! Master! Take pity on us.' When he saw them, he said, 'Go and show yourselves to the priests.' Now as they were going away they were cleansed. Finding himself cured, one of them turned back praising God at the top of his voice and threw himself at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was a Samaritan. This made Jesus say, 'Were not all ten made clean? The other nine, where are they? It seems that no one has come back to give praise to God, except this foreigner.' And he said to the man, 'Stand up and go on your way. Your faith has saved you.'

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today. There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha's time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God's Word and was cleansed (see Luke 5:12–14). Today's Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites—but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned. In a dramatic way, we're being shown today how faith has been

made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church (see Isaiah 56:3–8). Today's Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees—that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel. We see this day arriving in today's Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his "giving thanks" is the word we translate as "Eucharist." And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life. We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman's flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus. We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice—falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation. In this Eucharist, we remember "Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David," Israel's covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today's Epistle, to persevere in this faith—that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory.

Dr. Scott Hanh

PRAYER AT HOME: Use the Gospel Acclamation of the Mass this week: *In all circumstances, give thanks, for this is the will of God for you in Christ Jesus.*

VOCATION VIEW: Gratitude leads to praise. For what are you thankful? Share your gratitude.

RECENT DEATH: Candelaria Leonor (Philippines), John James Vivian, Sally Tan Sieu Mee

ANNIVERSARY: Margherita and Antonino Mandolino, Angelo Boscolo, Julie Villamiel, Melinda Houston, Paulose and Annie

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, 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, Charlie (Carmel) Restall, Italo Tautunu, Alfredo Landicho Manicad

WEEKDAY LITURGY (13th to 18th October 2025)

Mon: 9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
Tues: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (18th / 19th October 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11am and 5pm Mass
 10.00am Wyndham Vale Community Mass

MASS FOR ALL SOULS DAY IN WERRIBEE CEMETERY

This year, 2nd November, the All Souls Day falls on a Sunday. We will have a special Mass in the Werribee Cemetery at 10.30am. But we also will have our Sunday Mass as usual. After the 11am Mass in the parish there will be a blessing in our Memorial Garden remembering all our loved ones. We thank Tobin Brothers Funeral Director and the Werribee Cemetery Authorities for organizing the All Souls Day Mass in Werribee Cemetery.

STATUES NEED REPAIRS AND REPAINTING



The statues in our churches St. Andrew's and at St. Michael's urgently need repairs and repainting. We searched for a skilled and committed person for few years and with grace of God we found a person to do this sacred work.

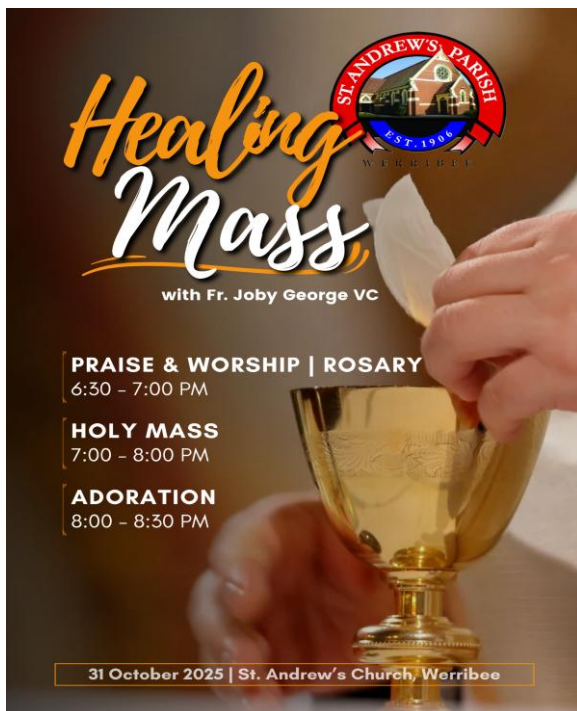
We have got him to complete the work on our historical Sacred Heart statue. Although it cost us \$2,695.00 it was urgently needed as the paint was flaking. We thank few parishioners who contributed \$800.00 towards it. Our next project to repair and repaint is the statue of St. Joseph. The right hand of Baby Jesus is very badly broken, neck is cracked, and the paint is flaking (refer to the picture). Quotation for the work to complete \$935.00 Any contribution towards this urgent and sacred work will be very much appreciated. This is our church. We ask God to take care of us. Let us take care of God's house and the sacred statues.



Catholic Mission sincerely thanks the parish community of St Andrew's for your generous and compassionate support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Your contribution of \$1,275.70 has been gratefully received and will help provide vital care for mothers in Zambia, and empower local Church workers across more than 1,000 mission dioceses around the world.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 12th to 20th October 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 18 th / 19 th Oct	Reuben Charles	Peter Walters	Ana Balanza	Jessica Adams	Youth Group
MUSIC 18 th / 19 th Oct	St. Philomena's Choir	Mission Choir	Volunteer	Joseph The Dreamer Choir	Youth Group
Communion Minister 18 th / 19 th Oct	Reuben Charles Anson John Desiree Galea	Peter Walter David Cox	Titus Lizardo Bianca Pante Rose Chu	Dominic Thiep Eric Demate Dennis Vanspall	Sindhu Moreira Stephen Hart Judy Anderson
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 13 Oct: S. Raphael Mon 20 Oct: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 13 Oct: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 24 Oct: A. Majok, R. Nykuy Mon 13 Oct: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 12 Oct: M. Galea Sun 19 Oct: C. Demate		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 12 Oct: S. Raphael Sun 19 Oct: M. Parba		



Healing Mass
with Fr. Joby George VC

PRAISE & WORSHIP | ROSARY
6:30 – 7:00 PM

HOLY MASS
7:00 – 8:00 PM

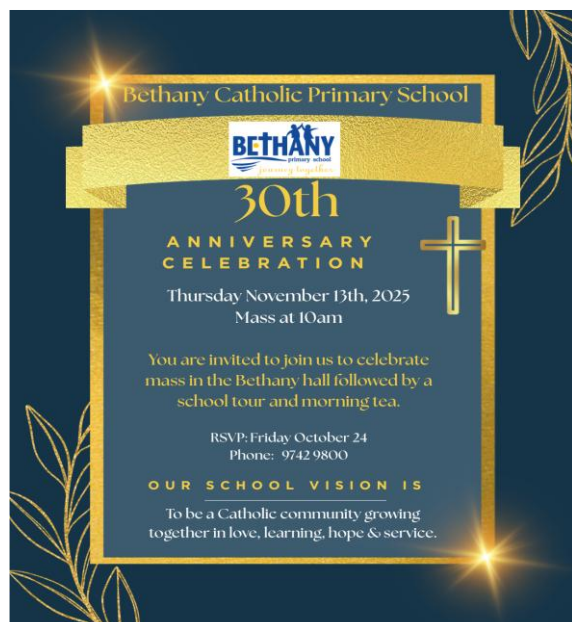
ADORATION
8:00 – 8:30 PM

31 October 2025 | St. Andrew's Church, Werribee

ST JAMES FETE - St James Hoppers Crossing North, will be holding their fete 10-4pm Saturday 18/10/25 on the church grounds. There will be hot food, rides, entertainment and all the usual stalls and bargains. A great fun day for the family. All welcome.



St. Andrew's Parish – Werribee
LEGION OF MARY
Immaculate Heart of Mary Praesidium
You are invited to join us
every **TUESDAY** at 6.30pm to
7.30pm in the Penola Hub.
All welcome.



Bethany Catholic Primary School

BETHANY
primary school
faith • hope • love

30th
ANNIVERSARY
CELEBRATION

Thursday November 13th, 2025
Mass at 10am

You are invited to join us to celebrate mass in the Bethany hall followed by a school tour and morning tea.

RSVP: Friday October 24
Phone: 9742 9800

OUR SCHOOL VISION IS
To be a Catholic community growing together in love, learning, hope & service.

EL SHADDAI PRAYER GROUP is hosting

New Life - The life in the Spirit Seminar
<https://formation.charis.international/courses/New-Life>

Beginning this **TUESDAY** 7th October and ending **TUESDAY** 2nd December.

Time: 1pm - 2:30pm followed by fellowship

Place: Penola Hub 33 Mortimer St Werribee

Come and experience a deepening and renewing of your personal faith.

The topics over the 9 weeks are:

- ✦ The Love of God
- ✦ Sin and Salvation
- ✦ Healing and Forgiveness
- ✦ Faith, Conversion, and New Life
- ✦ Jesus is Lord
- ✦ The Promise of the Holy Spirit: The Sanctifying Action
- ✦ The promise of the Holy Spirit: The Charismatic Action
- ✦ Baptism in the Holy Spirit
- ✦ Personal and Community Growth

For more information contact Susanne 0438372952. **ALL ARE WELCOME**



St. Andrews Parish Fair
Saturday, 22nd November 2025
12.00noon to 2.00pm
St. Andrew's Ground Primary School

Show your hidden talent and receive fabulous prizes.

Age Category: A) 8 – 12 years old

B) 13 – 17 years old

C) 18 + years old

Registration forms are available
 at the altar steps or scan the QR code.

Submit completed form by Friday,
 14th November at the Parish Office.



SCAN to Register online

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF STUDENTS – RCIS

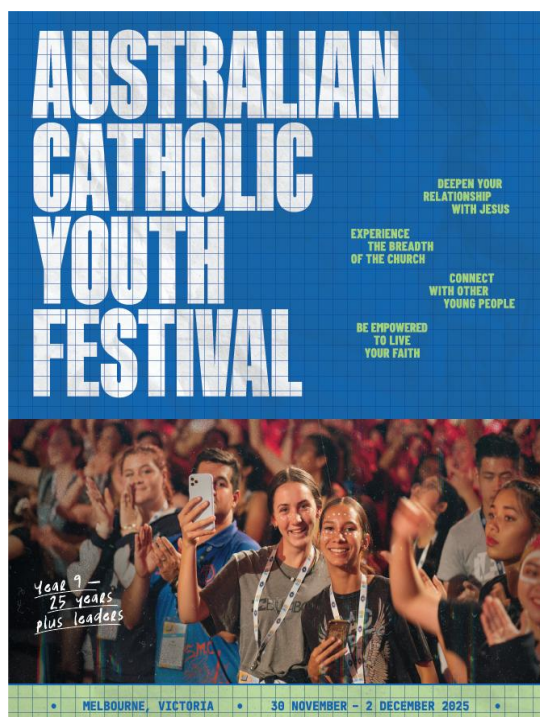
St Andrew's Parish will be conducting workshops for Secondary Students residing within the Parish of St. Andrew's and wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation in 2026. Please contact the Parish Office at St. Andrew's Parish on Ph. 9741 4144 or werribee@cam.org.au for more information and to leave your details. Enrolments close 20th December 2025. *Thank you - Benita*

HOME BASED RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PROGRAM AT ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE

Parents of children attending *Non-Catholic Primary Schools* in the Werribee area who are interested in their child attending the Sacramental Program for 2026 are asked to leave their details at the Parish Office via email werribee@cam.org.au or call 9741 4144. The program is conducted for children in Grade 3 Pre-Sacrament, Grade 4 Reconciliation, Grade 5 Eucharist and Grade 6 Confirmation. Please note Enrolments close 20th December 2025.

Thank you. Benita, HBRE Coordinator.

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



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

PEONIES CRAFT GROUP – It is a friendly group, which meets every Thursday at 10.00am until mid-day at the Penola Hub. We meet for companionship, having a cup of tea or coffee together and sewing, knitting, crochet or whatever craft each person likes to do. Sometimes we just come along to meet with our friends. We welcome all ages and cultures. Please contact the Parish office for further details.

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.