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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

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SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 18TH AND 19TH JULY 2026

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 Wisdom (Wisdom 12:13. 16-19)*

There is no god, other than you, who cares for everything, to whom you might have to prove that you never judged unjustly. Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty over all makes you lenient to all. You show your strength when your sovereign power is questioned and you expose the insolence of those who know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in judgement, you govern us with great lenience, for you have only to will, and your power is there. By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men, and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin you will grant repentance.

THE WORD OF THE LORD

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 85:5-6. 9-10. 15-16*

Response: *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of love to all who call. Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer and attend to the sound of my voice.

All the nations shall come to adore you and glorify your name, O Lord: for you are great and do marvellous deeds, you who alone are God.

But you, God of mercy and compassion, slow to anger, O Lord, abounding in love and truth, turn and take pity on me.

Response: *Lord, you are good and forgiving.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:26-27)*

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind of God.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 13:24-30) shorter version*

Jesus put a parable before the crowds, 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off. When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel appeared as well. The owner's servants went to him and said, "Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field? If so, where does the darnel come from?" "Some enemy has done this" he answered. And the servants said, "Do you want us to go and weed it out?" But he said, "No, because when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my barn."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

St. Andrew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.



GOSPEL REFLECTION: God is always teaching His people, as we hear in today's First Reading. And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us; that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance. This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom's growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it's improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds. Again, this week's readings sound a note of

questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom? Because, as we sing in today's Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name. Even though we don't know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today's Epistle. But first, we must turn and call upon Him. We must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives. So, we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat—truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice, and sin. For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad (see Matthew 5:45). But the harvest draws near. Let's work so that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Say the Lord's Prayer slowly each day this week and reflect on ways you can help to build the kingdom: *'Thy kingdom come on Earth as it is in heaven.'*

VOCATION VIEW: There are many weeds growing with the wheat in our lives. Sometimes the weeds strangle our growth, or prevent us from hearing clearly God's voice. We need time to reflect on the garden of our life.

RECENT DEATH: Rene Boterbonia, Giovanna Iacono

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Graciana Dela Peña, Elpedio Yator, Antonino Epifanio Faranda

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, John Hassett, Julie Horkings, Anna, Lynne Worsley, Rafael, Janet, Vlad, Mark, Sweetey and Gail D'Monte, Leanne Bell, Edna Domingo

To add or renew names for the Prayer for the Sick, please complete a Mass offering envelope and return it to the parish office. Envelopes are available in the church brochure racks or at the parish office. Names will be kept on the list for two months.

REMINDER: Parishioners are asked to note that requests for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries, and similar intentions to be included in the Prayers of the Faithful must clearly indicate the date and time of the Mass you will be attending for the name to be mentioned. All requests must be received at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday afternoon, and Mass offering envelopes should be addressed to Administration. Envelopes are available in the church brochure racks or at the parish office

WEEKDAY LITURGY (20th and 25th July 2026)

Mon: 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy
Tues: 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Novena to St. Anthony at Penola Hub
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (25th and 26th July 2026)

Sat: 5.00pm Mass Tarneit West Community Mass
 St. John the Apostle Primary School
 6.00pm - Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm - Mass
 10.00am Mass at St. Michael – Little River
 2.30pm South Sudanese Community Mass

MASS AT THE HOSPITAL AND 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 Wednesday at 11.00am

Werribee Mercy Hospital

2nd Thursday at 2.30pm

Mercy Place Wyndham

3rd Tuesday at 11.00am

Acare Werribee

3rd Wednesday 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



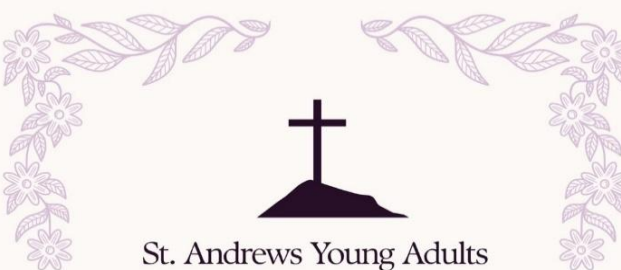
ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL 18TH & 19TH JULY 2026

This weekend, there will be a **third collection every after mass to support St. Vincent De Paul Annual Winter Appeal.**

You can also donate non - perishable food items for local families in need. Please place your donations in the basket at the front of the church. The Werribee conference Home Visiting Team will distribute them within our community. Every gift, big or small, makes a difference. Thank you for your generosity and support.

PLEASE NOTE: if you have clothing or blanket you would like to donate these should be taken to the Vinnies Op Shop, Costa Drive, Hoppers Crossing.

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


St. Andrews Young Adults
 Presents

Faith in Action

Sunday, 19th of July @ 6:15pm
 Penola Hub - 33 Mortimer St, Werribee
 Including Guest Speaker
 Deacon Royden from St. Peter's Hoppers Crossing!
 Join us for a talk, fellowship & games!
 For ages 18 and above

RESERVE YOUR SEATS – REGISTER NOW !

Everyone has questions

- Is there really more to life than what I have?
- Are we actually living, or just managing a very long to-do list?
- Why is "I'm fine" usually a lie?

Join us Explore Alpha

COME & SEE

Everyone is welcome regardless of race, religion, or cultural affiliation.

Alpha can help individuals explore topics about life, death, faith, and many more.

Alpha is a safe-space where you can ask any question.

ABOUT ALPHA

Sessions are **FREE**, with **FOOD, FILM & FUN !!!**.

Alpha
STAY CURIOUS

REGISTRATION Starts: 23 July 2026, Thu, 7:00-9:00 PM.

Alpha @ St Andrew's
 Venue: 33 Mortimer St, Werribee
 Email: Alpha.StAndrews.Parish@gmail.com

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tinyurl.digital/AboutAlpha

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 19TH TO 27TH July 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 25 th / 26 th July	Rajeev Handanarachchi Thiloshini Perera	Kevin McGuane	Maria Malanyaon John Faranda	Clare Taylor Aubrey Gantalao	Katherine Canet Sindhu Moreira
MUSIC 25 th / 26 th July	Joyful Voices	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Ensemble of Faith	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 25 th / 26 th July	Anne-Marie Palmer Thiloshini Perera Phillu Fernandes	David Cox Dominic Fernandez John Hennessy	Maria Malanyaon Titus Lizardo Angelo Bautista	Katrina Gauci Linda Bravo Graeme Roberts	Maria Parba Neha Cherian Genni Douglas
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 20 Jul: J. Hennessy Mon 27 Jul: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 20 Jul: Z. Prasad Fri 24 Jul: S. Hodgje Mon 20 Jul: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 19 Jul: O. Lesoa Sun 26 Jul: C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 19 Jul: J. Siu Sun 26 Jul: S. Raphael		

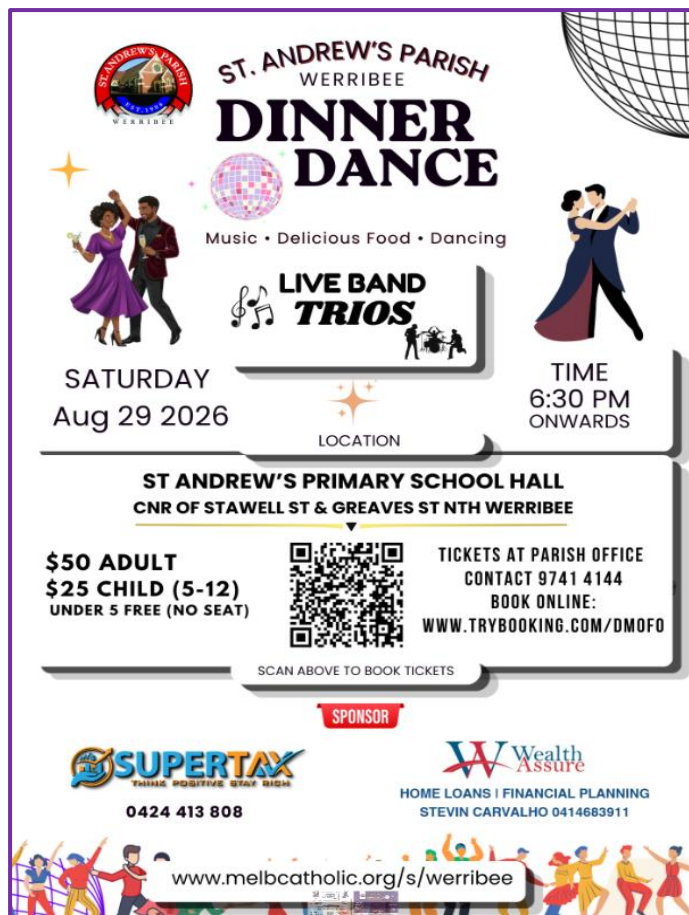


SYNODALITY AND THE MARGINS

- A synodal Church pays attention to voices often overlooked: the poor, the wounded, the disaffected, and those who feel distant from the Church. Their experiences matter, and their stories can teach us where renewal is most needed.

LA SACRA FAMIGLIA - si riunirà 24/07. 28/08. 25/09. 23/10. 27/11. 18/12 unisciti a noi per risvegliare lo Spirito della Comunità italiana Penola Hun 33 Mortimer Street Werribee

DIVINE MERCY GROUP - is on every Friday, after the 9am Mass in the church. Everyone is welcome to join.



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE
DINNER DANCE
 Music • Delicious Food • Dancing

LIVE BAND TRIOS

SATURDAY
 Aug 29 2026

TIME
 6:30 PM ONWARDS

LOCATION
ST ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HALL
 CNR OF STAWELL ST & GREAVES ST NTH WERRIBEE

\$50 ADULT
\$25 CHILD (5-12)
 UNDER 5 FREE (NO SEAT)

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EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

We meet every Tuesday at 1pm - 2:30pm in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer St. Werribee to praise and worship the Lord, share scripture and pray to the Holy Spirit for our needs and the needs of others. We conclude with weekly fellowship. All are welcome! Susanne - 0438 372 952

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO

ricorda che il nostro gruppo di preghiera continua ogni Mercoledì dalle ore 10am alle 12.00pm nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. 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

KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS - PUBLIC SPEAKING COURSE - Confidence Building: Be Heard and Understood with Clarity and Interest. The Knights of the Southern Cross are to conduct "A Structured Course in Public Speaking". This Ten-Week Program is to take place during August, September and October. It takes participants from basic principles and practices to become accomplished and confident speakers. Further details to follow. Please call Duncan Vincent Rao on 0414 947 567 to register your interest.



JOIN THE ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WERRIBEE - HOME VISITATION TEAM - Many families in our community are struggling to make ends meet and cannot afford the basic necessities of daily life. The Home Visitation Team reaches out with compassion - visiting households in need and providing essential support such as food parcels, vouchers, and other material aid. If you feel called to make a meaningful difference, we invite you to join this mission of hope and service. Simply complete the short form, and a team member will contact you to discuss how you can get involved. Or alternatively email: wbee.conf.pres@svdp-vic.org.au

CATHOLIC THEOLOGICAL COLLEGE will again be welcoming visitors as part of the 2026 Open House Melbourne weekend. Saturday 25th July 2026, 9.00am-3.00pm Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, (Enter via the reception/foyer area). The campus comprises a bluestone building, designed by William Wardell, that housed Catholic secondary schools (Parade College 1871-1967 and Cathedral College 1968-94) and a new building designed by Gregory Burgess. The stability and formality of the original building contrasts with the fluidity of the new—the past and future are both alive in the newer facility. A crisp, transparent connection links the buildings at two levels, allowing the new to grow out of the old with respect and unity. The site was the winner of the 2001 Heritage Property Award of the Australian Property Institute, and received a commendation in the 2000 Victorian Architecture Awards of the Royal Australian Institute of Architects. A brochure will be available for visitors to do a self-guided tour of the building. The open day is free of charge and no bookings are required.

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](https://www.facebook.com/StAndrewsCatholicParishWerribee). 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.

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