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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

PARISH TEAMS

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PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary

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Principal: Melissa

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Regional College -

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TWENTY EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 10TH AND 11TH OCTOBER 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 prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 25:6-10)

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people's shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 22

Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit.

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear. You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort.

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever.

Response: I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 4:12-14. 19-20)

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 22:1-14)

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son's wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. "Tell those who have been invited" he said "that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wedding." But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, "The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding." So these servants went out onto the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, "How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?" And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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: Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history. God is the king (see Matthew 5:35), Jesus the bridegroom (see Matthew 9:15), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see Isaiah 25:6). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies. Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His Apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people good and bad alike to the feast of His kingdom. This is an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see Matthew 13:24–43, 47–50). We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see Ephesians 2:11–14). As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ we will find supplied whatever we need. In the rich food of His body and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see Hebrews 12:22–24). But are we dressed for the feast? Are we clothed in the garment of righteousness (see Revelation 19:7–8)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received (see Ephesians 4:1). **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Recite this line from the Psalm daily this week: *'You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.'*

VOCATION VIEW: Once we have been captured by the beauty of God's promised reward, we want to go out into our world and invite others into the heavenly banquet. Who will tell the Good News? Now is a good time to begin.

RECENT DEATH: Edward Fraser (Ted), Livio Menegazzo), Martin Millado

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Julie Villamiel, Ben Villamiel, Paulose, Annie, Manuel, Fr. Matthew Valookaran

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, John Hassett, Julie Horkings, Anna, Lynne Worsley, Rafael, Janet, Vlad, Mark, Sweetie and Gail D'Monte, Leanne Bell, Antonio Tejero, Bitaya Hikolo Joseph, Anna, Teresita Cerdana, Dorothy, Cyprian, Peter William Stride

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 (12th to 17th October 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
 6.30pm Healing Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (17th AND 18th October 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm - Mass
Sun: 8.00am - 9.30am, 11.00am
 5.00pm – Mass followed by Praise and Worship

10.30am – Wyndham Vale Community Mass
At Our Lady of Southern Cross P/S

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 JAMES FETE - St James the Apostle Parish in Hoppers Crossing North, will be holding their fete 10-4pm Saturday 17/10/26 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.



SYNODALITY AND THE HOLY SPIRIT - At the heart of synodality is trust in the Holy Spirit. Without prayer, synodality becomes mere strategy. With prayer, it becomes a path of grace.

WYNDHAM VALE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY
Incorporating Manor Lakes, Bluestone, Harpley, Jubilee, Mambourin

Community Mass

SUNDAY | OCT
18
10:00 AM

All welcome.
Mass will be followed by fellowship.
Please bring a plate to share if you can.

 **OUR LADY OF SOUTHERN CROSS**
2/20 HOWQUA WAY, MANOR LAKES VIC 3024



ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WERRIBEE PARISH FAIR 2026
SAT NOV 28 2026 10AM - 4PM
RAFFLE TICKETS **\$2**

GRAND PRIZE \$1500
FLIGHT CENTRE GIFT CARD (VALUE \$1500)
TRAVEL TO BALI, FIJI OR ANYWHERE YOU LIKE T&C APPLY

\$899 2ND PRIZE
NESPRESSO VERTUO CREATISTA CAPSULE COFFEE MACHINE
BLACK TRUFFLE

4TH PRIZE
SHADOWFAX WINERY
WERRIBEE \$150 VOUCHER

5TH PRIZE
BROTHERS ON K
WERRIBEE \$125 VOUCHER

6TH PRIZE
PULAO PLACE
WERRIBEE \$100 VOUCHER

7TH PRIZE
NOTORIOUS ESPRESSO
WERRIBEE \$100 VOUCHER

WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO BUY A BOOK PER FAMILY



ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 11th to 19th OCTOBER 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 17 th / 18 th Oct	Rhea Fernandes	Red Dubier Darren Giese	Angelo Bautista Maria Malanyaon	St. Andrew's Primary School	Young Adult Group
MUSIC 17 th / 18 th Oct	St. Philomena Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Joseph the Dreamer Choir	Young Adult Group
Communion Minister 17 th / 18 th Oct	Aroon Sequeira Anne-Marie Palmer Thiloshini Perera	Anna Obieta Alfred Obieta Jude Disanayake	Mary Nguyen Angelo Bautista Charles Emmanuel	St. Andrew's Primary School	Maria Parba Angelo Moreira Stephen Hart
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 12 Oct: J. Hennessy Mon 19 Oct: C. Ilagan		
		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 12 Oct: Z. Prasad Fri 16 Oct: S. Hadgie Mon 12 Oct: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 11 Oct: O. Lesoa Sun 18 Oct: C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 11 Oct: M. H. Chong Sun 18 Oct: M. H. Chong		

Six30 HOLY HOUR - Thursday 15 October 2026 at 6.30pm–7.30 pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession. On the first Thursday of each month, Holy Hour will be specially dedicated to praying for vocations. Please note that various venues will be used for Six30 Holy Hour throughout 2026. Please check venue details each week on the [Events](#) page of Melbourne Catholic. For more information, email vocations@cam.org.au or call 9926 5677.

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



Healing Mass

Rosary and Praise and Worship
6.30pm – 7.00pm
Holy Mass 7.00pm – 8.00pm
Adoration 1 8.00pm – 8.30pm

With Divine Australia
16th October 2026
Friday

Everyone is welcome. Fellowship follow after

FUND NEEDED
FOR REPAIRS & RENOVATION

Item	Amount	Total
1 SACRED HEART STATUE	2695	- 35,000
2 STATUE OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	350	- 30,000
3 ST. JOSEPH'S STATUE	650	- 25,000
4 ST. ANTHONY'S STATUE	700	- 20,000
5 ST. RITA'S STATUE	330	- 15,000
6 ST. ANDREW'S CARVING	19850	- 10,000
7 CRUCIFIX FOR THE NEW CHURCH	3600	- 5,000
8 ELEVATION OF THE CARVING	10600	
TOTAL	38775	

FUND RAISED as of 09/10/2026
25245 + 2050 = 27295

We thank the generous donors.



El Shaddai Charismatic Prayer Group Invites You to Delve Deeper Into Your Faith Via the following Seminar

- Charismatic gifts
- Gifts of the Holy Spirit
- Professing Jesus is Lord
- Evangelisation in a secular world. How to be a missionary disciple?
- Sharing your personal testimony
- Adoration / Personal time for reflection with Jesus
- Spiritual Warfare: Using the Word of God to defeat the enemy
- Praying over others

Venue: Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee
Time: 1pm to 2.30pm, followed by fellowship
Enquiries: Susanne Sweeny, 0438 372 952

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.

f 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.

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 enrolling their child in the 2027 HBRE Sacrament Program can find enrolment forms on our parish website. Completed forms can be emailed to the Parish Office. For further information please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or email werribee@cam.org.au The program is conduct for children in Grade 3 Pre-Sacrament, Grade 4 Reconciliation, Grade 5 Eucharist and Grade 6 Confirmation. School-going children who have not yet been Baptized can also be enrolled in the program. Please note Enrolments close 20th December 2026. Thank you. Benita Ediriwickrema, HBRE Coordinator.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF STUDENTS (RCIS) AT ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE

Secondary Students residing within the Parish of St. Andrew's who wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation in 2027 are invited to enrol in the RCIS Program. Workshops will commence in February 2027 and will conclude in September 2027. For more information or to register your interest, please contact the Parish Office on 97414144 or email werribee@cam.org.au Please note enrolments close 20th December 2026. Thank you. Benita Ediriwickrema, HBRE



An Education Experience for a Lifetime

MacKillop College Open Day
Thursday 29 October 4pm - 6.30pm
1-29 Russell Street, Werribee
No registration required
www.mackillop.vic.edu.au

MACKILLOP COLLEGE OPEN DAY

Thursday 29 October 2026 at 4.00pm – 6.30pm
Final Tour commences at 5.45pm
All welcome to attend and tour the College.
For further information regarding the College, please visit the College website:
www.mackillop.vic.edu.au

WELCOMING AND HOSPITALITY WORKSHEET

All responses will be held confidential and will be used by your Parish Mission Team.

REVIEW

Below is a list of actions and attitudes that convey a sense of welcoming and hospitality to people in a parish. Rate your parish efforts according to the following scale:

5 = Excellent 4 = Very Good 3 = Good 2 = Fair 1 = Poor 0 = I don't know.

Place your score in the space before each item.

Your parish:

1. _____ has good signage displaying the church name, grounds and gardens that are well-maintained and clearly marked parking spaces and entrances to church property.
2. _____ provides friendly car parking attendants on occasions when many visitors are expected.
3. _____ has adequate signage to clearly mark buildings, meeting rooms, offices and amenities.
4. _____ ensures that entry access and seating in the church and in meeting rooms is accessible to all.
5. _____ has a team of greeters to welcome guests, visitors and all parishioners to Sunday Mass, celebration of the sacraments and other gatherings.
6. _____ provides written instructions or explanation of Mass parts that are new or unfamiliar, especially for those who are not regular attenders.
7. _____ provides visitors and newcomers with easily accessible welcome packs that contain important parish information.
8. _____ is sensitive to and representative of the cultural, social and racial diversity of the parish community.
9. _____ welcomes individuals of diverse age and cultures to serve in liturgical roles and ministries.
10. _____ is welcoming to non-Catholic parents, relatives and friends who gather for funerals, weddings, baptisms and other sacraments.
11. _____ organises 'cuppas' after Mass to help parishioners make friends and build relationships with one another.
12. _____ has priests and leaders who respond to questions and provide explanations with respect, without insulting or embarrassing people.
13. _____ has office staff that are accessible, courteous, friendly and willing to help.
14. _____ responds to requests for information in a respectful and timely fashion.
15. _____ provides assistance to individuals with special needs, the elderly and young families.
16. _____ provides opportunities for newcomers to become engaged in ministries and welcomes new people to ministries.
17. _____ regularly schedules events for new members, inactive Catholics, and those returning to the Church.
18. _____ introduces candidates, catechumens and others preparing for reception of the sacraments to the parish community through the parish bulletin, website or at Mass.
19. _____ offers regular prayers, support and words of encouragement for candidates, catechumens and others preparing for reception of all sacraments.
20. _____ responds with sensitivity to individuals who are divorced, separated or single parents.
21. _____ bulletin, flyers and other material have a warm, welcoming format and tone.
22. _____ website is welcoming, informational, regularly updated and easy to use.
23. _____ fosters a sense of hospitality among all parishioners.
24. _____ is a place where all feel welcome.

Adapted from *Welcoming Parish Assessment*, Archdiocese of Cincinnati, Office of Evangelization & Catechesis, 2011.