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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

### Clergy

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP  
Fr. Martin Adichilamackal  
Fr. Marydas Arackal Francis  
Rev. Deacon William Daw

### Pastoral Worker

Kemp Vinson

### Home Based RE

### Coordinator

Benita Ediriwickrema

### Finance:

Natascha Eve Klein

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Cora Ilagan

### Tamil Chaplain

Fr. Anton Aseervathampillai

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Fr. Stephen Kumyangi

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Rev. Deacon William Daw  
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## PARISH SCHOOLS

### St. Andrew's Primary School

– Ph. 9741 3686  
Principal: Melissa  
Evgeniadis

### Corpus Christi Primary

School – Ph. 9741 8440  
Principal: Adele Vesty

### Bethany Primary School –

Ph. 9742 9800  
Principal: Joanne Webster

### Our Lady of the

### Southern Cross Primary

School – Ph. 9974 8500  
Principal: Justin Hilton

### St. John the Apostle PS

Tarneit West -  
Ph. 8754 4300  
Principal: Simon Dundon

### St. Joseph Primary School –

8742 3381  
Principal: Troy Rickard

### MacKillop Catholic Regional College –

Ph. 8734 5200  
Principal: Chris Caldwell

### Thomas Carr Catholic Regional College -

Ph. 8734 2444  
Principal: Rose Connolly

## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 12<sup>TH</sup> AND 13<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 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 Ecclesiasticus (Sirach 27:30 – 28:7)*

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner. He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins? Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins? Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments. Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

### THE WORD OF THE LORD.

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Ps 102:1-4. 9-12*

**Response: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

My soul, give thanks to the Lord, all my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord and never forget all his blessings.

It is he who forgives all your guilt, who heals every one of your ills, who redeems your life from the grave, who crowns you with love and compassion.

His wrath will come to an end; he will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins nor repay us according to our faults.

For as the heavens are high above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west so far does he remove our sins.

**Response: The Lord is kind and merciful; slow to anger and rich in compassion.**

### SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 14:7-9)*

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

**Alleluia, alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!**

### GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 18:21-35)*

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times. 'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.' **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:** Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life. Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master. It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins (see Proverbs 24:6; Leviticus 16). But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time. We are to be

merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful (see Luke 6:36; Matthew 5:48). But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us? Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Epistle, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross (see Revelation 5:9). As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us. This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ (see Romans 14:10, 12). So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.

**Scott Hanh**

**PRAYER AT HOME:** *In the Lord's Prayer, we ask forgiveness from God and pledge to forgive those who wrong us.*

Pray it often this week

**VOCATION VIEW:** "Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us." Make a stand for mercy, empathy, forgiveness and selflessness!!

**RECENT DEATH:** Maria Stella Camilleri, Janice Smith, Raymond Johns, Rustico Soccorin

**DEATH ANNIVERSARY:** Daniel Rodrigo, Lanka Fernando, Irene Villamora Neri, Joaquin Obieta

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, John Hassett, Julie Horkings, Anna, Lynne Worsley, Rafael, Janet, Vlad, Mark, Sweety and Gail D'Monte, Leanne Bell, Antonio Tejero, Mary Therese Donaghy, Bitaya Hikolo Joseph, Anna

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 (14<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> Sept. 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 (19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> September 2026)

**Sat:** 6.00pm Mass  
**Sun:** 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Mass  
10.00 Wyndham Vale Community Mass  
at Our Lady of Southern Cross P/S



#### SYNODALITY AND TRUST

Trust grows when people know their voices matter. Synodality helps rebuild trust within the Church and between the Church and society.

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

#### 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. Andrew Sculpture

We are asking financial support for the preservation St. Andrew's statue.

Current:



Recovering, renovating and installing the statue of St. Andrew's as at present which cost us \$19,850.

Proposed:



Many parishioners have suggested to have the installation as in the photo about elevating the statue and safeguarding it. Cost for this project will be \$10,600

### REPAIRS AND REPAINTING OF OUR SACRED STATUES



Dear Brothers and Sister. We continue our work of repairing, renovating and repainting our sacred statues. You can see in these pictures the statue of the Sacred Heart outside and our Lady's statue inside been done beautifully. We thank the parishioners who have donated towards this work and welcome others who would like to contribute.

#### FUND NEEDED FOR REPAIRS & RENOVATION

|                                 |       |          |
|---------------------------------|-------|----------|
| 1 SACRED HEART STATUE           | 2695  |          |
| 2 STATUE OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY | 350   | - 35,000 |
| 3 ST. JOSEPH'S STATUE           | 650   |          |
| 4 ST. ANTHONY'S STATUE          | 700   | - 30,000 |
| 5 ST.RITA'S STATUE              | 330   |          |
| 6 ST. ANDREW'S CARVING          | 19850 | - 25,000 |
| 7 CRUCIFIX FOR THE NEW CHURCH   | 3600  |          |
| 8 ELEVATION OF THE CARVING      | 10600 | - 20,000 |
| TOTAL                           | 38775 | - 15,000 |
| FUND RAISED                     | 6665  | - 10,000 |
| 38775-6665=32110                |       | - 5,000  |

**FUND RAISED as of 3/9/26**  
8065 + 2150 = 10215

**We thank the generous donors.**

**SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY 2026**The Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday (formerly Child Protection Sunday) on the second Sunday of September each year at the conclusion of National Child Protection Week.

On Safeguarding Sunday, we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by anyone in Church settings and acknowledge the vulnerability of some within our parishes and communities.

We recommit to practices that support survivors and make the Catholic Church and its ministries the safest possible place for children and people at risk. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. This year the theme is Love Protects and the readings show us that real love is not passive goodwill. Rather it actively shields the vulnerable, tells the truth, and never lets silence stand in for safety

### OUR BELOVED CHURCH, FALLING APART ?!?

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

Concerns have been raised by parishioners regarding the cracks on the walls of our church. This shows your love for your church. Thank you for that.

Remarks also made that we could look at the statues later. I am very concerned about the church as you are. End of last year an engineer was called to look at the situation and was recommended to have an underpinning done. So we got the professionals to do that on both sides of the church. We were told the underpinning will stabilize further movement of the walls but must give time for the foam injected to the foundation to settle.

Now, the time is right to check again and repair and fill the cracks. We need large fund for it. The Dinner Dance we had and Parish fair in November will give us some fund for this project, but we also need the generosity of the people who are genuinely concerned about our beloved church. This is our church, if we don't then no one else will look after it.

About the Statues. Yes, so far few have commented, statues will be there even later. Don't we refresh ourselves so many times a day, then how can we leave our historical and sacred statues broken and faded. How can we expect the Sacred Heart, baby Jesus and other Saints to bless us when we leave them in miserable state?

It was God's revelation that we found an external decay on the treetop of the carving. If we would have not taken immediate action, then we would have lost the carving which is an iconic part of our parish.

Let us not forget that our parish is 120 years old and there is lot of movement of the earth underneath our buildings. I am and will do whatever I can to save and repair the buildings with the consultation of the experts. I also need your fullest support in not only notifying but also resourcing towards it.

Thank you. Fr. Albert

# ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 13<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> September 2026

|                                                                       | 6.00pm                                   | 8.00am                                                | 9.30am                                                                                     | 11.00am                                                | 5.00pm                                          |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| <b>LECTORS</b><br>19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept            | Rewanna Anthony                          | Dominic Fernandes<br>David Cox                        | Maryann Agbodike                                                                           | Katrina Gauci<br>Clare Taylor                          | Young Adult Group                               |
| <b>MUSIC</b><br>19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept              | St. Philomena's Choir                    | St. Anthony's Choir                                   | St. Andrew's Choir                                                                         | Joseph the Dreamer Choir                               | Young Adult Group                               |
| <b>Communion Minister</b><br>19 <sup>th</sup> / 20 <sup>th</sup> Sept | Kim Beyer<br>Desiree Galea<br>Anson John | Kevin McGuane<br>Laura Chamberlain<br>Lillian Jilbert | Rose Chu<br>Bianca Pante                                                                   | Linda Bravo<br>Michelle Calafiore<br>Stealth D'Rosario | Katherine Canet<br>Nadia Richard<br>Maria Parba |
| <b>COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)</b>                                     |                                          | This week:<br>Next week:                              | Mon 14 Sept: J. Hennessy<br>Mon 21 Sept: C. Ilagan                                         |                                                        |                                                 |
| <b>CLEANER</b>                                                        |                                          | Cleaning:<br>Vacuuming:                               | Mon 14 Sept: M. Tong, N. Chol<br>Fri 18 Sept: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy<br>Mon 14 Sept: Volunteer |                                                        |                                                 |
| <b>ALTAR CLOTH</b>                                                    |                                          | This week:<br>Next week:                              | Sun 13 Sept: O. Lesoa<br>Sun 20 Sept: C. Ilagan                                            |                                                        |                                                 |
| <b>OUR LADY'S STATUE</b>                                              |                                          | This week:<br>Next week:                              | Sun 13 Sept: S. Raphael<br>Sun 20 Sept: C. Layton                                          |                                                        |                                                 |



## ST ANDREW'S CHURCH WERRIBEE

# PARISH FAIR 2026

SAT NOV 28 2026 10AM - 4PM

### RAFFLE TICKETS

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

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ITALIAN SPORTS CLUB OF WERRIBEE

**5TH PRIZE**  
BROTHERS ON K WERRIBEE \$125 VOUCHER

**7TH PRIZE**  
NOTORIOUS ESPRESSO WERRIBEE \$100 VOUCHER

**4TH PRIZE**  
SHADOWFAX WINERY WERRIBEE \$150 VOUCHER

**6TH PRIZE**  
PULAO PLACE WERRIBEE \$100 VOUCHER

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# ST ANDREW'S PIZZA NIGHT

**Saturday**  
**10th October**  
**Penola Hub**  
**33 Mortimer St**  
**Werribee**

**Time: 7pm - 11pm**

**TICKETS ARE LIMITED!**  
**Book Now on trybooking**

<https://www.trybooking.com/DPSGA>

**WORLD YOUTH DAY** - Young People ages 15 to 30 *WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 Seoul South Korea* is 1 year away: Join young people from St Andrew's Parish Werribee, as we travel with 100s of other Australians to Seoul for WYD 2027 Contact Susanne Sweeny 0438 372 952. to register your interest before September 27th. Our next fundraising meeting *SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER PENOLA HUB WYD 6PM – 8.30PM.*

**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.

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