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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 School

– Ph. 9741 3686
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TWENTY FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 19TH AND 20TH 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 prophet Isaiah (Isaiah 55:6-9)*

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near. Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts. Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him, to our God who is rich in forgiving; for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways it is the Lord who speaks. Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 144:2-3. 8-9. 17-18*

Response: *The Lord is near to all who call him.*

I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever. the Lord is great, highly to be praised, his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

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SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 1:20-24. 27)*

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake. Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 20:1-16)*

Jesus said to his disciples: "The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, "You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage." So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, "Why have you been standing here idle all day?" "Because no one has hired us" they answered. He said to them, "You go into my vineyard too." In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first." So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. "The men who came last" they said "have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day's work in all the heat." He answered one of them and said, "My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?" Thus the last will be first, and the first, last."

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: The house of Israel is the vine of God, who planted and watered it, preparing the Israelites to bear fruits of righteousness (see Isaiah 5:7; 27:2–5). Israel failed to yield good fruits, and the Lord allowed His vineyard, Israel's kingdom, to be overrun by conquerors (see Psalm 80:9–20). But God promised that one day He would replant His vineyard and its shoots would blossom to the ends of the earth (see Amos 9:15; Hosea 14:5–10). This is the biblical backdrop to Jesus' parable of salvation history in today's Gospel. The landowner is God. The vineyard is the kingdom. The workers hired at dawn are the Israelites, to whom He first offered His covenant. Those hired later in the day are the Gentiles, the non-Israelites, who, until the coming of Christ, were strangers to the covenants of promise (see Ephesians 2:11–13). In the Lord's great generosity, the same wages, the same blessings promised to the first-called, the Israelites, will be paid to those called last, the rest of the nations. This provokes grumbling in today's parable. Doesn't the complaint of those first laborers sound like that of the older brother in Jesus' prodigal son parable (see Luke 15:29–30)? God's ways, however, are far from our ways, as we hear in today's First Reading. And today's readings should caution us against the temptation to resent God's lavish mercy. Like the Gentiles, many will be allowed to enter the kingdom late after having spent most of their days idling in sin. But even these can call upon Him and find Him near, as we sing in today's Psalm. We should rejoice that God has compassion on all whom He has created. This should console us, too, especially if we have loved ones who remain far from the vineyard. Our task is to continue laboring in His vineyard. As Paul says in today's Epistle, let us conduct ourselves worthily, struggling to bring all men and women to the praise of His name. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: *The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures.* Pray this Psalm often this week.

VOCATION VIEW: We can never be called "generous". All that we possess we have received from God. It is our vocation to return to God all the talents God has entrusted to us.

RECENT DEATH: Domenica Sortina, Jimmy Basañes, Arvin Celendro, Margaret Waters, Norma Asignar

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Alice Toffoli, Giuseppe Panetta, Mario DiGregorio, Daniel Rodrigo, Lanka Fernando, Delia Flores Fabreag, Estellia Baduria Flores, Eutiquio Flores, Maria Margarate

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, Teresita Cerdana, Dorothy

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 (21st to 26th 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 (26th and 27th September 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm Mass
 10.00 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





SYNODALITY AND TRUST

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



ST ANDREW'S

BIBLE STUDY

EVERY 2ND FRIDAY 5.30-7.30 PM



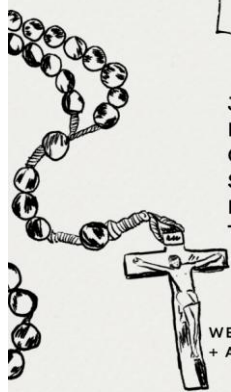
PENOLA HUB

33 Mortimer Street, Werribee VIC 3030

EVERY 2ND AND 4TH FRIDAY OF THE MONTH!

BIBLE STUDY - Looking for a Bible study group? You've found your place! Join us every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month, at the Penola Hub, as we watch a program, read our bibles and dive into conversation. All new faces are welcome, see you there!

BALANCING Catholic LIFE



JOIN US AS WE EXPLORE HOW TO LIVE A CATHOLIC LIFE BUT STILL ENJOY AND INTERACT WITH THE THINGS OF THE WORLD

WE DELVE INTO SOCIETAL TOPICS + ACTIVITIES, GAMES AND FOOD

SUNDAY 20TH SEPTEMBER
AFTER 5PM MASS
PENOLA HUB
18-25!

DO NOT CONFORM TO THE PATTERN OF THIS WORLD, BUT BE TRANSFORMED BY THE RENEWING OF YOUR MIND. THEN YOU WILL BE ABLE TO TEST AND APPROVE WHAT GOD'S WILL IS. ROMANS 12:2

Are you 18-25 years old and looking for a church group? Come to our next Young Adults. Our theme for this month is Balancing Catholic Life. Join us as we look into living in today's society as a Catholic. We have lots of fun activities and games, so join us for a chance to get competitive. All new faces are welcome, see you there!

ST. ANDREW'S PIZZA NIGHT! - Come along and enjoy a night of fellowship at our Annual Pizza Night on Saturday, 10th October 2026, 7pm - 11pm in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee, supported by the Italian Community, as we raise funds for our Parish of St. Andrew's, Werribee. Please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 if you have dietary requirements. BYO Nibbles and Drinks Tea and Coffee is Provided. Tickets are limited. Book now on Trybooking <https://www.trybooking.com/DPSGA>

ST. ANDREW'S PARISH FAIR 2026 RAFFLE TICKET FOR \$2

are for sale every weekend mass. We encourage you to buy a book of 10 tickets per family to support our parish. Parish Fair 2026 will be held on Saturday, 28th November at 10am - 4pm. For more information, please see flyers on notice board.

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.**

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 20th to 28th September 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 26 th / 27 th Sept	Rewanna Anthony Reuben Charles	David Cox Peter Walters	Cathleen De Leon	Clare Taylor Sandy Herdenson	Peter Cullen Rosaria Sweeny
MUSIC 26 th / 27 th Sept	Joyful Voices	St. Anthony's Choir	St. Andrew's Choir	Alpha Choir	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
Communion Minister 26 th / 27 th Sept	Philu Fernandes Kim Beyer Desiree Galea	Pranjali Fernandes Kevin McGuane Laura Chamberlain	Ana Balanza Rose Chu Bianca Pante	Anthony Accia Michelle Calafiore	Genni Douglas Katherine Canet Nadia Richard
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 21 Sept: Mon 28 Sept:	C. Ilagan M. H. Chong	
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 21 Sept: Fri 25 Sept: Mon 21 Sept:	Z. Prasad S. Hadgie Volunteer	
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 20 Sept: Sun 27 Sept:	C. Ilagan M. Galea	
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 20 Sept: Sun 27 Sept:	C. Layton S. Raphael	

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.

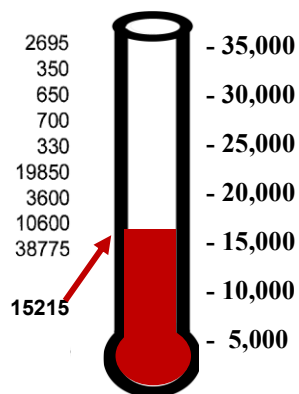
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FUND NEEDED FOR REPAIRS & RENOVATION

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

FUND RAISED as of 18/09/2026
10215 + 5000 = 15215

We thank the generous donors.



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

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

LA SACRA FAMIGLIA - si riunirà 25/9 7.00pm. unisciti a noi per risvegliare lo Spirito della Comunità italiana Penola Hun 33 Mortimer Street Werribee

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.

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St. Andrew Sculpture

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

Current:



Recovering, renovating and installin the statue of St. Andrew's as at prese 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.

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MARCH FOR THE BABIES - Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday, 10th October Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne. Wear pink and blue for the Babies! www.marchforthebabies.com This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008. A free bus is being offered for your parish – if you can recruit 58 people, a number required by those who are financing this offer. Departure from your church or similar location and return after the event. Details to follow soon.



ST ANDREW'S PIZZA NIGHT

Saturday
10th October
Penola Hub
33 Mortimer St
Werribee
Time: 7pm - 11pm



TICKETS ARE LIMITED!
Book Now on trybooking
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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 SAIL, FIJI OR ANYWHERE YOU LIKE T&C APPLY	\$899 2ND PRIZE NESPRESSO VERTUO CREATISTA CAPSULE COFFEE MACHINE BLACK TRUFFLE
\$150 VOUCHER 3RD PRIZE ITALIAN SPORTS CLUB OF WERRIBEE	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	

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