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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH
Incorporating the Communities of
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Werribee North,
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

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TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 26TH AND 27TH 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 Ezekiel (Ezekiel 18:25-28)*

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows: 'You object, "What the Lord does is unjust." Listen, you House of Israel: is what I do unjust? Is it not what you do that is unjust? When the upright man renounces his integrity to commit sin and dies because of this, he dies because of the evil that he himself has committed. When the sinner renounces sin to become law-abiding and honest, he deserves to live. He has chosen to renounce all his previous sins; he shall certainly live; he shall not die.' **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 24:4-9.*

Response: *Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

Lord, make me know your ways. Lord, teach me your paths. Make me walk in your truth, and teach me: for you are God my saviour.

Remember your mercy, Lord, and the love you have shown from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth. In your love remember me, because of your goodness, O Lord.

The Lord is good and upright. He shows the path to those who stray, he guides the humble in the right path; he teaches his way to the poor.

Response: *Remember your mercies, O Lord.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 2:1-5) Shorter form*

If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 21:28-32)*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go," but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir," but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.' **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: Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin? This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel. The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day tax collectors and prostitutes who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders who said they would serve God in the vineyard but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8). Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path. Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, Humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the Cross (see Romans 5:12-17). In this He has shown sinners each one of us the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ. This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants. But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: This week's Entrance Antiphon is worth repeating often: **All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.**

VOCATION VIEW: : We cannot act overly proud just because we have responded to God's call. Responding is our duty and source of happiness; serving God with perseverance and happiness fulfils us

RECENT DEATH: Luigi Grosso

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Medin Cataquian, Heather Ball, Lloyd Ediriwickrema, Jozef Belkner, Domenica Sortino

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, Bitaya Hikolo Joseph, Anna, Teresita Cerdana, Dorothy, Cyprian, Dolores Conte, 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 (28th Sept. – 3rd 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: First Friday Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus
 9.00am Mass
 7.00pm – 9.00pm Rosary, Mass, Exposition and Benediction
Sat: First Saturday Devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary
 8.15am Rosary and Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Morning Prayer
 9.00am Mass
 5.30pm Novena to our Lady of Fatima

WEEKEND MASSES (3rd / 4th October 2026)

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

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



Novena to our Lady of Fatima

Friday, 2nd October to Saturday, 10th October 2026

WE INVITE YOU TO OUR OCTOBER NOVENA IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF FATIMA. THE NOVENA WILL BE HELD AT ST. ANDREW'S PARISH CHURCH, 105 Greaves St. Nth., Werribee

WE ENCOURAGE EVERYONE TO BRING FLOWERS FOR OFFERING TO THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY DURING THE NOVENA.

Novena Times and Dates

October 02 Friday	7:00pm*
October 03 Saturday	5:30pm**
October 04 Sunday	4:30pm***
October 05 Monday	7:00pm
October 06 Tuesday	7:00pm
October 07 Wednesday	7:00pm
October 08 Thursday	7:00pm
October 09 Friday	7:00pm
October 10 Saturday	8.15am

*followed by First Friday Mass, Exposition and Benediction
 **followed by 6:00pm mass
 ***followed by 5:00pm mass

A PROCESSION AROUND THE CHURCH GROUND FOLLOWED BY 9:00am MASS WILL BE THE HIGHLIGHT OF THE LAST DAY. THERE WILL BE A FELLOWSHIP AFTER THE MASS. YOU ARE MOST WELCOME TO BRING A PLATE TO SHARE.



LAST CALLS! World Youth Day Seoul 2027



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 by
September 27th**

**Our next fundraising meeting
SUNDAY 27th SEPTEMBER**

**PENOLA HUB
6PM - 8:30PM**



PRAISE AND WORSHIP NIGHT

Every 1st Sunday of the month after 5pm mass at St Andrew's Church. Please come and join us as we praise and thank our God for his abundant blessings, never ending mercy and protection over us. Our next worship night will be on 4th October 2026

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.



SYNODALITY IS DEMANDING

Walking together takes patience, time, and effort. But the Gospel has never promised an easy path only a fruitful one.

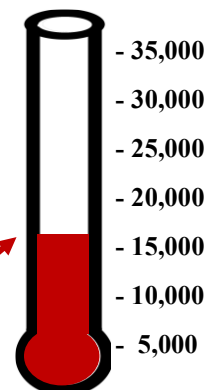
FUND NEEDED FOR REPAIRS & RENOVATION

1 SACRED HEART STATUE	2695
2 STATUE OF BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	350
3 ST. JOSEPH'S STATUE	650
4 ST. ANTHONY'S STATUE	700
5 ST. RITA'S STATUE	330
6 ST. ANDREW'S CARVING	19850
7 CRUCIFIX FOR THE NEW CHURCH	3600
8 ELEVATION OF THE CARVING	10600

FUND RAISED as of 24/09/2026

15215 + 1100 = 16315

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We thank the generous donors.

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>

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY AND BLESSING



Next weekend, 3rd and 4th Oct., being the first weekend of the month we will have a special blessing for all the couples celebrating their wedding anniversaries.

Those who will be celebrating special anniversary, 25, 30, 40, 50 years, please notify the Parish Office on 9741 4144.



**REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
will begin at 2:00am on 4th October 2026**

Time clocks go forward 1 hour.

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.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 27th September To 5th OCTOBER 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 3 rd / 4 th Oct	Reuben Charles	Peter Walters Pranjah Fernandez	Cathleen De Leon Lea Arida	Sandy Herdenson Gracia Iaria	Rosaria Sweeny Katherine Canet
MUSIC 3 rd / 4 th Oct	St. Andrew's Youth Choir (Boys and Girls)	St. Anthony's Choir	Sariling Tinig Choir	Ensemble of Faith	King Jesus Praise and Worship Choir
Communion Minister 3 rd / 4 th Oct	Thiloshini Perera Philu Fernandes Kim Beyer	Alfred Obieta Pranjali Fernandes Kevin McGuane	Charles Emmanuel Ana Balanza Rose Chu	Clare Taylor Anthony cciarito Linda Bravo	Stephen Hart Genni Douglas Katherine Canet
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 28 Sept: Mon 5 Oct:	M. H. Chong S. Raphael	
		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 28 Sept: Fri 2 Oct: Mon 28 Sept:	C. Camilleri, G. Iaria A. Majok, N. Deng Volunteer	
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 27 Sept: Sun 4 Oct:	M. Galea C. Demate	
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 27 Sept: Sun 4 Oct:	S. Raphael M. H. Chong	

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

LA SACRA FAMIGLIA - si riunirà 23/10 7.00pm. unisciti a noi per risvegliare lo Spirito della Comunità italiana Penola Hun 33 Mortimer Street Werribee

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.

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

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

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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