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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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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 27TH AND 28TH JUNE 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 second book of the Kings (2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16)*

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, 'Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.' One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. 'What can be done for her?' he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, 'Well, she has no son and her husband is old.' Elisha said, 'Call her.' The servant called her and she stood at the door. 'This time next year,' Elisha said 'you will hold a son in your arms.'

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 88:2-3. 16-19*

Response: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

Response: Forever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 6:3-4. 8-11)*

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father's glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him anymore. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 10:37-42)*

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: 'Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. 'Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. 'Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet's reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man's reward. 'If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.'

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 liturgy this week continues to instruct us in the elements of discipleship. We're told that even the most humble among us have a share in the mission Christ gives to His Church. We're not all called to the ministry of the Apostles or to be prophets like Elisha in today's First Reading. But each of us is called to a holy life (see 2 Timothy 1:9; 1 Thessalonians 4:3). At Baptism, our lives were joined forever to the Cross of Christ, as Paul tells us in today's Epistle. Baptized into His death, we're to renounce sin and live for God in Christ Jesus. We are to follow Him, each of us taking up our personal cross, as Jesus says in today's Gospel. That doesn't mean we will all be asked to suffer a martyr's death. But each of us is called to self-denial, to the offering of our lives in service of God's plan. Jesus must be elevated to first place in our lives above even our closest bonds of kinship and love. By

Baptism, we've been made part of a new family: the kingdom of God, the Church. We are to proclaim that kingdom with our lives, bringing our fathers, our mothers, and all men and women to live as little ones under the fatherhood of God and the kingship of the Holy One. We do this by opening our hearts and homes to the service of the Lord, following the Shunamite woman's example in today's First Reading. As Jesus tells us, we're to receive others not only prophets but also little children, the poor, and the imprisoned as we receive Christ Himself (see Matthew 18:5; 25:31-46). As we sing in today's Psalm, we are to testify to His favors and kindness in our lives. We're to hold fast to the promise that if we have died with Christ, we shall also live, that if we lose our lives for His sake, we shall find our reward and walk forever in His countenance. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Repeat this often as a mantra this week: *'Lord, as you welcome me, may I be open to welcome others.'*

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus knew that when we are committed to whatever we are doing no obstacle can prevent us from reaching our goal. So Jesus could say: "If you will not take up your cross and come after me you are not worthy of me."

RECENT DEATH: Jordan Dashwood, Desmond Keogh

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Domenica Giuliani, Gregorio D'Abaco, Paul Wajdowicz

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Yvan Mamedy, John Hassett, Julie Horkings, Anna, Lynne Worsley, Rafael, Janet, Vlad, Amado Galves Dizon, Mark, Sweetie and Gail D'Monte,

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 (29th June to 4th July 2026)

Mon: 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy
Tues: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: **First Friday**
 9.00am Mass
 7.00pm Rosary, Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament
 9.00pm Benediction
Sat: 8.15am Rosary, Office of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Morning Prayer
 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (4th and 5th July 2026)

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

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



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 5th July 2026.

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



ST. ANDREW'S STATUE IS BACK! - We thank God that we saved and restored our carving of St. Andrew. Thank God we found the decay on time. Now we have few more things to do the landscaping and make it safe and beautiful. Thank to Justin who restored the carving and has done a very good work. May God bless him and all who supported the work.

PETER'S PENCE - On Sunday 29th June 2026 the traditional *Peter's Pence* collection takes place. In our parish we will have the **Peter's Pence Collection next weekend 4th and 5th July at all mass**. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. Peter's Pence is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. Thank you for your generous support.



WHY DISCERNMENT IS ESSENTIAL

Discernment is more than discussion. It is a prayerful process of seeking God's will. In a Synod, time is given to silence, prayer, and reflection so that decisions emerge from faith, not haste.

**PLEASE
NOTE**

"In accordance with diocesan guidelines, our funeral fees will increase starting 1st July 2026." Funeral Directors will be advised accordingly. Thank you.

A NEW SEASON OF ALPHA IS HERE !!!

With the regular **ALPHA**,
ALPHA YOUTH is now here too !!!

COME & SEE

Alpha is a safe space to ask questions, share doubts and grow in faith with others.

"What's the meaning of life, truly?",
"God... for real?", "What if...?"

The best part is the small group chat where you can say exactly what's on your mind.

No off-limits topics, no judgment, and absolutely no wrong answers.

ALPHA
(Adults 18yo+)
- & -
ALPHA YOUTH
(15 - 17yo)

Join us for a meal, video, conversation & fun !!



FOOD - FILM - FUN



Starts July 23, 2026 | Thursdays

7:00PM | Penola Community Hub

Check the link: bit.ly/AlphaSAPrego

Email Us: Alpha.StAndrews.Parish@gmail.com



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.

DAY RETREAT

DIVINE AUSTRALIA
Healing Masses & Retreats

MELBOURNE JULY 2026

"Come to me, all you who labor and are heavily burdened, and I will give you rest." - Matthew 11:28

ONE-DAY RETREAT

4TH JULY 2026 10:00AM to 7:00PM

St. Andrew's Catholic Church
105 Greaves Street North, Werribee

FR. ANTONY PARANKIMAIL VC
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ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 29th June to 6th July 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 4 th / 5 th July	Nicola Fernando Aroon Sequeira	Peter Walters Dominic Fernandez	Cathleen De Leon Ana Balanza	Katrina Gauci Sandy Henderson	Rosario Sweeny Neha Cherlau
MUSIC 4 th / 5 th July	St. Andrews's Youth Choir (Boy and Girls)	St. Anthony's Choir	Sariling Tinig Choir	Ensemble of Faith	King Jesus Choir
Communion Minister 4 th / 5 th July	Anson John Desiree Galea Kim Beyer	Lillian Gilbert Laura Chamberlain Nimal Pandithakoralege	Jen Climie Mary Nguyen Charles Emmanuel	Dominic Thiep Eric Demate Cora Demate	Nadia Richard Sindhu Moreira Katherine Canet
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 29 Jun: J. Hennessy Mon 6 Jul: C. Ilagan		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 29 Jun: Z. Prasad Fri 3 Jul: S. Hadgie Mon 29 Jun: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 28 Jun: C. Ilagan Sun 5 Jul: M. Galea		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 28 Jun: Jodie Siu Sun 5 Jul: Jodie Siu		



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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Join **ST JAMES PARISH, HOPPERS CROSSING NORTH** for two engaging and thought-provoking evenings! Whether you are a lifelong Christian, someone seeking answers, or simply curious about the relationship between faith and contemporary issues, these sessions will provide an opportunity to learn, reflect and discuss.

Wed 08 Jul - Can a Scientist Believe in God?

7pm-9pm at St James Church, 336 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing This session will explore the so-called "conflict myth" between science and Christianity and examine how many scientists throughout history and today have understood scientific discovery and religious faith as complementary rather than contradictory.

Wed 15 Jul - Artificial Intelligence and Transhumanism: A Christian Response

7pm-9pm at St James Church, 336 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing Artificial Intelligence is rapidly changing our world. At the same time, movements such as Transhumanism envision a future where technology enhances, modifies, and perhaps even surpasses human capabilities. What do these developments mean for Christians?

To help us prepare for these sessions, kindly register your attendance using this QR Code. We look forward to seeing you!



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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