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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

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TWENTY SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 3RD AND 4TH 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 5:1-7)*

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vineyard. My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the soil, cleared it of stones, and planted choice vines in it. In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too. He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all that it gave. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I have done for my vineyard that I have not done? I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes instead? Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vineyard: I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on and knock down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste, unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn. I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it. Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the House of Israel, and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of distress. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 79:9. 12-16. 19-20*

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted.

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

Response: The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians (Philippians 4:6-9)*

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with everything that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise. Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then the God of peace will be with you. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 21:33-43)*

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner, who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a winepress in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time a larger number, and they dealt with them in the

*** GOSPEL CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE ***

St. Andrew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

Gospel continues: same way. Finally, he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son,” he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’ Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures: It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the keystone. This was the Lord’s doing and it is wonderful to see? ‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’ **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION: In today’s Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God. And the symbolism of today’s First Reading and Psalm is readily understood. God is the owner and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading. Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah’s words to describe the vineyard’s wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel’s religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel’s past. Instead of producing good fruits, they’ve killed the owner’s servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls. In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants’ final outrage will be to seize the owner’s son and to kill him outside the vineyard walls. For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit. We are each a vine in the Lord’s vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ (see John 15:1–8), called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him (see Philippians 1:11) and to be the “first fruits” of a new creation (see James 1:18). We need to take care that we don’t let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today’s Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Reflect often this week on this image and ask what fruit you are called to bear. **‘Lord Jesus, you are the vine and we are the branches. May we bear abundant fruit.’**

VOCATION VIEW: An employer would probably fire any employee who never does the job properly. God’s plan calls us to live our vocation daily in the best way we can.

RECENT DEATH: Jasmine Minness (mother of Ben Minness), Luigi Grosso, Dolores Conte, Peter Kinderis

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Margherita and Antonino Mandolino, Rohan Fernando, Claude Remy Barbe, Josian Laval Barbe, Michael Saunders

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, 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 (5th to 9th October 2026)

Mon: 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy
7.00pm Novena to our Lady of Fatima

Tues: 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Novena to our Lady of Fatima
7.00pm Novena to St. Anthony at Penola Hub

Wed: 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Novena to our Lady of Fatima

Thurs: 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Novena to our Lady of Fatima

Fri: 9.00am Mass
7.00pm Novena to our Lady of Fatima

Sat: 8.15am Novena to our Lady of Fatima
9.00am Mass followed by fellowship

WEEKEND MASSES (10th and 11th October 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm - Mass

Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am
5.00pm – Mass followed by Praise and Worship
2.00pm – **Burmese Community Mass**



REMINDER: DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME
will begin at 2:00am on 4th October 2026
Time clocks go forward 1 hour.

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.



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.



THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL EUCCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028 SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA

Dear Faithful, Since the journey to Eucharist28 began, there has been much anticipation about when in 2028 this event will take place. The Eucharist28 team has been working with the Australian and New South Wales Governments and the Pontifical Committee for Eucharistic Congresses to arrange and confirm the details of the Congress. I am pleased to officially announce the dates of Eucharist28. From two years today, on **September 24, 2028, we will celebrate the Opening Mass of the International Eucharistic Congress** in Sydney. This will mark the beginning of a week of celebration, prayer, and encounter, culminating in the **Statio Orbis (Final Mass) on Sunday, October 1, 2028**. Preceding the International Eucharistic Congress, a **Theological Symposium will be held from 20 to 22 September 2028**. More details to come regarding venues, the program, guest speakers, and the major events. Save the date, spread the word, and let the journey of prayer and preparation continue. **Bishop Richard Umbers**, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney, Secretary General, International Eucharistic Congress



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>



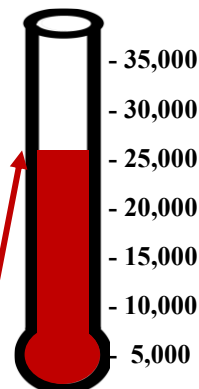
FUND NEEDED FOR REPAIRS & RENOVATION

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 02/10/2026

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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

ENCOUNTER - Friday 23 October 2026, 6.30pm-9.30pm St James the Apostle, 336 Derrimut Rd, Hoppers Crossing North. The ultimate Friday night out for high school students. Food. Games. Friends. Jesus. A special parents evening will also take place at the same time:

Anchored - 'Preparing your child (and yourself!) for adolescence'.

Enquiries: proclaim@cam.org.au

Register:



ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 4th to 12th OCTOBER 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 10 th / 11 th Oct	Risa Ann Chandsan	Pranjah Fernandez Red Dubier	Lea Arida Angelo Bautista	Gracia Iaria Tanya Charles	Katherine Canet Angelo Moreira
MUSIC 10 th / 11 th Oct	St. Carlo's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Padre Pio Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Andrew's Children Choir
Communion Minister 10 th / 11 th Oct	Anne-Marie Palmer Thiloshini Perera Philu Fernandes	Anna Obieta Alfred Obieta Pranjali Fernandes	Angelo Bautista Charles Emmanuel Ana Balanza	Cora Demate Clare Taylor Anthony cciarito	Angelo Moreira Stephen Hart Genni Douglas
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 5 Oct: Mon 12 Oct:	S. Raphael J. Hennessy	
		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 5 Oct: Fri 9 Oct: Mon 5 Oct:	M. Teng, N. Chol A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Volunteer	
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 4 Oct: Sun 11 Oct:	C. Demate O. Lesoa	
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 4 Oct: Sun 11 Oct:	M. H. Chong M. H. Chong	

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 Coordinator

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.

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

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

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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WELCOMING AND HOSPITALITY WORKSHEET

All responses will be held confidential and will be used by our 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.