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Werribee North,
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

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FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 4TH AND 5TH JULY 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 Zechariah (Zechariah 9:9-10)*

The Lord says this: 'Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.'

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: *Psalm 144:1-2. 8-11. 13-14*

Response: *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

I will give you glory, O God my King, I will bless your name for ever. I will bless you day after day and praise your name for ever.

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.

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

The Lord is faithful in all his words and loving in all his deeds. The Lord supports all who fall and raises all who are bowed down.

Response: *I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.*

SECOND READING: *A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 8:9.11-13)*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual, but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God has made his home in you. In fact, unless you possessed the Spirit of Christ you would not belong to him, and if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, then he who raised Jesus from the dead will give life to your own mortal bodies through his Spirit living in you. So then, my brothers, there is no necessity for us to obey our unspiritual selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do live in that way, you are doomed to die; but if by the Spirit you put an end to the misdeeds of the body you will live. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: *A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 11:25-30)*

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

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: Jesus is portrayed in today's Gospel as a new and greater Moses. Moses, the meekest man on earth (see Numbers 12:3), was God's friend (see Exodus 34:12, 17). Only he knew God "face to face" (see Deuteronomy 34:10). And Moses gave Israel the yoke of the Law, through which God first revealed Himself and how we are to live (see Jeremiah 2:20; 5:5). Jesus, too, is meek and humble. But He is more than God's friend. He is the Son who alone knows the Father. He is more also than a lawgiver, presenting Himself today as

the yoke of a new Law and as the revealed Wisdom of God. As Wisdom, Jesus was present before creation as the firstborn of God, the Father and Lord of heaven and earth (see Proverbs 8:22; Wisdom 9:9). And He gives knowledge of the holy things of the kingdom of God (see Wisdom 10:10). In the gracious will of the Father, Jesus reveals these things only to the "childlike" those who humble themselves before Him as little children (see Sirach 2:17). These alone can recognize and receive Jesus as the just savior and meek king promised to daughter Zion, Israel, in today's First Reading. We, too, are called to childlike faith in the Father's goodness as sons and daughters of the new kingdom, the Church. We are to live by the Spirit we received in Baptism (see Galatians 5:16), putting to death our old ways of thinking and acting, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle. Our "yoke" is to be His new law of love (see John 13:34), by which we enter into the "rest" of His kingdom. As we sing in today's Psalm, we joyously await the day when we will praise His name forever in the kingdom that lasts for all ages. This is the sabbath rest promised by Jesus the rest first anticipated by Moses (see Exodus 20:8-11), but which still awaits the people of God (see Hebrews 4:9). **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: Pray the blessing from the first verse of Psalm 144 throughout the week. *"I will give you glory, O God, my king. I will bless your name forever. I will bless you day after day."*

VOCATION VIEW: Have you discovered yet that there is more to life than what only material things have to offer? We live in the Spirit. Only in the Lord can we find lasting peace. Speak the Good News.

RECENT DEATH: Desmond Keogh, Isabella Feflinska, Sebastiano Lucifora

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Pietro D'Alessandro, Rosalito Alinea,

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, Leanne Bell

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 (6th to 11th July 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 (11th / 12th July 2026)

Sat: 6.00pm - Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5.00pm - Mass
 2.00pm Burmese 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



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.

CONGRATULATION TO ARCHBISHOP PETER A COMENSOLI APPOINTMENT TO THE DICASTERY FOR EVANGELISATION.



Pope Leo XIV has appointed Melbourne Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli to the Dicastery for Evangelisation. The official appointment was announced this past Saturday. In response to the news, Archbishop Comensoli stated:

"I thank the Holy Father for the trust he has placed in me with this appointment, and I commit to working diligently for the evangelising mission of the Church," Archbishop Comensoli said.

Let us keep Archbishop Comensoli in our prayers as he embarks on this new journey of service to the global Church.

PETER'S PENCE – There will be a **third collection this weekend 4th and 5th July at all masses**. 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.

SYNODALITY BEGINS LOCALLY



Synodality is lived first in parishes, schools, families, and communities. When people feel heard and valued locally, the Church becomes more credible and more missionary.

WYNDHAM VALE COMMUNITY MASS CANCELLATION NOTICE

Please note that the Wyndham Vale Community Mass scheduled for Sunday, 19 July 2026 has been cancelled due to maintenance work being carried out at the school.

We warmly invite all parishioners to join us for our next Wyndham Vale Community Mass on Sunday, 16 August 2026, at 10:00 AM.

Thank you for your understanding. We look forward to gathering together in faith and fellowship at our next Community Mass.

"For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." — Matthew 18:20



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH WERRIBEE

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**SATURDAY
Aug 29 2026**

**TIME
6:30 PM
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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.

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



FOOD – FILM – FUN



FREE OF CHARGE

Starts July 23, 2026 | Thursdays
7:00PM | Penola Community Hub
Check the link: bit.ly/AlphaSAPrego
Email Us: Alpha.StAndrews.Parish@gmail.com




ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 5th to 13th July 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 11 th / 12 th July	Aroon Sequeira Melisa Castelino	Peter Walters Red Dubier	Ana Balanza Angelo Bautista	Katrina Gauci	Neha Cherlau Katerine Canet
MUSIC 11 th / 12 th July	St. Carlo's Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Padre Pio Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Andrew's Youth Choir
Communion Minister 11 th / 12 th July	Philu Fernandes Anson John Desiree Galea	John Hennessy Lillian Gilbert	Angelo Bautista Jen Climie Mary Nguyen	Graeme Roberts Dominic Thiep Eric Demate	Genni Douglas Nadia Richard Sindhu Moreira
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 6 Jul: C. Ilagan Mon 13 Jul: M. H. Chong		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 6 Jul: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 10 Jul: A. Majok, N. Deng Mon 6 Jul: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 5 Jul: M. Galea Sun 12 Jul: C. Demate		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 5 Jul: Jodie Siu Sun 12 Jul: R. Clayton		



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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.

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". Public Speaking Course: Dates: Ten Weeks from August 12 to October 21, with a one-week break for school holidays. 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.

MASS FOR MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARIES

Sunday 12 July 2026, 11.00 am, St Patrick's Cathedral
Married couples and their families are cordially invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above will receive a commemorative certificate. Please register for your spot by Tuesday 7 July. For any queries, please contact the Proclaim team on 9926 5761 or at proclaim@cam.org.au

YOUTH LEADERS TRAINING - Saturday 18th July 2026
9.00 am-3.00 pm, St Patrick's Cathedral. Youth leaders, both experienced or emerging, are invited to a day of formation, networking and training. Qwayne Guevara, Facilitator for Formation and Young People, will explore accompaniment and synodality. For more information to <https://youth.melbournecatholic.org/events/youth-leaders-training-july-2026>

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
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!



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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