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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

PARISH TEAMS

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Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP
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TWENTY THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 5TH AND 6TH 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 33:7-9)

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows, 'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If, however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

'THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 94:1-2.6-9

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord; hail the rock who saves us. Let us come before him, giving thanks, with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low; let us kneel before the God who made us for he is our God and we the people who belong to his pasture, the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice! 'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the desert when your fathers put me to the test; when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

Response: O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans (Romans 13:8-10)

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If you love your fellow men you have carried out your obligations. All the commandments: You shall not commit adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single command: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is why it is the answer to every one of the commandments. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us. Alleluia!

GOSPEL: A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew (Matthew 18:15-20)

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these, report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector. 'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven. 'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name, I shall be there with them.' **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: As Ezekiel is appointed watchman over the house of Israel in today's first Reading, so Jesus in the Gospel today establishes His disciples as guardians of the new Israel of God, the Church (see Galatians 6:16). He also puts in place procedures for dealing with sin and breaches of the faith, building on rules of discipline prescribed by Moses for Israel (see Leviticus 19:17–20; Deuteronomy 19:13). The heads of the new Israel, however, receive extraordinary powers similar to those given to Peter (see Matthew 16:19). They have the power to bind and loose, to forgive sins and to reconcile sinners in His name (see John 20:21–23). But the powers He gives the Apostles and their successors depend on their communion with Him. As Ezekiel is only to teach what he hears God saying, so the disciples are to gather in His name and to pray and seek the will of our heavenly Father. But today's readings are more than a lesson in Church order. They also suggest how we're to deal with those who trespass against us, a theme that we'll hear in next week's readings as well. Notice that both the Gospel and the First Reading presume that believers have a duty to correct sinners in our midst. Ezekiel is even told that he will be held accountable for their souls if he fails to speak out and try to correct them. This is the love that Paul in today's Epistle says we owe to our neighbors. To love our neighbors as ourselves is to be vitally concerned for their salvation. We must make every effort, as Jesus says, to win our brothers and sisters back, to turn them from the false paths. We should never correct out of anger or a desire to punish. Instead, our message must be that of today's Psalm urging the sinner to hear God's voice, not to harden their hearts, and to remember that He is the one who made us, the rock of our salvation. **Scott Hanh**

PRAYER AT HOME: One of the greatest prayers about being a peace maker is the prayer often associated with St. Francis of Assisi: ***Lord, make me an instrument of your peace. Where there is hatred, let me sow love; where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy. O divine master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive; it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, and in dying that we are born to eternal life.***

VOCATION VIEW: How much would the world be changed if everyone were completely forgiving? Probably totally! Jesus' stories of forgiveness are so loved because they are so needed. Re-tell them! Re-live them!

RECENT DEATH: Margaret Walters, Lorry Geronimo, Lorenzo Azzopardi, John Fastuca, Maria Stella Camilleri, Janice Smith

DEATH ANNIVERSARY: Loreto Ilagan, Daniel Morales, Ameureina Javier, Josefina Maglanque, Antonino Barberi, Rohan Fernando, Nestor N. Lim, Maria Mai Nguyen, Maria Lê Thi Lim Hông

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, Rustico Socorin, Bitaya Hikolo Joseph, Anna

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 12th Sept. 2026)

Mon: 9.00am Communion Service with Liturgy
Tues: **The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 9.00am Mass
 6.30pm Rosary lead by the Legion of Mary
 7.00pm 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 (12th / 13th September 2026)

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



Tuesday, 8th September 2026
9.00am Mass followed by Rosary
6.30pm Rosary followed by Mass

FEAST OF THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Dearest Mother Mary, your conception was immaculate and your birth glorious. You were conceived without sin, born without sin, and remained sinless throughout your life. In Heaven, you radiate the beauty and splendour of God and will do so for all eternity. Please pray for us, that we will more fully imitate your many virtues, so that we can be a fitting instrument of your divine Son in the world.

Mother Mary, pray for us. Jesus, we trust in You.

SYNODALITY AND LEADERSHIP



Leadership in a synodal Church is not about control but about service. Leaders create spaces where gifts can emerge and flourish.

St. Andrew Sculpture

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

Current:



Recovering, renovating and installing the statue of St. Andrew's as at present 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



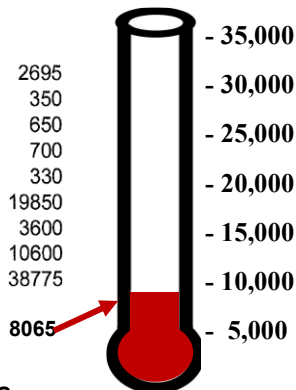
Dear Brothers and Sister. We continue our work of repairing, renovating and repainting our sacred statues. You can see in these pictures the statue of the Sacred Heart outside and our Lady's statue inside been done beautifully. We thank the parishioners who have donated towards this work and welcome others who would like to contribute.

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 3/9/26
6665 + 1400 = 8065

We thank the generous donors.



VISIT OUR PIETY STALL - Organised by Wyndham Vale Catholic Community.

Supporting our New Church Building Project. **Every second Sunday 10:30 AM - 12:30 PM at St Andrew's Parish Werribee** in front of the church or near the Presbytery (under cover in wet weather) *Browse a wonderful selection of Religious items, Devotional gifts, Rosaries & statues, Prayer books, Faith-inspired gifts and much more!* Every purchase helps build our new Church in Wyndham Vale. Donations are gratefully accepted. EFTPOS AVAILABLE. Your support today, shapes a spiritual home for tomorrow. ***Thank you for your generosity and continued support.***

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 6th to 14th September 2026

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 12 th / 13 th Sept	Josephine Fernando	John Hennessy Dominic Fernandes	Edna Silva Maryann Agbodike	Anthony Acciarito Katrina Gauci	Neha Cherian Peter Cullen
MUSIC 12 th / 13 th Sept	St. Carlos Choir	St. Anthony's Choir	Padre Pio Choir	South Sudanese Choir	St. Andrew's Children's Choir
Communion Minister 12 th / 13 th Sept	Desiree Galea Anson John Reuben Charles	Laura Chamberlain Lillian Jilbert Dominic Fernandes	Bianca Pante	Michelle Calafiore Stealth D'Rosario Grace Iaria	Maria Parba
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 7 Sept: S. Raphael Mon 14 Sept: J. Hennessy		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 7 Sept: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria Fri 11 Sept: A. Majok, N. Deng Mon 7 Sept: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 6 Sept: C. Demate Sun 13 Sept: O. Lesoa		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 6 Sept: A. Senivayopu Sun 13 Sept: S. Raphael		

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.

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.

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

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

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE - The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting: *Tuesday, 22 September 2026 beginning 19:00 – 20:00 Location: via ZOOM.* Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

THE KNIGHTS OF THE SOUTHERN CROSS VICTORIA - The Knights of the Southern Cross Victoria are proud to announce this year's Archbishop's Dinner will be held at Grand Star Receptions and Convention Centre in 499 Grieve Parade, Altona North on Friday 16 October from 7.00pm to 11.00pm. **Cost** \$170 per person. **RSVP** Friday 11 September 2026, **Dress** Black tie, business suit, after-five wear. This prestigious event offers guests an opportunity to socialise with like-minded people while supporting the education of our clergy. This prestigious event offers guests an opportunity to socialise with like-minded people while supporting the education of our clergy.

For tickets and more information, download the booking form below or contact:

Nadia Bolzonello: 0407 055 237, email: giveback@optusnet.com.au Carmine Miranda: 0412 817 995, email: carminemiranda5@gmail.com Andrew Vaccaro: 0404 390 824, email: avaccaro@internode.on.net Angela Bonato: 0413 669 585, email: angelabonato@gmail.com For more information, please see flyers on the notice board.

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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