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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT, YEAR C, 5TH / 6TH APRIL 2025

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: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who opens a way in the sea and a path in the mighty waters, who leads out chariots and horsemen, a powerful army, till they lie prostrate together, never to rise, snuffed out and quenched like a wick. Remember not the events of the past, the things of long ago consider not; see, I am doing something new! Now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? In the desert I make a way, in the wasteland, rivers. Wild beasts honour me, jackals and ostriches, for I put water in the desert and rivers in the wasteland for my chosen people to drink, the people whom I formed for myself, that they might announce my praise.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7.

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

When the LORD brought back the captives of Zion, we were like men dreaming. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with rejoicing.

Then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them." The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad indeed.

Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the torrents in the southern desert. Those that sow in tears shall reap rejoicing.

Although they go forth weeping, carrying the seed to be sown, They shall come back rejoicing, carrying their sheaves.

Response: The Lord has done great things for us; we are filled with joy.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:8-14

Brothers and sisters: I consider everything as a loss because of the supreme good of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have accepted the loss of all things and I consider them so much rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having any righteousness of my own based on the law but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God, depending on faith to know him and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by being conformed to his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

It is not that I have already taken hold of it or have already attained perfect maturity, but I continue my pursuit in hope that I may possess it, since I have indeed been taken possession of by Christ Jesus. Brothers and sisters, I for my part do not consider myself to have taken possession. Just one thing: forgetting what lies behind but straining forward to what lies ahead, I continue my pursuit toward the goal, the prize of God's upward calling, in Christ Jesus.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

VERSE BEFORE THE GOSPEL:

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart; for I am gracious and merciful. Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives. But early in the morning he arrived again in the temple area, and all the people started coming to him, and he sat down and taught them. Then the scribes and the Pharisees brought a woman who had been caught in adultery and made her stand in the middle. They said to him, "Teacher, this woman was caught in the very act of committing adultery. Now in the law, Moses commanded us to stone such women. So what do you say?" They said this to test him, so that they could have some charge to bring against him. Jesus bent down and began to write on the ground with his finger. But when they continued asking him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." Again he bent down and wrote on the ground. And in response, they went away one by one, beginning with the elders. So he was left alone with the woman before him. Then Jesus straightened up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one, sir." Then Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION

Today's Gospel begins by reporting that Jesus is again teaching the crowds in the vicinity of the Temple. The scribes and the Pharisees approach Jesus, bringing a woman who has been caught in the act of adultery. They put to Jesus the question of what ought to be done in this case.

The Pharisees state clearly that according to the Law of Moses, those caught in the act of adultery were to be stoned to death. Under Roman occupation, however, the Jewish people did not have the authority to execute people; this is cited in John's passion narrative. To answer the Pharisees' question, Jesus must propose an action that will be either contrary to the Law of Moses or contrary to Roman law. The purpose of the question appears to be similar to the question about paying taxes found in Mark 12:13-17. Either answer, yes or no, will support the Pharisees' case against Jesus.

Jesus avoids the trap, however, by offering an answer that was not anticipated by those who posed the question. Jesus, after writing on the ground with his finger, addresses those who stand before him and suggests that the one without sin cast the first stone. We can easily imagine the scene as the Pharisees and the elders disperse, one by one.

Left alone with the woman, Jesus asks where the accusers have gone. With no one remaining to condemn the woman, Jesus (the one who truly is without sin) sends the woman on her way, refusing to pass judgment on her and exhorting her to avoid future sin. Jesus' response to those who accuse the woman is more than a caution to us about making judgment of others. It is a profound lesson in divine mercy and forgiveness. As sinners, we are all unworthy to judge the sins of others and we would stand convicted by God for our transgressions. Yet Jesus, the one without sin and thus our judge, offers us who are sinners his mercy and forgiveness. Redeemed by Jesus' compassion, we are sent to sin no more and to live in God's love and peace. **Loyola Press**

PRAYER AT HOME: Loving God, as we journey towards Holy Week, guide us to deepen our faith and strengthen our resolve. May we find solace in prayer, renewal in fasting, and compassion in service, mirroring the love and sacrifice of Jesus." Amen.

VOCATION VIEW: God continues to open a way for us. How is God doing something new in your life? Perhaps God is inviting you to be a priest or religious. (Isaiah 43:16-21)

RECENT DEATH: Zarco Kordic, Giovanni Guzzardi, Katherine Tran Thi Mau, Czarina Tumaliuan

ANNIVERSARY: Ernesto (Ernie) Acciarito, Joseph Vella, Mark Anthony Faranda, Melingui Andela Marie Angele, Fortunato Ecuacion (Jr.), Agata (Tina) Ravaneschi, Bishop Bienvenido Tudit, Marcus Keyes, Johannes Perez, Nilo Villamor, Eflida Perez, Vita Incardona

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Nimal Pandithakoralege, Hilda Koster Koerntjes, Edith and Alwin Salagubang, Panakal Auso Raphael, Julie Horkings, Kelly Jennings, Crispin De Zilva, Maria Trang Nguyen, Eden Guzman, Myrna Fevilla, Peter Tho Huynh.

REMINDER: *Parishioners, please note that names for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries etc. to be included in the Sunday Bulletin must indicate the time of Mass you will be attending for name to be mentioned and request must be at the Parish Office no later than Wednesday afternoon and please address envelopes to the Admin Staff.*

WEEKDAY LITURGY (7th to 13th April 2025)

Mon: 9.00am Mass
Tues: 9.00am Mass
Wed: 9.00am Mass
Thurs: 9.00am Mass
Fri: 9.00am Mass followed by Station of the Cross
7.00pm Station of the Cross followed by Mass
Sat: 9.00am Mass followed by confession

PALM SUNDAY

WEEKEND MASSES (12th and 13th April 2025)

Sat: 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am, 9.30am, 11.00am and 5pm Mass

MASS AT THE HOSPITAL & 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 Tuesday at 11.00am

Werribee Mercy Hospital

2nd Thursday at 2.30pm

Mercy Place Wyndham

3rd Tuesday 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

TAP TO DONATE - At the request of many parishioners and the recommendation of the Finance Committee, we have installed a tapping receiver for those who wish to contribute to the parish without carrying cash. The receiver is stationed at the main entrance and instruction is detailed at the station. Thank you for your continuous and generous support to St. Andrew's Parish Church which is very much appreciated.



The WYNDHAM VALE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

April 2025 – There is no Mass

Sunday 18 May 2025 – 10.00 am Mass

PARISH CENSUS

Although we have conducted our parish census, there may be few who couldn't fill the census card out, we invite them to fill the card and register themselves in the parish. This registration will replace and update the previous register in our parish. Because of this, your filling the census card is very important. The census cards are available in the office and at the entrances of the Church. Please fill them and return them to the office or in the letter box in the office or at the Presbytery. Your assistance with this important process is very much appreciated.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 6th April to 14th April 2025

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 12 th / 13 th April	Reuben Charles	Nelly Bautista	Perpetua Gitau	Jasper Parba	Nadia Richards
MUSIC 12 th / 13 th April	St. Frautina Choir	Tina D'Monte & Red Dubier Group	Padre Pio Choir	South Sudanese Group	St. Andrew's Children's Choir
Communion Minister 12 th / 13 th April	Kristine Ventura Noelene Keogh Philomen Fenandes	Kevin McGuane Anna Obieta Alfred Obieta	John Faranda Maria Malanyaon Titus Lizardo	Cora Demate Dominic Thiep Grace Iaria	Genni Douglas Nadia Richards Sindhu Moreira
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)		This week: Next week:	Mon 07 April: Mass at 9am Mon 14 April: Mass at 9am		
CLEANER		Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 7 April: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 11 April: P. Palamara Mon 7 April: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH		This week: Next week:	Sun 6 April: M. Galea Sun 13 April: C. Demate		
OUR LADY'S STATUE		This week: Next week:	Sun 6 April: M. Parba Sun 13 April: P. Chapman		



MASS FOR Marriage Anniversaries

SUNDAY 1 JUNE 2025 . 11AM
ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL. EAST MELBOURNE

Anniversary Mass 2025
Couples and their families are invited to join us at St Patrick's Cathedral as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with the Jubilee of Families.

Married couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate.

For any queries please contact us 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

Date: Sunday 1 June 2025, 11.00 am Mass
Location: St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne Vic 3002.
RSVP's: Registrations close Wed 28 May 2025
<https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1377731>



PARISH RECONCILIATION

All are invited to the parish reconciliation on
the 10TH April at 7.00pm

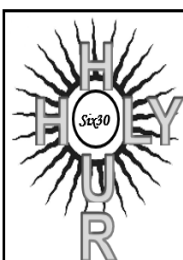
DAILY ROSARY ON ZOOM

We are inviting you to join us to pray the Rosary at home with the family. Please join us via Zoom Meeting every night at 6.55pm for 7.00 pm start

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2764655672?pwd=bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFWMkU6bkpRQ0x0Zz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672 Password: 9rGLKz

Let us continue to pray together for each other.



Join with young Catholics from across the city for a time of adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, music and an opportunity for confession.

Thursday 10 April 2025 6.30pm to 7.30 pm at St Mary Star of the Sea, 33 Howard St, West Melbourne VIC 3003 for more information, email disciple@cam.org.au or 9926 5677.



PARISH WORKING BEE TO PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK

Let us come together once again on **Saturday 12th April 10.30am till 1.00pm** to prepare our church for Holy Week. This is our church, let us take care of it and prepare it for the Lord and for all of us.

PILGRIM PLACES

in Melbourne Archdiocese

<https://pilgrimsofhope.catholic.org.au/>

St. Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne

Northern Region:

St. Luke's, Lalor

Polish Marian Shrine, Aberfeldie

St. Mary Magdalen's, Trentham

Southern Region:

Divine Mercy Shrine, Keysborough

Our Lady of Lavang Shrine, Keysborough

St. Patrick's, Mentone

St. Macartan's, Mornington

Western Region:

St. Mary's Star of the Sea, West Melbourne

St. Mary MacKillop, Keilor Downs

Holy Trinity, Queenscliff

Eastern Region:

St. Dominic's Camberwell East

Sacred Heart, Croydon

St. Francis Xavier, Mansfield

JUBILEE 2025: PILGRIMS OF HOPE

There are 36 events throughout the 2025 Jubilee Year, highlighting special aspects of Church life. For each event, the National Centre for Evangelisation has prepared a brief resource that parishes and individuals can use for personal or group prayer and reflection.
<https://nce.catholic.org.au/events/jubilee-2025-pilgrims-of-hope>



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING (AGM) Friday, 9th MAY 2025, 7.30pm AT PENOLA HUB

PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR GROUP'S REPORT for the AGM ASAP.

Please email your report, if possible, to werribee@cam.org.au or drop it into the Parish Office. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance.



Caritas
AUSTRALIA

Fifth Sunday of Lent
5th / 6th April



The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with generous supporters and the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2025.** Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes & envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or calling 1800 024 413.



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WANT TO KNOW MORE?

REGISTER FOR AN ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION

7pm on Tuesday, 18th March

CONTACT FR ANIL OR OLIVE TREE DETAILS TO REGISTER & GET THE LOGIN DETAILS



Bl. Carlo Acutis' CANONIZATION WATCH PARTY!

ALL YOUNG PEOPLE INVITED

Sunday 27th April 2025

6:00pm in the Penola Hub

Italian dinner provided



BYO pillows,
bean bags,
blankets etc.



CHURCH OPENS - Tuesdays to Fridays,
9.00am to 4.00pm for visiting the Blessed
Sacrament, via the door on the presbytery
side. Thank you, let's keep our church safe
for all.

- Our Principal, Rose Connolly invites you to attend our
2025 Malaya Borneo Veterans' Association Remembrance Service.

Tuesday 29 April from 11.00am to 12.45pm (arrival from 10.30am)

At the conclusion of the service, guests are invited to join staff and student leaders
for a light lunch.

Location: 35 Thomas Carr Drive, Tarneit

RSVP: Monday 14 April 2025 to events@thomascarr.vic.edu.au



- OPEN DAY** SUNDAY 4 MAY 2025 10.30 AM - 2.00 PM

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.



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.