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Mon. – Thurs. 9am – 4pm
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Liturgy: Mass Times
Saturday 6pm Vigil
Sunday 8, 9.30, 11am, 5pm
Reconciliation
Saturday 9.30am and 5pm

PARISH TEAMS

Pastoral Team:

Fr. Frank Buhagiar PP
Fr. Darien Sticklen
Fr. Shymon

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Marthese Temming

Pastoral Care in
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Louisa Sullivan
Pastoral Care in Wyndham Vale
Sherry Vivera

Pastoral Care in Werribee South/
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Therese Kennedy

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Home Based RE Coordinator
Norma Marot

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South Sudanese Deacon:

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PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary
School – Ph. 9741 3686
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Michael Gavaghan

Corpus Christi Primary
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Principal: Linda Roynic

Bethany Primary School –
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Principal: Simon Dundon

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Principal: Rory Kennedy

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Principal:

Dr. Andrew Watson



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Incorporating the Communities of
Werribee Central, Wyndham Vale,
Werribee South, Werribee North,
Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River



MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME INTO OUR HEARTS

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A – 5TH MARCH 2017

**As we come to worship, we remember the Wathaurong People,
the original custodians of this land.**

FIRST READING: Genesis 2:7-9; 3:1-7

The LORD God formed man out of the clay of the ground and blew into his nostrils the breath of life, and so man became a living being. Then the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and placed there the man whom he had formed. Out of the ground the LORD God made various trees grow that were delightful to look at and good for food, with the tree of life in the middle of the garden and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Now the serpent was the most cunning of all the animals that the LORD God had made. The serpent asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from any of the trees in the garden?" The woman answered the serpent: "We may eat of the fruit of the trees in the garden; it is only about the fruit of the tree in the middle of the garden that God said, 'You shall not eat it or even touch it, lest you die.'" But the serpent said to the woman: "You certainly will not die! No, God knows well that the moment you eat of it your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods who know what is good and what is evil." The woman saw that the tree was good for food, pleasing to the eyes, and desirable for gaining wisdom. So she took some of its fruit and ate it; and she also gave some to her husband, who was with her, and he ate it. Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked; so they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 51:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 17

**Response: Be merciful, O Lord,
for we have sinned.**

Have mercy on me, O God, in your goodness; in the greatness of your compassion wipe out my offense. Thoroughly wash me from my guilt and of my sin cleanse me.

For I acknowledge my offense, and my sin is before me always: "Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight."

A clean heart create for me, O God, and a steadfast spirit renew within me. Cast me not out from your presence, and your Holy Spirit take not from me.

Give me back the joy of your salvation, and a willing spirit sustain in me. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

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SECOND READING:

Romans 5:12, 17-19 (shorter version)

Brothers and sisters: Through one man sin entered the world, and through sin, death, and thus death came to all men, inasmuch as all sinned. For if, by the transgression of the one, death came to reign through that one, how much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and of the gift of justification come to reign in life through the one Jesus Christ. In conclusion, just as through one transgression condemnation came upon all, so, through one righteous act, acquittal and life came to all. For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so, through the obedience of the one, the many will be made righteous.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:1-11

At that time Jesus was led by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. He fasted for forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was hungry. The tempter approached and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command that these stones become loaves of bread." He said in reply, "It is written: *One does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes forth from the mouth of God.*" Then the devil took him to the holy city, and made him stand on the parapet of the temple, and said to him,

GOSPEL CONTINUES: "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written: *He will command his angels concerning you and with their hands they will support you, lest you dash your foot against a stone.*" Jesus answered him, "Again it is written, *You shall not put the Lord, your God, to the test.*" Then the devil took him up to a very high mountain, and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in their magnificence, and he said to him, "All these I shall give to you, if you will prostrate yourself and worship me." At this, Jesus said to him, "Get away, Satan! It is written: *The Lord, your God, shall you worship and him alone shall you serve.*" Then the devil left him and, behold, angels came and ministered to him. **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**

Response for Prayers of the Faithful: Lord, fill our hearts with your love.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: Pruning Time

Pruning time is a painful time for a fruit tree. The pruner rids it of all those suckers which use up a lot of energy but produce no fruit. However, the aim of this surgery is not to inflict pain, but to help the tree produce more and better fruit. Lent is a kind of spiritual pruning time. There is much that is useless and perhaps harmful in our lives, which saps our energy and diminishes our spiritual fruitfulness. Of what shall we prune ourselves this Lent, so that we may become more fruitful branches of Christ, the true Vine? *Flor McCarthy, SDB*

PRAYER AT HOME: Use this verse from this week's Psalm as your prayer: *A pure heart create for me, O God, put a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, nor deprive me of your holy spirit.*

VOCATION VIEW: Lent is a season of renewal, of spiritual growth. These forty penitential days invite us to strive for our true calling.

RECENT DEATHS: Grant eternal peace, O Lord to: **Maurizio Zulian, Fr. Paul Maher PE, Giulio Caon, Amanda Cahill, Maria Lipa, Liesel Kunzmann**

ONE MONTH ANNIVERSARIES: Stephen Pante

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARIES: Pius (Bob) McKenna

ANNIVERSARIES: Silvana Rigoni, Josephine Lentini, Francesco (Frank) Pagnoccolo (10 years), Olivo Piovesan, Rossario Gandolfo, Michael Fernandes (family attending 11am Mass), Adelina Vella

REMINDER: Parishioners please note that names for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries etc. to be included in the Sunday Bulletin must be at the Parish Office no later than **Wednesday** afternoon and **please address envelopes to the Admin Staff.** The names for Prayers for the Sick will be deleted at the beginning of each year. If you have a name you would like included, please contact the Parish Office.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK: Br. Helmut Knab CMM, Helen (H) Kelly, Pauline Jones, Andrew Roberts, Paula Miller, Julie Morgan, Rosaleen McKenna, Jeanette Ballentine, Lisette, Henriette, Paul Carlton, Janis Hudson, Lynne Worsley, Theresa Ng, Raywin Roberts, Sr. Reena, Milton Roberts, Fortunato Valiente, Paul Evans, Harish Narayan, Angela Castillo, David Young, Tom Shone, Natalie Berry, Mark Lauron, Paul Kent, Hainz Schegigitz, Zeahn Hayes, Leanne Peardon Mary Crawford, Robert Ip Soo Ching, France Ethan Jadoc, Clemencia Melkie, Raywin Roberts, Frank Fazio, Palepina Alofi, Leanne Peardon, Leonila Moso, Mr & Mrs. Walters, Julie Cassar, Frances Mangion, Adeline Abad, Caiden Ilagan, Margaret Powell, John McCarthy

COMMUNION TO THE SICK AND ELDERLY: We try to be aware of all who through illness or disability are unable to attend Mass regularly. We can only do this when it is made known to us. If you know of anyone who would benefit from Communion being brought to them, please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: St. Andrew's Church

Daily: 8.30am Adoration and Prayer

Mon: 9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion

Tues: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 9.00am Mass

Thurs: 9.00am Mass

St. Andrew's P/S Student attending

Fri: 9.00am Mass

9.30am Stations of the Cross

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Mass

Sat: 9.00am Mass

9.30am Confessions

5.00pm Confessions

PARISH COMMUNITY MASSES – 10AM

Werribee North Community Sun, 12th March

Bethany Primary School

Werribee Central/South Sun, 19th March

Corpus Christi Primary School

Tamil Mass Sun, 19th March

Penola Hub

5pm

Tarneit West Community Sat, 25th March

St. John the Apostle PS

5pm

Little River Community Sun, 26th March

St. Michael's Church

South Sudanese Mass Sun, 26th March

St. Andrew's Church

2pm

*All parishioners and school families
welcome to attend.*

St. Andrew's Parish Picnic Day will be on next Sunday, 12th March 2017 after the 11am Mass at St. Andrew's Church Grounds (behind the Parish Office). Please see notice boards for more details.

ARCHBISHOP HART'S STATEMENT on the conclusion of the Royal Commission is available to take home from the Foyer.

STEWARDSHIP NUMBER – If you have Stewardship number **314, 383, 1431 or 4361** could you please call Jen at the Parish Office on Monday, Wednesday or Friday from 9am to 4pm. Thank you, Jen Climie (Finance Officer)

THE CATHOLIC GUY
 is an event you just have to experience.
 Don't miss out on this experience that
 has touched the lives of thousands.
 Invite your friends and family to come
 along. See notice boards for details or
 phone the Parish Office.



Like many of her neighbours in her rural village in the Philippines, Dina struggled to feed and educate her children. She now has the skills to earn a better income for her children and help her neighbours.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help people in rural areas of the Philippines build better futures for their families and their neighbours.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or by phoning 1800 024 413.

MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF 11th / 12th March 2017

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5pm
LECTORS	Gerry Ilagan	David Cox	Chrissie Van der Hoeven	Grace Iaria	Young Adults Group
MUSIC	Volunteer	None	Volunteer	Sudanese Group	Young Adults Group
COUNTERS	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 5 Mar: Team 2: J. Alessi, N. Haveaux, G. Roberts, S. Sammut Sun 12 Mar: Team 3: M. Freeman, G. Stangherlin, A. Fssaheye			
CHURCH CLEANING	Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 6 Mar: Team 4: D. Tsardakis, S. Mogga Fri 10 Mar: Team 3: P. Filippin Mon 6 Mar: Team 6: Volunteer			
ALTAR CLOTHS	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 5 Mar: Cora Demate Sun 12 Mar: Mary Nguyen			
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 5 Mar: Susanne Sweeny, 21 Centre Ave., Werribee, Mob. 0438 372 952 Sun 12 Mar: Volunteer			

Visit of Bishop Mark Edwards to St. Andrew's Parish

Wednesday, 8th March 2017:

- 8.30am Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Divine Office
- 9am Main Celebrant at Mass at St. Andrew's Church,
- 7.30pm All Parish Groups meeting in Penola Hub –
"Conversation with Bishop Mark Edwards"

Thursday, 9th March 2017:

- 9am Mass at Bethany Catholic PS, followed by visit to Parish Schools

Sunday, 12th March 2017:

- 8am Main Celebrant at Mass at St. Andrew's Church
- 10am Main Celebrant at Community Mass at Bethany Catholic PS
- 12pm Parish Picnic on St. Andrew's Church Grounds, meeting parishioners



Lent is a penitential season of prayer, self-denial and helping others. In this way, the whole Church prepares for Easter with those who are to be baptised. The law of *fasting* binds those who have completed their eighteenth year, until the beginning of their sixtieth year; the law of *abstinence* binds those who have completed their fourteenth year. Catholics are obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year, in Australia and New Zealand between Ash Wednesday and Trinity Sunday. We encourage all parishioners, young and not so young to enter fully in the spirit of Lent 2017: Daily Mass and Lenten Devotions, especially the Stations of the Cross, individually or collectively.

Our Parish Motto for Lent 2017 is "MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME INTO OUR HEARTS"

SACRISTAN REQUIRED to prepare for and pack up after 9am Mass at St. Andrew's Church every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Please call the Parish Office if you are able to help. Thank you.



FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

Mass will be celebrated at Penola Hub on Monday, 20th March 2017 at 7.00pm Rosary, 7.30pm Mass . Fellowship after the Mass. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome to attend.

STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM

FIRST COLLECTION (loose money):

For the needs of the Priests in the Archdiocese of Melbourne and our local Priests.

SECOND COLLECTION:

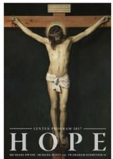
(Stewardship Envelopes or via credit card or direct debit): The Parish is financially dependent on our Stewardship Program to fund its operation.

ST. ANDREW'S CHOIR – The next Choir practice for St. Andrew's Choir will be held in St. Andrew's Church on Tuesday, 14th March 2017 at 7.30pm. All welcome, no experience required! Come and join a group of wonderful people who enjoy singing.

DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS TODAY – Today our Gospel reading tells of Jesus fasting for forty days. Church leaders of all traditions invite us to join in a day of prayer and fasting for refugees and asylum seekers. We can join with Christ in prayer for those most vulnerable of God's people who are seeking safety and security for themselves and their families.

ST. ANDREW'S FAIR COMMITTEE has vacancies available for the positions of **Assistant Treasurer, Stalls Coordinator** and the newly created role of **Social Media Coordinator**. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested in any of these positions. A description of the positions is available from the Parish Office on request (other than for Social Media Coordinator which needs to be discussed at the next Fair Committee meeting). Thank you.

ST. ANDREW'S PLAYGROUP – We would like to thank Rosie Dunne for her care and commitment to our St. Andrew's Parish Playgroup for the last 38 years. We wish her all the best for her future endeavours. To recommence our Parish Playgroup for 2017, we are seeking families with young children, aged 0-5 years, who are interested in coming together to participate in our playgroup. Families are invited to attend a meeting on Tuesday, 7th March 2017 at 9.30am in the Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. If you are interested but unable to attend, please call the Parish Office and register your interest. Ph. 9741 4144, Email werribee@cam.org.au Thank you.



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM - Join us to experience this very inspirational Lenten Program, HOPE. EVERYONE! The book costs \$10 and will be available to buy at the sessions. Sessions will continue for 6 weeks at each location. We begin our program on: Monday, 27th February at 2.00pm, OLSC Primary School, Thursday, 2nd March at 1.30pm, Penola Hub, Thursday, 2nd March at 7.30pm, Church Meeting Room. Lou Sullivan, St. Andrew's Parish, 9741 4144

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP continues on Tuesday, 7th March from 1pm – 2.30pm, followed by afternoon tea in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer St., Werribee. Start of Lenten Program 'HOPE' by Mr. Shane Dwyer, Sr. Hilda Scott and Fr. Graeme Schmitzer. Theme for this week – 'THE TRANSFIGURATION' Matthew 17:1-9. For all enquiries or a lift, please contact Frances via the Parish Office on Ph. 9741 4144.

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO ITALIANO – Ricorda che il nostro incontro continua Mercoledì 8 Marzo 2017 nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee alle ore 10am fino le 12pm tema per l'incontro prima settimana di QUARESIMA. Tutti siete invitati e benvenuti grazie.

MARIA PELLEGRINA si trova a casa di A. Vincenzino Tel. no. 9741 1124 e la prossima settimana sarà a casa di F. Cucinotta Tel. no. 9741 8857 sietetutti benvenuti grazie.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP continues each Friday from 10am – 11.30am (except during school holidays) in the Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee and on the third Friday each month at Mercy Place Wyndham, Cnr. Greaves & Deutgam Streets, Werribee. All welcome. For all enquiries please call Philomen Fernandes on Ph. 8742 3520.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF STUDENTS – RCIS: Assistant Priest Fr. Darien will be conducting workshops for Secondary Students residing within the Parish of St. Andrew's and wishing to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Reconciliation, Eucharist and/or Confirmation in 2017. Workshops will commence during the month of April and will conclude in August 2017. Please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or werribee@cam.org.au for more information and to leave your details. Thank you.

CARELINK 'ABOUT US' BROCHURES with details on support they offer to survivors of sexual and physical abuse, in line with the Melbourne Response, are available in the foyer of the Church. Please take a copy if you know of anyone who might benefit from this service.

NOTICE BOARDS – Please check flyers for various notices with more information from across the Archdiocese.

JOB POSITIONS AVAILABLE – Job vacancies are advertised by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne for suitably qualified and experienced people. *Please see flyer on notice boards for more details.*

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 baptise 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.