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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
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Marthese Temming

Pastoral Care in

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PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary

School – Ph. 9741 3686

Principal:

Michael Gavaghan

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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



MAY YOUR KINGDOM COME INTO OUR HEARTS

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A – 12TH MARCH 2017

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

FIRST READING:

Genesis 12:1-4a

The LORD said to Abram: "Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you. "I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you; I will make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you and curse those who curse you. All the communities of the earth shall find blessing in you." Abram went as the LORD directed him.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22.

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you. Upright is the word of the LORD, and all his works are trustworthy. He loves justice and right; of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him, upon those who hope for his kindness, To deliver them from death and preserve them in spite of famine.

Our soul waits for the LORD, who is our help and our shield. May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us who have put our hope in you.

Response: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

SECOND READING:

2 Timothy 1:8b-10

Beloved: Bear your share of hardship for the gospel with the strength that comes from God. He saved us and called us to a holy life, not according to our works but according to his own design and the grace bestowed on us in Christ Jesus before time began, but now made manifest through the appearance of our savior Christ Jesus, who destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: This is my beloved Son, hear him. **Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

GOSPEL:

Matthew 17:1-9

Jesus took Peter, James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. And he was transfigured before them; his face shone like the sun and his clothes became white as light. And behold, Moses and Elijah appeared to them, conversing with him. Then Peter said to Jesus in reply, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, behold, a bright cloud cast a shadow over them, then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." When the disciples heard this, they fell prostrate and were very much afraid. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Rise, and do not be afraid." And when the disciples raised their eyes, they saw no one else but Jesus alone. As they were coming down from the mountain, Jesus charged them, "Do not tell the vision to anyone until the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

THE CATHOLIC GUY

is for YOU. When was the last time you had a conversation with God. Come and re-connect with God and the Community. See notice board for details or phone Parish Office.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: *Time for Adoration*

The Gospels show clearly that Peter was a man of action; he always needed to be doing something. So on Mount Tabor, instead of contemplating in silence and wonder the glory of his Lord, he wanted to build three tents. There is a time for stillness, for contemplation, for wonder, for adoration in the presence of God. A time to heed the words of the psalmist: 'Be still, and know that I am God.' Sometimes we are too busy. We would be better to be silent, to be listening, to be wondering, to be adoring in the presence of God. *Flor McCarthy, SDB*

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

PRAYER AT HOME: Use today's response to the Psalm as your prayer this week: *Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.*

VOCATION VIEW: The Lord called Abram to go forth to a new land and begin a new nation. There's no telling what we can become by responding to the Lord's invitation to us.

RECENT DEATHS: Grant eternal peace, O Lord to: **Amanda Cahill, Maria Lipa, Anna Carullo, Jacob Gatto, Catherine Laine, Luigino Ballan, Jim Collison, Vita Giarrusso (Italy), Fr. Thomas Sheeran**

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARIES: Fresia Cortes

ANNIVERSARIES: John Tullio (family attending 6pm Mass), Angela Cuzzupe, Maria Moncada, Sadie Cheevers, Marianmina and Sebastiano Sammartino (family attending 11am Mass), Maria and Giulio Muscolino, Jose Tanato, Michael Palmieri; Pietro Savio, Diletta Elsa Amatori, Antonio Savio, Ermegildo Destro (family attending 8am Mass), Angela (Barberi) Sita, Domenic Antonio Callea, Joseph Domingo (family attending 11am Mass)

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 Schegitz, 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

Fri: **Feast of St. Patrick**

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 Central/South Sun, 19th March

Corpus Christi Primary School

Tamil Mass Sun, 19th March

Penola Hub 5pm

Celebrated by Fr. Jeyaraj Rasiah and Fr. Anthony Ganapragasam

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.



In Timor-Leste, Martina was driven from her home by domestic violence. The Protection Program connected her with livelihood training opportunities, offering the chance to afford education for her eight children and a safe life in a supportive community. Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help empower women in Timor-Leste to recover from domestic violence, develop sustainable livelihoods, and lead a life of dignity. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or by phoning 1800 024 413.

St. Andrew's Parish Picnic Day is on TODAY, Sunday, 12th March 2017 after the 11am Mass at St. Andrew's Church Grounds (behind the Parish Office).

WYNDHAM INTERFAITH NETWORK – We would like to encourage 2 or 3 parishioners to volunteer to represent St. Andrew's Parish at Interfaith Network gatherings. The next meeting is on Wednesday, 15th March 2017 from 6.30-8pm at Wyndham Concl, 3 Princes Highway, Werribee. Please contact the Parish Office if you are interested.

BIG THANKS TO BISHOP MARK EDWARDS



On behalf of all Parishioners of St. Andrew's Werribee, I would like to "THANK YOU" for your Pastoral Visit to our Faith Community. It has been a great blessing to have you amongst us during the week and the last two Sundays. Your visitation to the sick at home and nursing homes, your visit to our seven educational campuses, your "Conversation with the Bishop" last Wednesday, plus your kindness, gentleness and listening to so many stories was very inspiring. We will keep you always in our prayers, as you continue your Pastoral Ministry in the Western Region of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Fr. Frank Buhagiar P.P.

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.

TEALIGHT CANDLES ON OUR TWO CANDLE STANDS: Dear Parishioners, I would like to encourage ALL devotees to be very careful on how to place the tealight candles on our two candle stands. This year we already had three fire incidents because candles were lit too close to each other. I am extremely concerned. I hope that some time after Easter we can discuss the proposal of replacing the candle stands with TWO ELECTRIC CANDLE STANDS to avoid the possibility of accidental fires. Fr. Frank P.P.

MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF 18th / 19th March 2017

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5pm
LECTORS	Royston Fernandes	Peter Walters	Chloe Ziola	Anthony Acciarito	Sareena Varghese
MUSIC	Volunteer	None	St. Andrew's Choir	Couples for Christ International	Ann Fichera's Group
COUNTERS	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 12 Mar: Team 3: M. Freeman, G. Stangherlin, A. Fssaheye Sun 19 Mar: Team 4: R. Carlton, P. Dulhunty, B. Pomeroy, S. Domingo			
CHURCH CLEANING	Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 13 Mar: Team 5: M. Tong, N. Chol Fri 17 Mar: Team 4: H. Jerkovic, L. Cook Mon 13 Mar: Team 1: E. Wallace, V. Galea			
ALTAR CLOTHS	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 12 Mar: Mary Nguyen Sun 19 Mar: Otilia Lesoa			
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 12 Mar: Susanne Sweeny, 21 Centre Ave., Werribee, Mob. 0438 372 952 Sun 19 Mar: Volunteer			

ST. ANDREW'S PLAYGROUP will recommence on Tuesday 14th March 2017 in the Penola Hub from 9.30am to 11.00am. Fran Gillett is the new Coordinator taking over the group. We would appreciate any help from adult volunteers to assist with the set up each week. The membership fee is \$50 per family per year (a payment plan will be available for families if required) and a gold coin donation per family for each attendance. We look forward to welcoming many families at our playgroup this Tuesday. For more information please contact St. Andrew's Parish on 9741 4144.

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.

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.

Fr. Frank would like to sincerely thank the Fair Committee for handing over a cheque for \$30,000 to the Parish, the profit from last year's Fair. Well done and greatly appreciated by everyone in the Parish.

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.

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP continues on Tuesday, 14th March 2017 from 1pm – 2.30pm, followed by afternoon tea in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer St., Werribee. Lenten Program 'HOPE' by Mr. Shane Dwyer, Sr. Hilda Scott and Fr. Graeme Schmitzer. Theme for this week – 'THE SAMARITAN WOMAN' John 4:5-16, 19-26, 39-42. 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 15 Marzo 2017 nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee alle ore 10am fino le 12pm tema per l'incontro seconda settimana di QUARESIMA. Tutti siete invitati e benvenuti.

MARIA PELLEGRINA si trova a casa di F. Cucinotta Tel. no. 9741 8857 e la prossima settimana sarà a casa di M. Bonanno Tel. no. 9741 3057 siete tutti benvenuti grazie.



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 began 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

ST. ANDREW'S CRAFT GROUP 'PEONIES' is a group of lovely ladies who meet every Thursday from 10am – 12pm in the Penola Hub Studio 1, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee for a friendly get-together to do various types of craft, such as knitting, crochet, etc. The ladies would welcome any new members to join. If you are interested in learning to knit or crochet, the ladies have plenty of wool, along with knitting needles and crochet hooks and would be happy to teach you. If you already know how to knit or crochet, just bring your items along to the meetings and join the ladies for a 'cuppa' and enjoy the company and friendship.

BAPTISM PREPARATION FOR PRIMARY SCHOOL AGED CHILDREN (RCIC) - There will be an enrolment meeting on Wednesday, 22nd March 2017 at 7pm in the Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. As well as enrolling children, we will explain the program which will run on the following Sunday mornings: 30th April, 7th May, 14th May, 21st May and 28th May 2017. These sessions will run from 9.45am to 10.45am, followed by attendance at 11am Mass. At least one parent is asked to attend each Sunday with their children. The last session will be held in the Church on Wednesday, 7th June 2017 at 5pm to familiarise the children with the Church. If you have any queries, please leave your name and phone number at the Parish Office on Ph. 9741 4144. Thank you. Norma Marot, RCIC Coordinator

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.

WORKSHOPS FOR BAPTISED ADULTS TO RECEIVE FURTHER SACRAMENTS – Are you an adult who has been baptised but has never received the Sacraments of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation? Fr. Frank will be conducting a series of workshops to prepare adults to receive the sacraments. Workshops are held on six Saturdays after Easter at 11am (dates to be confirmed). Please leave your details at the Parish Office 9741 4144 or werribee@cam.org.au if you are interested. Thank you.

FAIR TRADE EASTER EGGS – *Pope Francis said that "every person ought to have the awareness that purchasing is always a moral – and not simply an economic – act."* Are you buying Slavery-free Easter Chocolate? The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa. Many of these children have been enslaved or forced to work in exploitative conditions. If you buy chocolate featuring one of these three certification symbols you will know that production of the chocolate is okay.



WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND – *Invest in your most precious asset..... Your Marriage!* Forget life's tensions and interruptions and rekindle the closeness, intimacy, love and romance that brought you together. *There is no group sharing. Couples and a priest present the weekend. It is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.* 2017 Melbourne weekend date: 24-26th March, 28-30 July, 17-19 November 2017. Starts 7pm on Friday. Ends 5pm Sunday. Accommodation and all meals provided. Information/Bookings: Ph: Marianne & Marcel (03) 9733 0997 Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.wwme.org.au

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.