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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

PARISH TEAMS

Pastoral Team:

Fr. Frank Buhagiar PP
Fr. Darien Sticklen
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Marthese Temming
Pastoral Care in
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Werribee Central
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Home Based RE Coordinator
Norma Marot
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PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary
School – Ph. 9741 3686
Principal:
Michael Gavaghan
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Regional College –
Ph. 8734 2444
Principal:
Dr. Andrew Watson

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A – 19TH MARCH 2017

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

FIRST READING: Exodus 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9

**Response: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

**Response: If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.**

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not

disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; Give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (shorter version)

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."

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Gospel continues: The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world." **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION: *The Further Thirst*

There is a thirst in every human heart. Each of us is like that lonely Samaritan woman. We are thirsting for something, something that will satisfy all our longings. But often we search in the wrong places. We draw water from many wells: the water of praise to quench our thirst for self-esteem; the water of success to quench our thirst for importance; the water of pleasure to quench our thirst for joy... But we still get thirsty. Only God can give us what we are looking for. He alone can cause a spring to well up inside us. The water from this spring will sustain us in our journey to the Promised Land of eternal life. *Flor McCarthy, SDB*

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

PRAYER AT HOME: Use today's Gospel Acclamation for your prayer this week: *Lord, you are truly the Saviour of the world; give me living water that I may never thirst again.*

VOCATION VIEW: Only the Lord can give true living water, fullness of life. Our body cannot survive without water; our spirit cannot survive without living water. Now is the time to renew our lives in the waters and Spirit of Baptism.

RECENT DEATHS: Grant eternal peace, O Lord to: **Jacob Gatto, Catherine Laine, Luigino Ballan, Giovanni Sottile**

ONE MONTH ANNIVERSARY: Maurizio Zulian

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARIES: Denis O'Sullivan, Tomazia Da Cruz Carvalho

ANNIVERSARIES: Frank Pierce, Beryl Day, Kitty Humphries, Harold Johnston, Felice Piccolo (family attending 6pm Mass), Domenico Chiarello

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, Lynne Worsley, Theresa Ng, Sr. Reena, Milton Roberts, Fortunato Valiente, Paul Evans, Harish Narayan, Angela Castillo, David Young, Tom Shone, Natalie Berry, Mark Lauron, Paul Kent, Hainz Schegigtz, Zeahn Hayes, 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, Larissa Rathnathurai, Joyce and Jeffrey, Jack Keane, Antonietta

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: Celebration of the Feast of St. Joseph
9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
7.30pm Mass (Penola Hub)

Tues: 9.00am Mass

Wed: 9.00am Mass

Thurs: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass

9.30am Stations of the Cross

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Mass

Sat: Feast of the Annunciation of the Lord

9.00am Mass

9.30am Confessions

5.00pm Confessions

PARISH COMMUNITY MASSES – 10AM

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.

LITURGY TEAM MEETING – Fr. Frank would like to invite you to come and join the Liturgy Team this coming **Tuesday, 21st March 2017 at 7.30pm** in the Penola Hub to prepare for the Holy Week and Easter liturgies. All welcome to participate.

HOLY WEEK ALTAR SERVERS – If you are available to help out as Altar Server during Holy Week, please leave your name on the roster on the Altar steps. There will be a Training Session for Palm Sunday and Holy Thursday on Tuesday, 4th April 2017 at 6pm and a Training Session for Good Friday and the Easter Vigil on Friday, 7th April, 5.30pm. For enquires, contact Fr. Shymon via the Parish Office on 9741 4144. Thank you.

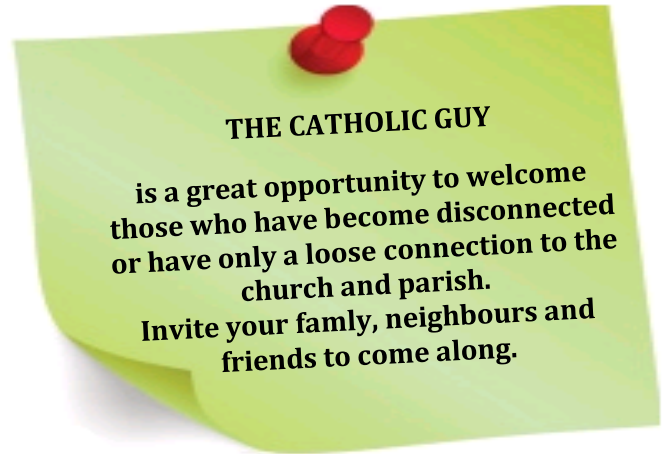


Kinchela Boys Home Aboriginal Corporation offers Uncle Richard and other former Stolen Generations survivors the chance to heal after a childhood of suffering, and manage the intergenerational effects of their pain. **Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and help members of the Stolen Generations support each other on the journey to wellbeing.** You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, phoning 1800 024 413 by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion

FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH



Mass will be celebrated at Penola Hub on Monday, 20th March 2017 at 7.00pm Rosary, 7.30pm Mass. We would like to invite children with the name of Joseph or Josephine to come and offer a bunch of Lilies during the mass. Flowers will be provided. Fellowship after the Mass. Please bring a plate to share. All welcome to attend.



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

DATE: Wednesday, 3rd May 2017 **TIME:** 7.30pm – 9pm **VENUE:** Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee
NOTE: Parish Groups, please send your report with last year's activities and plans for this year to the Parish Office by 11th April 2017 (via email if possible) to be included with this year's AGM Booklet.
 Parishioners and at least two members of each Parish Group are encouraged to attend the AGM.

MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF 25th / 26th March 2017

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5pm
LECTORS	Ryan Fernandes	Darren Giese	Lea Arida	Ann Jennings	Lou Sullivan
MUSIC	Volunteer	None	Volunteer	Ensemble of Faith	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
COUNTERS	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 19 Mar: Team 4: R. Carlton, P. Dulhunty, B. Pomeroy, S. Domingo Sun 26 Mar: Team 5: F. Lombardo, S. Pante, K. McGuane, R. Fernandes			
CHURCH CLEANING	Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 20 Mar: Team 1: S. Vivera, B. Miller Fri 24 Mar: Team 5: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 20 Mar: Team 2: Volunteer			
ALTAR CLOTHS	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 19 Mar: Otilia Lesoa Sun 26 Mar: Cora Ilagan			
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 19 Mar: Susanne Sweeny, 21 Centre Ave., Werribee, Mob. 0438 372 952 Sun 26 Mar: Frances Bucci, 52 Chirnside Ave., Werribee, Mob. 0403 537 343			

ST. ANDREW'S PLAYGROUP met for the first time this year last Tuesday, 14th March 2017 in the Penola Hub from 9.30am to 11.00am. Fran Gillett is the new Coordinator and we have 8 children enrolled. We would appreciate any help from adult volunteers to assist with the set up each week. We look forward to welcoming many families to our playgroup. For more information, please contact St. Andrew's Parish on 9741 4144.

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.

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.

LETTER FROM BISHOP MARK EDWARDS, reflecting on the time he spent in our Parish recently, is available from the Altar steps and the brochure racks near the doors. Please take a copy with you.

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP continues on Tuesday, 21st 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 – 'HEALING THE BLIND MAN' John 9:1,6-9,13-17,34-38. 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 22 Marzo 2017 nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee alle ore 10am fino le 12pm tema per l'incontro terza settimana di QUARESIMA. Tutti siete invitati e benvenuti.

MARIA PELLEGRINA si trova a casa di M. Bonanno Tel. no. 9741 3057 e la prossima settimana sarà a casa di S. De Muri Tel. no. 9741 0970.



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, 2.00pm at OLSC Primary School, Thursday, 1.30pm at Penola Hub, Thursday, 7.30pm at Church Meeting Room. For more information, call Lou Sullivan, St. Andrew's Parish Office, 9741 4144

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.

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK – Purchase the NEW 2017/2018 Entertainment™ Book and Support St. Andrew's Parish! Selling for just \$70 for the Melbourne edition (prices for other editions vary, see link), the NEW Entertainment™ Membership is packed with thousands of up to 25% OFF and 2-for-1 offers for the best local restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel, and much more! PLUS! For a limited time if you Pre Order your Book receive over \$100 of EARLY BIRD OFFERS! Order your copy via: www.entbook.com.au/9s30184 or contact the Parish Office.

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.” Can't find slavery-free Easter eggs in your supermarket? Did you know that the Easter eggs in Australian supermarkets might be made with cocoa beans picked by children, many of whom have been enslaved or forced to work in exploitative conditions with no access to education and other human rights? The International Labor Rights Forum (ILRF) estimates that there are 1.5 million children working in the cocoa sector in West Africa. **ACTION:** When you go to your local supermarket, look for chocolate that has one of these three symbols. If you can't find any, ask the manager if they stock any.



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 dates: 24th-26th March, 28th-30th July, 17th-19th 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

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.