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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
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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:
Dr. Andrew Watson

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR A – 26TH MARCH 2017

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

FIRST READING:

1 Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him." But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of These." Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, There anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:

Psalm 23: 1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he gives me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.

He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; for you are at my side With your rod and your staff that give me courage.

You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD for years to come.

Response: The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 5:8-14

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says: "Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ. I am the light of the world, says the Lord; whoever follows me will have the light of life. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

GOSPEL: John 9:1, 6-9, 13-17, 34-38 (shorter version)

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth. He spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" which means Sent. So he went and washed, and came back able to see. His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?" Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him." He said, "I am." They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath. So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see. He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."

***** GOSPEL CONTINUES NEXT PAGE *****

Gospel continues: So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath." But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them. So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?" He said, "He is a prophet." They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out. When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?" Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him. **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL REFLECTION: *Blind to the Usual* One night a few years ago there was a total eclipse of the moon. Everybody was talking about it. Many stayed up till the small hours in the hope of witnessing it. I asked myself: 'Why all this interest in the moon, simply because it is disappearing?' I was convinced that most of those people wouldn't see a full moon in the sky, much less stop to admire it. It brought to mind the words of Emerson: 'The fool wonders at the unusual; the wise person wonders at the usual.'
Flor McCarthy, SDB

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

PRAYER AT HOME: Use the Gospel Acclamation this week: *I am the light of the world, whoever follows me will have the light of life.*

VOCATION VIEW: If we can't see where we're going, we'll never get there. The Good Shepherd leads us to green pastures, refreshes our souls and brings light to a darkened world.

RECENT DEATHS: Grant eternal peace, O Lord to: **Brendan Thompson, Joseph Sammut (Malta)**

ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY: Denis O'Sullivan, George Corcoran (father of Judy Glaubitz), Celia Ryan, Kuriakkose Palatty

ANNIVERSARIES: John and Catherine Connolly, John and Mary Noone, Paul Buhagiar (brother of Fr. Frank), Sebastian Santosh and all the deceased members of the Santosh family, Angelo Rech, Carlo Battaglia, Nunzio Cavallo (family attending 6pm Mass), Nance (McKinley) Duigan, Antonio DePasquale, Frank Debono (family attending 10am mass Little River), Julianne Katunga, Philomena Katunga

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 Schegitz, 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. 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: 9.00am Mass

Sat: 9.00am Healing Mass

9.30am Confessions

5.00pm Confessions

There will be **NO** Stations of the Cross this coming Friday, 31st March 2017 due to the Parish Mission Event. Stations of the Cross can be **done privately**. Church will be open from 8am.

HOLY WEEK MINISTRIES – If you are able to help as a Lector or Special Minister on Palm Sunday, Holy Thursday, Good Friday and/or the Easter weekend, please put your name on the roster on the Altar steps. Thank you.

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.

PARISH COMMUNITY MASSES – 10AM

Little River Community Sun, 16th April

St. Michael's Church

Tarneit West Community Sat, 22nd April

St. John the Apostle PS

Wyndham Vale Community Sun, 7th May

OLSC Primary School

Werribee North Community Sun, 14th May

Bethany Primary School

Werribee Central/South Sun, 21st May

Corpus Christi Primary School

Tamil Mass Sun, 21st May

Penola Hub

South Sudanese Mass Sun, 28th May

Penola Hub

2pm

*All parishioners and school families
welcome to attend.*



In Vietnam, young Nguyet was isolated as a result of her severe disabilities, until a Caritas- Australia supported program offered her education, creative outlets and community interaction. Please donate to Project Compassion 2017 and give children living with disabilities in Vietnam the opportunity for education and inclusion in their community. You can donate through Parish Boxes and Envelopes, by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413. Project Compassion Boxes and Envelopes are available in the Foyer.

St. Andrew's Parish Werribee in association with THE CATHOLIC GUY presents an all ages Mission Event that connects you with God and benefits the Community. Join us in the 5 sessions that will inspire you in your faith journey, through stories, scripture, music, prayer and reflection. It is at times both deeply powerful and profoundly funny, so come prepared to laugh. There are 5 sessions, 90 min, consecutive sessions but each stands alone if you cannot attend all five. Don't miss out on an event that has touched the lives of 1,000's of people.

ST ANDREW'S CATHOLIC PARISH

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27 - 31 MARCH 2017

5 inspiring sessions

Session 1

Monday 27 March 7.30pm

Tuesday 28 March 9.45am

Session 2

Tuesday 28 March 7.30pm

Wednesday 29 March 9.45am

Session 3

Wednesday 29 March 7.30pm

Thursday 30 March 9.45am

Session 4

Thursday 30 March 7.30pm

Friday 31 March 9.45am

Session 5

Friday 31 March 7.30pm

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MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF 1st / 2nd APRIL 2017

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5pm
LECTORS	Clara Rovetto	John Hennessy	Maria Sammut	Frances Gillett	Sarah York
MUSIC	Volunteer	None	Chris & Margot O'Malley	Volunteer	Sariling Tinig Choir
COUNTERS	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 26 Mar: Sun 2 Apr:	Team 5: F. Lombardo, S. Pante, K. McGuane, R. Fernandes Team 6: Ch. Bensted, M. Bensted, D. Cox, F. Pidtala		
CHURCH CLEANING	Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 27 Mar: Fri 31 Mar: Mon 27 Mar:	Team 2: B. Ashford, Z. Prasad Team 1: B. Hassett, P. Whitehead Team 3: L. Croos		
ALTAR CLOTHS	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 26 Mar: Sun 2 Apr:	Cora Ilagan Mary Galea		
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 26 Mar: Sun 2 Apr:	Frances Bucci, 52 Chirnside Ave., Werribee, Mob. 0403 537 343 Volunteer		

ST. JOSEPH'S DAY THANK YOU – I would like to thank all who supported and organised such a wonderful Liturgy and Fellowship last Monday, 19th March 2017 for the Feast of St. Joseph. It was a great Liturgical Celebration and Fellowship. I also thank all those who gave so generously. The Committee has presented a donation of **\$489.90** towards the Easter Vigil Celebration. Thank you and well done. Fr. Frank P.P.

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.

TIMETABLE FOR THE EASTER SEASON is available from the brochure racks (green sheets).

CONFIRMATION OF ST. ANDREW'S PRIMARY SCHOOL STUDENTS

We congratulate and pray for students from St. Andrew's Primary School who have received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, 23rd March and Friday, 24th March 2017, administered by Bishop Mark Edwards.

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 Philomena Fernandes on Ph. 8742 3520.

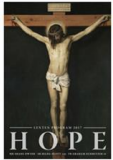
EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP - NO PRAYER MEETING on Tuesday, 28th March 2017 due to the Parish Mission Event, 'The Catholic Guy'. Prayer meeting will resume on Tuesday, 4th April 2017.

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO ITALIANO – Ricorda che il nostro incontro continua Mercoledì 29 Marzo 2017 Si prega di notare bene perché l'incontro sarà in CHIESA. Alle ore 9.45am per partecipare all'insegnamenti THE CATHOLIC GUY. Tutti siete invitati e benvenuti grazie.

MARIA PELLEGRINA si trova a casa di S. De Muri Tel. no. 9741 0970 e la prossima settimana sarà a casa di R. Viterbo Tel. no. 9749 2918.

ST. ANDREW'S FAIR COMMITTEE has vacancies available for the positions of **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 has re-commenced for the year and meets on Tuesdays in the Penola Hub from 9.30am to 11am. Fran Gillett is the new Coordinator and we have a number of 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 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, last session to be held during the first week of April. Mondays, 2.00pm at OLS Primary School, Thursdays, 1.30pm at Penola Hub, Thursdays, 7.30pm at Church Meeting Room. For more information, call Lou Sullivan, St. Andrew's Parish Office, 9741 4144

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 on 18th 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.

GREEN THUMBS, GET INVOLVED – Autumn is here, and the right time to start preparing for the Plant Stall at this year's Parish Fair in November. Get garden tools, seedlings and cuttings ready for helping the Parish raise funds this year. If you require plant pots or have any questions regarding the Plant Stall, please SMS a precise message and contact details to Marie Hélène on 0400 965 542. Alternatively, please leave a message at the Parish Office on 9741 4144. 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.

YOUTH WEEK FEST 2017 is a free event for young people (aged 12-25 years) provided by Wyndham Council in celebration of National Youth Week. It will be held at Encore Events Centre, 80 Derrimut Road, Hoppers Crossing during the school holidays on Friday, 7th April 2017 from 12pm – 4.30pm. This is a fully supervised drug and alcohol free event. *Please see flyer on notice boards for more information.*

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

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.