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Mon. – Thurs. 9am – 4pm
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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

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Principal: Simon Dundon

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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

THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD, YEAR A – 28TH MAY 2017

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

FIRST READING: Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I dealt with all that Jesus did and taught until the day he was taken up, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. He presented himself alive to them by many proofs after he had suffered, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While meeting with the them, he enjoined them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for "the promise of the Father about which you have heard me speak; for John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." When they had gathered together they asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?" He answered them, "It is not for you to know the times or seasons that the Father has established by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, throughout Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him from their sight. While they were looking intently at the sky as he was going, suddenly two men dressed in white garments stood beside them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why are you standing there looking at the sky? This Jesus who has been taken up from you into heaven will return in the same way as you have seen him going into heaven."

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.
All you peoples, clap your hands, shout to God with cries of gladness, for the LORD, the Most High, the awesome, is the great king over all the earth.

God mounts his throne amid shouts of joy; the LORD, amid trumpet blasts. Sing praise to God, sing praise; sing praise to our king, sing praise.

For king of all the earth is God; sing hymns of praise. God reigns over the nations, God sits upon his holy throne.

Response: God mounts his throne to shouts of joy: a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

SECOND READING: Ephesians 1:17-23

Brothers and sisters: May the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give you a Spirit of wisdom and revelation resulting in knowledge of him. May the eyes of your hearts be enlightened, that you may know what is the hope that belongs to his call, what are the riches of glory in his inheritance among the holy ones, and what is the surpassing greatness of his power for us who believe, in accord with the exercise of his great might, which he worked in Christ, raising him from the dead and seating him at his right hand in the heavens, far above every principality, authority, power, and dominion, and every name that is named not only in this age but also in the one to come. And he put all things beneath his feet and gave him as head over all things to the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

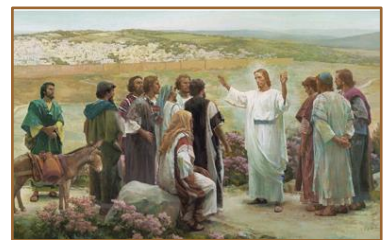
Alleluia, Alleluia. Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Matthew 28:16-20

The eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had ordered them. When they saw him, they worshiped, but they doubted. Then Jesus approached and said to them, "All power in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, until the end of the age."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.



GOSPEL REFLECTION: *The Human Spirit*

Our spirit is our most precious possession. It is our greatest source of energy. However, while it can be very strong, it can also be very brittle. It can be an oak unmoved in a storm, or a frail reed swaying in the wind. It can be a piece of granite or a piece of china. What is it that enables the spirit to soar, and what is it that causes it to sink? Sadness weighs it down; joy lifts it up. Criticism erodes it; praise builds it up. Failure shrinks it; success enlarges it. Despair causes it to wilt; hope breathes new life into it. Rejection wounds it; acceptance heals it. Hatred poisons it; love purifies it. Fear cripples it; solitude calms it; prayer strengthens it. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us.
Flor McCarthy SDB

PRAYER AT HOME: *'Know that I am with you always; yes, to the end of time.'* Memorise this verse to help you in times of doubt or distress.

VOCATION VIEW: Through His death, resurrection and ascension, Christ showed us the path to eternal life. Know that the Lord is with you always, through your struggles and triumphs, and that he will hear your prayers.

RECENT DEATHS: Grant eternal peace, O Lord to: **Rolando de Leon, Jennifer Giaccotto**

ONE MONTH ANNIVERSARY: **Mario Ancilleri (Malta)**

ANNIVERSARIES: Marita Leonor, Anna Courtney, Vito Montalto, Wladyslawa Belkner, Nerso Zulian, Joyce Bugeja (Malta)

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, 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, John McCarthy, Larissa Rathnathurai, Joyce and Jeffrey, Jack Keane, Antonietta, Tony Gaetano, Margaret Roberts (Hobart), Lauren Evans

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: **Feast of The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
9.00am Liturgy of the Word with Communion
- Thurs: **Feast of St. Justin**
9.00am Mass
St. Andrew's P/S students attending
- Fri: 9.00am Mass
7.30pm Rosary
8.00pm Mass,
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
10.00pm Benediction
- Sat: **Feast of Charles Lwanga and Companions**
8.00am Adoration, Rosary & Prayer
9.00am Monthly Healing Mass
9.30am Confessions
5.00pm Confessions

PARISH COMMUNITY MASSES – 10AM	
Werribee Central/South Corpus Christi Primary School	Sun, 18 th June
Tamil Mass Penola Hub	Sun, 18 th June 5pm
Tarneit West Community St. John the Apostle PS	Sat, 24 th June 5pm
Little River Community St. Michael's Church	Sun, 25 th June
South Sudanese Mass Penola Hub	Sun, 25 th June 2pm

All parishioners and school families welcome to attend.


CHAPLAINCY SUNDAY
Last weekend, we had Chaplaincy Sunday in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. There was a special collection in all parishes for the purpose of supporting the vital work of our Catholic Chaplains. *If you have not returned your envelope and donation you can return to the parish in the coming weeks or send it directly to the Development Office of the Archdiocese, or donate by phone on 9926 5731.*

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.
Note: Stewardship and Census Cards are available from the Church Brochure Racks or Parish Office.

NEW PARISHIONERS:
Welcome! Please collect your information pack from the Parish Office.



CHURCH CLEANING

We urgently require more volunteers to help with Church cleaning and vacuuming. We have a number of teams on a roster (some of which are doing it by themselves) and need more support to share the workload. Please contact the Parish Office if you can help.



We offer our congratulations and prayers to students of St. Andrew's Primary School who will be receiving the Sacrament of Eucharist this Sunday, 28th May 2017.

MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF 3rd / 4th JUNE 2017

	6.00pm	8.00am	10.30am	5pm
LECTORS	Ryan Fernandes	John Hennessy	PENTECOST MASS	Sareena Varghese
MUSIC	Volunteer	None	One Voice Choir	Sariling Tinig Choir
COUNTERS	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 28 May: Team 5: F. Lombardo, S. Pante, K. McGuane, R. Fernandes Sun 4 Jun: Team 6: Ch. Bensted, M, Bensted, D. Cox, F. Pidtala		
CHURCH CLEANING	Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 29 May: Team 1: S. Vivera Fri 2 Jun: Team 5: A. Ucala, R. Nykuy Mon 29 May: Team 6: Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTHS	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 28 May: Otilia Lesoa Sun 21 May: Cora Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This Week: Next Week:	Sun 28 May: Cora Ilagan, 15 Mayfair Street, Wyndham Vale, Mob. 0409 742 507 Sun 4 Jun: M. H. Chong, 9 Hartwell Court, Werribee, Mob. 0400 965 542		

RCIA MASS OF THANKSGIVING on Sunday, 28th May 2017 at 5pm. Celebrate with our Neophytes (new Catholics) with fellowship in the Penola Hub after Mass. Please bring a plate to share.

VISITING PRIEST FROM SRI LANKA

Fr. Jude Bernard Rodrigo will be celebrating the 5pm Mass on Sunday, 28th May 2017



St Patrick's Centre
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East Melbourne Vic 8002
Australia

Dear Father Frank,

May I thank you, and all the group members for the clear information of apostolic activity presented in the 2017 Group reports. Be sure that my gratitude and prayers continue. God bless you all!

+ *Dinis J. Rost*

Archbishop of Melbourne
www.cam.org.au



COMBINED PENTECOST CELEBRATION MASS

Sunday, 4th June 2017 at 10.30am

in St. Andrew's Church,
followed by fellowship in Presbytery Garden
(if inclement weather in Penola Hub).

Please bring a plate to share and come dressed
in your cultural attire. All welcome!

Please contact the Parish Office for more
information.

Mass Times for that weekend:

Saturday, 3rd June 2017: 6pm Pentecost Vigil Mass

Sunday, 4th June 2017: 8am, 10.30am, 5pm



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY 2017 *"Reconciliation – The Love of Christ Compels Us"* In 2017 the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Australia will be observed from 28th May – 4th June 2017 in the **week between Ascension and Pentecost.**

ONE VOICE CHOIR PRACTICE for Pentecost will be held in the Church on Tuesday, 30th May 2017 at 7.30pm. All singers and musicians in our Music Ministry and anyone who is interested in joining are encouraged and welcome to attend!

MASS COUNT DURING MAY 2017

on behalf of the Archdiocese of Melbourne will be held during all weekend Masses during May. **Could collectors please see Priest prior to Mass.**

BE COURAGEOUS

Archbishop Hart's Pentecost Letter to Youth 2017 is available in the Church Foyer. It has been prepared as an encouragement to young people to embody the fullness of the Gospel message. Please take a copy with you.

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP continues on Tuesday, 30th May 2017 from 1pm – 2.30pm, followed by afternoon tea in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer St., Werribee. Holy Mass to be celebrated by Fr. Shymon. 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 31 Maggio nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer St., Werribee alle ore 10am fino le 12pm tema per l'incontro il PECCATO. Siete tutti invitati e benvenuti grazie.

MARIA PELLEGRINA si trova a casa di P. De Muri Tel. no. 9749 6756 e la prossima settimana sara a casa di G. & D. Pozzuto. Tutti benvenuti grazie.



ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY WINTER APPEAL 2017 – TOGETHER WE CAN DO HEROIC THINGS

Please give generously to the St. Vincent de Paul Society's Winter Appeal collection over the weekend of Saturday, 9th June and Sunday, 10th June 2017 for people living in desperate situations. All non perishable food, clothes and blankets brought to Masses on this weekend will be collected by the Werribee Conference volunteers and distributed to people in need in our local area. Vinnies members visit people in their homes to provide friendship and support, along with material aid where needed. Envelopes will be provided on the seats throughout the Church for credit card donations or money may be placed in the envelope and placed in the special collection. It is through the generosity of you, the parishioners of St. Andrew's, that we are able to continue our work. THANK YOU.



CASSEROLE BANK – We would be grateful if parishioners could help out again by providing casseroles for our freezer to be delivered to families in need in our Parish. We can accept meals in disposable containers (plastic containers or ice cream containers), labelled with all ingredients used. Please provide your name and contact phone number when dropping the meals off at the Parish Office. Thank you for your generosity, it is greatly appreciated.

MACKILLOP COLLEGE INFORMATION EVENING YEAR 7 / 2019 – Parents and Guardians of current Grade 5 students are invited to attend MacKillop College's Information Evening on **Tuesday, 20th June 2017 at 7.30pm** in the Moreno Performing Arts Centre. For further information regarding the College, please visit the College website www.mackillop.vic.edu.au or contact the College Registrar on 8734 5200. **Applications for Year 7 / 2019 are now open.** Applications for Year 7 / 2019 CLOSE on Friday, 25th August 2017. Letters of offer will be sent on 13th October 2017. *Please see flyer on notice boards.*



ST. ANDREW'S AMATEUR THEATRE COMPANY OPEN MEETING - Date: Thursday, 1st June 2017

Time: 7.15pm for 7.30pm start **Where:** Penola Community Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. The Theatre Company is looking for a production team to assist in putting on one of the following musicals: Legally Blonde, Seussical, High School Musical, A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum or the 25th Annual Putnam Country Spelling Bee. If you are interested in any role, especially Music Director, Director, Producer or Choreographer, please come along to this meeting to have a chat with the committee about your ideas. We look forward to seeing you on the 1st June 2017.

CATHOLICCARE REFUGEE DADS AND KIDS WEEKEND - Friday 16 June to Sunday 18 June, Myrning. Registrations are now open for the next Refugee Dads and Kids Weekend which will be held 16 to 18 June at Lake Dewar Lodge, Myrning. CatholicCare is inviting refugee dads to bring along one of their children between the ages of 8 and 16 for a FREE fun weekend experience, which acknowledges and celebrates the importance of a father in a child's life. If you know of any families who would benefit from this experience, please make contact. **Details:** Marita.Taylor@ccam.org.au or www.ccam.org.au/rdk *Please see flyer on notice boards for details.*



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AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE FROM THE PARISH OFFICE – **FRANKLY** Magazine for \$5 per copy – based on Pope Francis' engaging style with stories of real people living their faith. **MERCY** Magazine for \$2 per copy – inspired by the Jubilee Year of Mercy and Pope Francis' joy-filled emphasis on evangelisation.

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NOTICE BOARDS – *Please check flyers for various notices.*

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.