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Mon. – Thurs. 9am – 4pm  
Fri 9am – 12.30pm, 2pm – 4pm  
**Liturgy: Mass Times**  
Saturday 6pm Vigil  
Sunday 8, 9.30, 11am, 5pm  
Reconciliation  
Saturday 9.30am and 5pm



## ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

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

**OUR VALUES:** Community: creating a warm, inclusive community where all work together, all care for each other and where each person is welcomed, valued and respected.....

### PARISH TEAMS

#### Pastoral Team:

Fr. Frank Buhagiar PP  
Fr. Darien Sticklen  
Fr. Shymon  
Thekkekalathungal  
Marthese Temming  
Pastoral Care in  
Werribee North Community  
Louisa Sullivan  
Pastoral Care in Wyndham Vale  
Sherry Vivera  
Pastoral Care in Werribee South/  
Werribee Central  
Therese Kennedy  
Home Based RE Coordinator  
Benita Dahanayake  
Home Based RE Coordinator  
Norma Marot  
Baptism Prep. & RCIC  
**Administrative Team:**  
Birgit Minness (Coordinator)  
Cora Ilagan  
Jen Climie (Finance)

#### South Sudanese Deacon:

Rev. George Piech Meat  
9741 4144 (1<sup>st</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Tue)

#### PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary  
School – Ph. 9741 3686  
Principal:  
Michael Gavaghan  
Corpus Christi Primary  
School – Ph. 9741 8440  
Principal: Linda Roynic  
Bethany Primary School –  
Ph. 9742 9800  
Principal:  
Marlene Monahan  
Our Lady of the Southern  
Cross Primary School –  
Ph. 9974 8500  
Principal: Jennifer Poon  
St. John the Apostle PS –  
Tarneit West  
Ph. 9748 9003  
Principal: Simon Dundon  
MacKillop Catholic  
Regional College –  
Ph. 8734 5200  
Principal: Rory Kennedy  
Thomas Carr Catholic  
Regional College –  
Ph. 8734 2444  
Principal:  
Dr. Andrew Watson

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A – 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2017

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

### **FIRST READING: Isaiah 49:14-15**

Zion said, "The LORD has forsaken me; my LORD has forgotten me." Can a mother forget her infant, be without tenderness for the child of her womb? Even should she forget, I will never forget you.

### **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM:**

**Psalm 62:2-3, 6-7, 8-9**

**Response: Rest in God alone, my soul.**

*Only in God is my soul at rest; from him comes my salvation. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed at all.*

*Only in God be at rest, my soul, for from him comes my hope. He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be disturbed.*

*With God is my safety and my glory, he is the rock of my strength; my refuge is in God. Trust in him at all times, O my people! Pour out your hearts before him.*

**Response: Rest in God alone, my soul.**

### **SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5**

Brothers and sisters: Thus should one regard us: as servants of Christ and stewards of the mysteries of God. Now it is of course required of stewards that they be found trustworthy. It does not concern me in the least that I be judged by you or any human tribunal; I do not even pass judgment on myself; I am not conscious of anything against me, but I do not thereby stand acquitted; the one who judges me is the Lord. Therefore do not make any judgment before the appointed time, until the Lord comes, for he will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will manifest the motives of our hearts, and then everyone will receive praise from God.

### **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, Alleluia. The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia.**

### **GOSPEL: Matthew 6:24-34**

Jesus said to his disciples: "No one can serve two masters. He will either hate one and love the other, or be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon. "Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds in the sky; they do not sow or reap, they gather nothing into barns, yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are not you more important than they? Can any of you by worrying add a single moment to your life-span? Why are you anxious about clothes? Learn from the way the wild flowers grow. They do not work or spin. But I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was clothed like one of them. If God so clothes the grass of the field, which grows today and is thrown into the oven tomorrow, will he not much more provide for you, O you of little faith? So do not worry and say, 'What are we to eat?' or 'What are we to drink?' or 'What are we to wear?' All these things the pagans seek. Your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given you besides. Do not worry about tomorrow; tomorrow will take care of itself. Sufficient for a day is its own evil." **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**

**From Ash Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017  
until Pentecost Sunday, 4<sup>th</sup> June 2017**

### **Response for Prayers of the Faithful**

**Reader: Let us pray to the Lord.  
Response: Lord, fill our hearts with your love.**

**GOSPEL REFLECTION: Out in the Fields**

The little cares that fretted me, I lost them yesterday among the fields above the sea, among the winds at play, among the lowing of the herds, the rustling of the trees, among the singing of the birds, the humming of the bees. The foolish fears of what may happen, I cast them all away, among the clover-scented grass, among the new-mown hay; among the husking of the corn where drowsy poppies nod, where ill thoughts die and good are born, out in the fields with God. (Anon.) Flor McCarthy, SDB

**PRAYER AT HOME:** Use today's Entrance Antiphon as your prayer this week. *The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.*

**VOCATION VIEW:** "The Lord will bring light to all that is hidden in darkness." He can only bring that light if you will be his hands and his feet and his heart in the world. Be people of light.

**RECENT DEATHS:** Grant eternal peace, O Lord to: Maurizio Zulian, Ella Kennedy, Gertrude Sarah Naggayi

**ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARIES:** Egidia Stocco (Mother of Mario Stocco), Henry Hes

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Michael Mifsud, Carmelo Attard, Lucia Lentini, Carmelo Muscolino, Michael Borecki, Marshal and Mary Picardo, Peter and Alfred Picardo, Gilbert Picardo

**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, John McCarthy, 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 Schegigtz, 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

**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: **ASH WEDNESDAY**

7.00am Mass

9.00am Mass

7.30pm Mass – Celebrant Bishop Mark Edwards

Followed by fellowship in the Church Meeting Room

Thurs: 9.00am Mass

Fri: 9.00am Mass

9.30am Stations of the Cross

7.00pm Stations of the Cross

7.30pm Rosary

8.00pm Mass, Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

10.00pm Benediction

Sat: 8.00am Adoration, Rosary & Prayer (St. Andrew's Church)

9.00am Monthly Healing Mass

9.30am Confessions

5.00pm Confessions

**PARISH COMMUNITY MASSES – 10AM**

**Wyndham Vale Community** Sun, 5<sup>th</sup> March  
OLSC Primary School

**Werribee North Community** Sun, 12<sup>th</sup> March  
Bethany Primary School

**Werribee Central/South** Sun, 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Corpus Christi Primary School

**Tamil Mass** Sun, 19<sup>th</sup> March  
Penola Hub 5pm

**Tarneit West Community** Sat, 25<sup>th</sup> February  
St. John the Apostle PS 5pm

**Little River Community** Sun, 26<sup>th</sup> February  
St. Michael's Church

**South Sudanese Mass** Sun, 26<sup>th</sup> February  
Feast of St. Josephine Bakhita 2pm

*All parishioners and school families welcome to attend.*

**ARCHBISHOP HART'S LENTEN MESSAGE**

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)



Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "Love your neighbour". You will be helping to empower our world's most vulnerable neighbours to build a better future for our common home.

You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes (available in the Foyer of the Church), by visiting [www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion](http://www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion) or by phoning 1800 024 413. Thank you.

## MINISTRY ROSTERS FOR WEEKEND OF 4<sup>th</sup> / 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017

|                          | 6.00pm                   | 8.00am   | 9.30am                  | 11.00am      | 5pm                  |
|--------------------------|--------------------------|--|-------------------------|--------------|----------------------|
| <b>LECTORS</b>           | Agnes D'Lima             | Red Dubier   | Mary Nguyen             | Mark Raviola | Merlin Varghese      |
| <b>MUSIC</b>             | Volunteer                | None   | Chris & Margot O'Malley | Volunteer    | Sariling Tinig Choir |
| <b>COUNTERS</b>          | This Week:<br>Next Week: | Sun 26 Feb: Team 1: B. Richards, B. Sandford, D. Keogh, M. Watson<br>Sun 5 Mar: Team 2: J. Alessi, N. Haveaux, G. Roberts, S. Sammut |                         |              |                      |
| <b>CHURCH CLEANING</b>   | Cleaning:<br>Vacuuming:  | Mon 27 Feb: Team 3: C. Camilleri, G. Iaria<br>Fri 3 Mar: Team 2: P. Palamara, M. Katunga<br>Mon 27 Feb: Team 5: M. Carroll, P. Kotow |                         |              |                      |
| <b>ALTAR CLOTHS</b>      | This Week:<br>Next Week: | Sun 26 Feb: Mary Galea<br>Sun 5 Mar: Cora Demate   |                         |              |                      |
| <b>OUR LADY'S STATUE</b> | This Week:<br>Next Week: | Sun 26 Feb: M.H. Chong, 9 Hartwell Ct., Werribee, Mob. 0400 965 542<br>Sun 5 Mar: Volunteer  |                         |              |                      |

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

#### **Ash Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017:**

7.30pm Main Celebrant at Mass at St. Andrew's Church,  
followed by cuppa in the Church Meeting Room

#### **Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017:**

9am Mass at Our Lady of the Southern Cross Catholic PS

#### **Saturday, 4<sup>th</sup> March 2017:**

6pm Main Celebrant at Mass at St. Andrew's Church,  
followed by cuppa in the Church Meeting Room

#### **Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017:**

9.30am Main Celebrant at Mass at St. Andrew's Church  
11am Main Celebrant at Mass at St. Andrew's Church  
12.30pm Main Celebrant at Baptism Service at St. Andrew's Church  
5pm Main Celebrant at Mass at St. Andrew's Church with Sariling Tinig Filipino Choir,  
followed by fellowship in St. Andrew's Room 3

#### **Wednesday, 8<sup>th</sup> March 2017:**

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

#### **Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> March 2017:**

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

#### **Sunday, 12<sup>th</sup> 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. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of fast and abstinence. 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"**

## THE CATHOLIC GUY

is at times both deeply powerful and profoundly funny, so come prepared to laugh. Beginning 27<sup>th</sup> March until 31<sup>st</sup> March 2017. See notice boards for details or phone the Parish Office.



## FEAST OF ST. JOSEPH

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

**DAY OF PRAYER AND FASTING FOR REFUGEES AND ASYLUM SEEKERS ON SUNDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> MARCH 2017** – On Sunday, 5<sup>th</sup> March 2017 leaders of churches throughout Australia invite all people to join in prayer for refugees and asylum seekers. Not only are we invited to pray, but also to fast. Religious fasting invites us to stand before God, empty, placing our trust in God, ready to receive God's blessings. In fasting we join in one simple way with those who have fled their homes and seek safety for themselves and their families. Let us all pray together.

**ST. ANDREW'S PARISH FAIR AGM** will be held on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 7.30pm in the Penola Hub. At this meeting all committee positions will be declared vacant and a new committee will be elected. Anyone interested in the running of the Parish Fair is invited to attend, even if you do not wish to hold a Committee position. All welcome.

**ST. ANDREW'S PARISH PRIMARY SCHOOLS ENROLMENTS FOR 2018** – Enrolments for our 5 Catholic Primary Schools open on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 until the end of April 2017. All our five Primary Schools are **strictly zoned**. Parents are invited to visit each school's website for more information and to determine which school you are zoned to. If you do not have internet access, please ring the school. Fr. Frank P.P.

**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, 7<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:werribee@cam.org.au) Thank you.



**ST. ANDREW'S PARISH LENTEN PROGRAM** - Join us to experience this very inspirational Lenten Program, HOPE. The sessions are open to parents, grandparents, carers, aunts, uncles, friends, neighbours.....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, 27<sup>th</sup> February at 2.00pm, OLSC Primary School, Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 1.30pm, Penola Hub, Thursday, 2<sup>nd</sup> March at 7.30pm, Church Meeting Room. Lou Sullivan, St. Andrew's Parish, 9741 4144

**EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** continues on Tuesday, 28<sup>th</sup> February 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 TEMPTATION' Matthew 4:1-11. 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 1 Marzo 2017 nella Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee alle ore 10am fino le 12pm tema per l'incontro le *CENERE* tutti invitati e benvenuti grazie.

**MARIA PELLEGRINA** si trova a casa di L. Boscolo Tel. no. 9741 1498 e la prossima settimana sarà a casa di A. Vincenzino Tel. no. 9741 1124 tutti 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 Philomena 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](mailto:werribee@cam.org.au) for more information and to leave your details. Thank you.

**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.