ST. ANDREW’S PARISH
Incorporating the Communities of Werribee Central, Wyndham Vale, Werribee South, Werribee North, Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook and Little River

SECK YE FIRST THE KINGDOM OF GOD, HIS PROVIDENCE AND HIS MERCY.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, 31ST JULY 2016 – Year C
As we come to worship, we remember the Wathaurong People, the original custodians of this land.

FIRST READING:
Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23
Vanity of vanities, says Qoheleth, vanity of vanities! All things are vanity! Here is one who has labored with wisdom and knowledge and skill, and yet to another who has not labored over it, he must leave property. This also is vanity and a great misfortune. For what profit comes to man from all the toil and anxiety of heart with which he has labored under the sun? All his days sorrow and grief are his occupation; even at night his mind is not at rest. This also is vanity.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM:
Psalms 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17
Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.
You turn man back to dust, saying, “Return, O children of men.” For a thousand years in your sight are as yesterday, now that it is past, or as a watch of the night.

You make an end of them in their sleep; the next morning they are like the changing grass, Which at dawn springs up anew, but by evening wilts and fades.

Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain wisdom of heart. Return, O LORD! How long? Have pity on your servants!

Fill us at daybreak with your kindness, that we may shout for joy and gladness all our days. And may the gracious care of the LORD our God be ours; prosper the work of our hands for us! Prosper the work of our hands!

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SECOND READING:
Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11
Brothers and sisters: If you were raised with Christ, seek what is above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

Think of what is above, not of what is on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ your life appears, then you too will appear with him in glory. Put to death, then, the parts of you that are earthly: immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and the greed that is idolatry. Stop lying to one another, since you have taken off the old self with its practices and have put on the new self, which is being renewed, for knowledge, in the image of its creator. Here there is neither Greek and Jew, circumcision and uncircumcision, barbarian, Scythian, slave, free; but Christ is all and in all.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:
Alleluia, Alleluia. Happy the poor in spirit, the kingdom of heaven is theirs! Alleluia.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to share the inheritance with me.” He replied to him, “Friend, who appointed me as your judge and arbitrator?” Then he said to the crowd, “Take care to guard against all greed, for though one may be rich, one’s life does not consist of possessions.” Then he told them a parable. “There was a rich man whose land produced a bountiful harvest. He asked himself, ‘What shall I do, for I do not have space to store my harvest?’ And he said, ‘This is what I shall do: I shall tear down my barns and build larger ones. There I shall store all my grain and other goods and I shall say to myself, “Now as for you, you have so many good things stored up for many years, rest, eat, drink, be merry!”’ But God said to him, ‘You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you; and the things you have prepared, to whom will they belong?’ Thus will it be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God.”

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.
**GOSPEL REFLECTION:** Heavenly Glory

While out for an evening walk I emerged from an area where the streets were lit by bright lamps, and came into an open, dark area. It was only then I discovered that the sky was full of stars. And I thought to myself: how easily and how effectively the earthly lights extinguish the heavenly ones. Lord, help us to seek the things that make us rich in your sight. And grant that the glitter of this world may not dim our hopes of heavenly glory.

*Flor McCarthy, SDB*

**PRAYER AT HOME:** Use today's Gospel Acclamation this week. Reflect each day on this saying of Jesus. What does it mean to be ‘poor in spirit’? – Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!

**VOCATION VIEW:** Another sign of Vocation is that your heart is more intent on things of heaven rather than on things of earth. God is everything: the only thing.

**RECENT DEATH:** Grant eternal peace, O Lord to: Bienvenido Are, Edna Gaudencio (family attending 5pm Mass), Gracinda Dos Santos Silva, Thelma Fitzgerald, Gabriella Pazzi, Guerriero Pulcini, Marjorie Boland

**ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY:** Vincent Barker (family attending 9.30am Mass), Trevor Vanderhyde, Wendy Berg, Pasqualina Pazzi

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Marcelino Cataquian, Estercasio Iligan, Emanuela Casaccio, Anne Townsing, Michael Henry Jordan Sr., Mavis Davis, Heather Purton, Jim Reeves, Angelo Stangherlin, Maria Menegazzo, Mario Menegazzo, Marcello Menegazzo, Cecilia Menegazzo, Giuseppe Raco, Sebastian Accardi

**REMEMBRANDER:** 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 (not to the priests).

**PRAYERS FOR THE SICK:** Br. Helmut Knab CMM, Helen (H) Kelly, Pauline Jones, Andrew Roberts, Paula Miller, John McCarthy, Wes Nicholls, Julie Morgan, Rosaleen McKenna, Jeanette Ballentine, Lisette, Henriette, Paul Carlton, Janis Hudson, Leanne Terdon, Lynne Worsley, Theresa Ng, Raywin Roberts, Sister Reena, Angela Castillo, Milton Roberts

**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:** in the PENOLA HUB

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**THANK YOU FROM FR. BENNETH**

I would like to thank all the Parishioners at St. Andrew’s for their good wishes and generous gifts for my farewell. A special thank you to the staff and students at the Parish Primary Schools and MacKillop College and to the staff at St. Andrew’s Parish. I am grateful to everyone for keeping me in your prayers. Fr. Benneth

**EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP** continues on Tuesday, 2nd August 2016 from 1pm – 3pm in the Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer St., Werribee. Continued on DVD ‘Be Mercy Motivated’. Speaker Fr. Francis Otobo from Nigeria. For all enquiries or a lift, please contact Frances via the Parish Office on Ph. 9741 4144
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SIX30 HOLY HOUR: FOR VOCATIONS  – Thursday 4th August 2016, 6.30–7.30pm Sacred Heart Church, Rathdowne Street, corner Pelham Street, Carlton National Vocations Awareness Week is the first week of August. To celebrate this week in the Jubilee Year of Mercy, the Vocations Office invites you to Six30 Youth Holy Hour on Thursday 4 August at Sacred Heart Church, Carlton. You are most welcome to join us in praying for vocations and to give thanks for the gift of consecrated life to the Church.

MARY MACKILLOP FOUNDATION 2016 – Fundraising Dinner, celebrating 150 years of the Sisters of St. Joseph. Friday, 26th August 2016 from 7pm at Mount St. Joseph Girls’ College, 133 Maidstone Street, Altona. The Foundation provides financial support for small life changing projects. There are two kinds of projects that the Foundation Supports: General Projects within Australia and Projects in partnership with Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islanders. Cost: $40.00 (3 course meal, BYO drinks). For tickets: Call MMHC (03) 9926 9300. RSVP Tuesday, 10th August 2016. Please see flyer on notice boards.

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.