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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

### **FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH – YEAR C** **26<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2021**

**We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we stand, the Wathaurong People. We pay our respects to them for their care of the land. May we walk gently and respectfully upon the land.**

#### **PARISH TEAMS**

##### **Pastoral Team:**

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#### **FIRST READING: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28**

In those days Hannah conceived, and at the end of her term bore a son whom she called Samuel, since she had asked the LORD for him. The next time her husband Elkanah was going up with the rest of his household to offer the customary sacrifice to the LORD and to fulfill his vows, Hannah did not go, explaining to her husband, "Once the child is weaned, I will take him to appear before the LORD and to remain there forever; I will offer him as a perpetual nazirite." Once Samuel was weaned, Hannah brought him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine, and presented him at the temple of the LORD in Shiloh. After the boy's father had sacrificed the young bull, Hannah, his mother, approached Eli and said: "Pardon, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who stood near you here, praying to the LORD. I prayed for this child, and the LORD granted my request. Now I, in turn, give him to the LORD; as long as he lives, he shall be dedicated to the LORD." Hannah left Samuel there. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

#### **Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10.**

**Response: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts! My soul yearns and pines for the courts of the LORD. My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God.

Happy they who dwell in your house! Continually they praise you. Happy the men whose strength you are! Their hearts are set upon the pilgrimage.

O LORD of hosts, hear our prayer; hearken, O God of Jacob! O God, behold our shield, and look upon the face of your anointed.

**Response: Blessed are they who dwell in your house, O Lord.**

#### **SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24**

Beloved: See what love the Father has bestowed on us that we may be called the children of God. And so we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we shall be has not yet been revealed. We do know that when it is revealed we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence in God and receive from him whatever we ask, because we keep his commandments and do what pleases him. And his commandment is this: we should believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and love one another just as he commanded us. Those who keep his commandments remain in him, and he in them, and the way we know that he remains in us is from the Spirit he gave us. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**Alleluia, alleluia. Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the words of your Son. Alleluia, alleluia.**

#### **GOSPEL: Luke 2:41-52**

Each year Jesus' parents went to Jerusalem for the feast of Passover, and when he was twelve years old, they went up according to festival custom. After they had completed its days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Thinking that he was in the caravan, they journeyed for a day and looked for him among their relatives and acquaintances, but not finding him, they returned to Jerusalem to look for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions, and all who heard him were astounded at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him, they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Son, why have you done this to us? Your father and I have been looking for you with great anxiety." And he said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's House?" But they did not understand what he said to them. He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



### **GOSPEL REFLECTION: Adolescent impatience**

Forget the tinselly sentimentality of most depictions of the Holy Family. This Gospel is real life. Anyone who has temporarily lost their child in a crowd knows the stabbing pain of uncertainty and fear. Even more real, and occurring more often, is the adolescent impatience of Jesus: 'Did you not know I must be about my Father's business?' Every parent, bewildered and saddened by the growing up and the growing distance of a son or daughter, knows what Mary and Joseph must have felt. By the time Mary and Joseph found Jesus, he had found the words to express his unique identity. In this little scene so full of pathos and heartbreak, we hear the first words of Jesus in the Gospels: 'Did you not know

I must be about my Father's business?' What was his 'Father's business' which was so engaging for Jesus? To draw every human being into the same family relationship as He enjoys. But did you note that it is our privilege to celebrate this realisation as a community? Only Jesus can say 'My Father'. We say 'Our Father'. We enter into the grace of intimate relationship with God, not as an atomised individual, but as a person within a society of baptised Christians – the Church. We could take a moment to pray for the integrity which will enable us to express this sense of identity in the unfolding of our lives. We can pray also for those saddened or bewildered by our following of the One who taught us to pray 'Our Father'. **Fr Michael Tate**

**PRAYER AT HOME:** Use the responsorial psalm as your prayer this week. **How lovely is your dwelling place, Lord, God of hosts. My soul is longing and yearning, is yearning for the courts of the Lord. My heart and my soul ring out their joy to God, the living God.**

**VOCATION VIEW:** Jesus grew in wisdom, age, and grace in the midst of his family. How is your family growing in the midst of these challenging times? Seek out God's grace. (Luke 2:41-52).

**RECENT DEATH:** Mary Gunn

**ONE YEAR ANNIVERSARY:** Emilija Milosavlevich (family attending 11am Mass)

**ANNIVERSARY:** Guido Menegazzo, Bianca Menegazzo (family attending 11am Mass), Adrian Toffolon, Henry Restall, Joe Bugeja, Melita Bugeja, Pat Foster, Tessie Craig, Most Rev Joseph Angelo Grech, Maria Consiglio, Charlie Restall White, Emidia Micallef.

**PRAYER FOR THE SICK:** Roger Camacho, Jose Hernandez, Raywin Roberts, Ernie Hintner, Agata "Tina" Ravaneschi, Deirdre (Ireland), Evelyn Camenting, Maureen Lynch, Manel Pandithakoralege, Tracey Daffy, Sonia Francis, Kathleen Bensted

**REMINDER:** Parishioners please note that names for Recently Deceased, Anniversaries etc. to be included in the Sunday Bulletin must indicate the time of Mass you will be attending for name to be mentioned and request 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 after 3 months. If you have a name you would like included, please contact the Parish Office.**

#### **ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH WEEKDAY LITURGY**

**Mon:** 9.00am Liturgy of the word with Communion  
**Tues to Thurs:** 9.00am Mass  
**Fri:** **NO MORNING MASS**  
5.00pm Mass with *Te Deum* (prayer of Thanks)  
**Sat:** New Year 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 2022  
10.00am Mass

#### **WEEKEND MASSES**

#### **ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH**

**Sat:** **NO EVENING MASS**  
**Sun:** 8.00am Mass, 9.30am Mass, 11.00am Mass  
and 5.00pm Mass

**CHRISTMAS OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FROM THE BROCHURE RACKS AND ON THE PEWS IN THE CHURCH.**

#### **PARISH OFFICE HOURS DURING CHRISTMAS TIME**

Parish Office will close for Christmas on Friday, 24<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and re-open Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 9am

#### **DAILY ROSARY ON ZOOM**

We are inviting you to join us to pray the Rosary at home with the family. Please join us via Zoom Meeting every night at 6.55pm for 7.00 pm start

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2764655672?pwd=bDZuUEJpVWVp6bUFVMkU6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672 Password: 9rGLKz  
*Let us continue to pray together for each other.*

#### **WELCOME**

We are happy that almost all restrictions are relaxed but let us take care to be safe.

- QR Code sign in upon entry
- Greeters will be at Masses to assist you.
- Wearing Mask is mandatory from 8 years old and above.

If you have cold, cough or feellling ill, please stay home.

**HELP US MAKE OUR CHURCH SAFE TO EVERYONE**

*Thank you*

Remaining mindful in our care and protection for the most vulnerable.