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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

LEAVE HERE SHEET

Parish Office CLOSED from
24th December 2020 and will
RE-OPEN on 5th January 2021

Liturgy: Due to the relaxation of the restriction, masses are celebrated with limited attendees for social distancing.

PARISH TEAMS

Pastoral Team:

Fr. Albert Yogarajah PP
Fr. Anil Mascarenhas
Fr. Anton
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Sherry Vivera
Pastoral Worker
Benita Dahanayake
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Administrative Team:

Cora Ilagan
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Rev. George Piech Meat
9741 4144 (3rd Tuesday)

PARISH SCHOOLS

St. Andrew's Primary School – Ph. 9741 3686
Principal:

Michael Gavaghan

Corpus Christi Primary School

– Ph. 9741 8440
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Bethany Primary School

– Ph. 9742 9800
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Principal: Craig Holmes

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD – YEAR B – 9th / 10th JANUARY 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.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:1-11

Thus says the LORD: All you who are thirsty, come to the water! You who have no money, come, receive grain and eat; come, without paying and without cost, drink wine and milk! Why spend your money for what is not bread, your wages for what fails to satisfy? Heed me, and you shall eat well, you shall delight in rich fare. Come to me heedfully, listen, that you may have life. I will renew with you the everlasting covenant, the benefits assured to David. As I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander of nations, so shall you summon a nation you knew not, and nations that knew you not shall run to you, because of the LORD, your God, the Holy One of Israel, who has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found, call him while he is near. Let the scoundrel forsake his way, and the wicked man his thoughts; let him turn to the LORD for mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth so high are my ways above your ways and my thoughts above your thoughts. For just as from the heavens the rain and snow come down and do not return there till they have watered the earth, making it fertile and fruitful, giving seed to the one who sows and bread to the one who eats, so shall my word be that goes forth from my mouth; my word shall not return to me void, but shall do my will, achieving the end for which I sent it. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

Responsorial Psalm: Isaiah 12:2-3, 4, 5-6

Response: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

God indeed is my savior; I am confident and unafraid. My strength and my courage is the LORD, and he has been my savior. With joy you will draw water at the fountain of salvation.

Give thanks to the LORD, acclaim his name; among the nations make known his deeds, proclaim how exalted is his name.

Sing praise to the LORD for his glorious achievement; let this be known throughout all the earth. Shout with exultation, O city of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel!

Response: You will draw water joyfully from the springs of salvation.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-9

Beloved: Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is begotten by God, and everyone who loves the Father loves also the one begotten by him. In this way we know that we love the children of God when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whoever is begotten by God conquers the world. And the victory that conquers the world is our faith. Who indeed is the victor over the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came through water and blood, Jesus Christ, not by water alone, but by water and blood. The Spirit is the one who testifies, and the Spirit is truth. So there are three that testify, the Spirit, the water, and the blood, and the three are of one accord. If we accept human testimony, the testimony of God is surely greater. Now the testimony of God is this, that he has testified on behalf of his Son. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia. John saw Jesus approaching him, and said: Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:7-11

This is what John the Baptist proclaimed: "One mightier than I is coming after me. I am not worthy to stoop and loosen the thongs of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit." It happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. On coming up out of the water he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit, like a dove, descending upon him. And a voice came from the heavens, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased."

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

St. Andrew's Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

GOSPEL REFLECTION: A Whisper echoing Heaven

Jesus was immersed in the Waters of the River Jordan as though he were a repentant sinner. Why? Jesus wanted to be identified with the mass of sinful humanity. During this great act of solidarity, Jesus clearly had a mystical experience as He emerged from the waters: the Heavens opening, the Spirit descending like a dove, and hearing a bat qol, a whisper echoing Heaven. Each of us has been incorporated into Our Lord's Baptism. At whatever age we received Baptism, the Heavens were opened and Divine love and power streamed from Heaven to earth. The Holy Spirit, Divine Lover of humanity, hovered gently. Deep down, at the intimate wellspring of life, the Divine Voice was heard: 'You are my beloved daughter' or 'You are my beloved son, my favour rests on you.' We could pause for a moment to pray that we might wake up each morning with that Divine Voice ringing in our ears, and then re-echoing it in our lives.

Fr. Michael Tate

PRAYER AT HOME: The response to this week's psalm is a wonderful prayer of discipleship. Say it often this week:
Here I am, Lord; I come to do your will.

VOCATION VIEW: The cry of the people: "Lord, let us see your kindness". Who will prepare the way of the Lord coming to us today

RECENT DEATH: Antonino Tedesco, Stella Marie Geyer, Giuseppina Pilla

ANNIVERSARIES: Tindara Faranda, Giovanni Randello, Lina Maggiore, Vicente Cerdana, Merlyn Montalban, Nenita Espiga, Jose Tanato

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Hugh Johnston, Roger Camacho, Elio and Alvira Menegazzo

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 after 3 months. If you have a name you would like included, please contact the Parish Office.

LITURGY THIS WEEK: ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Mon: 9.00am Liturgy of the word with Communion

Tues to Sat: 9.00am Mass

Sat: 6pm Mass

Sun: 9.00am Mass, 11.30am Mass and 5pm Mass

THANKSGIVING MASS FOR FR. ANIL

Fr. Anil will be transferred to Hampton Park Parish effective from 13th January 2021. **His Thanksgiving Mass is on this 10th January 2021 at St. Andrew's Sports Centre at 11am Mass** followed by fellowship. Please bring a plate to share.

MASS LIVE STREAMING HAVE STOPPED.

Now that church is allowed to be opened, we are inviting you to come to church and join in the celebration of the Eucharist during **weekdays at 9am, no booking required** and **the weekend, Saturday at 6pm and Sunday at 9am, 11.30am and 5pm, booking is required** as we need to limit the numbers for social distancing. Please book via Trybooking <https://trybooking.com/BMMVM>
Please note that the doors are locked when liturgy begins. Come at least 10 mins early.

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=bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkU6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672 Password: 9rGLKz

Let us continue to pray together for each other.

Stay safe and God bless you all.

With a grateful heart. Fr. Anil



Thank you so much for coming to our Fun Day Out at Gumbuya World. I thank God for every blessings we received. It was a really a good day and it was a blessing to see all our young children to come together and enjoying each other's company.

Thank you for your encouragement and support for me and our young children in our faith journey. We will continue to support our young people whatever way we can. God bless you all and your family.

With a grateful heart
Fr. Anil

PARISH ROSTERS FOR 2021 – If you are currently on one of our rosters for Church Cleaning/Vacuuuming, Reading, Music, Altar Cloths, Communion Service, etc. and Please **confirm if you wish** to continue on the new roster for 2021, please let the Parish Office know as soon as possible so this can be taken into account when the new rosters are drawn up. If we don't hear from you, we assume you are happy to continue on the roster. Thank you for your continued commitment and assistance in this matter.