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ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

Incorporating the Communities of
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Tarneit West, Upper Point Cook
and Little River

PARISH TEAMS

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SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 19TH / 20TH FEBRUARY 2022

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: 1 Samuel 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

In those days, Saul went down to the desert of Ziph with three thousand picked men of Israel, to search for David in the desert of Ziph. So David and Abishai went among Saul's soldiers by night and found Saul lying asleep within the barricade, with his spear thrust into the ground at his head and Abner and his men sleeping around him. Abishai whispered to David: "God has delivered your enemy into your grasp this day. Let me nail him to the ground with one thrust of the spear; I will not need a second thrust!" But David said to Abishai, "Do not harm him, for who can lay hands on the LORD's anointed and remain unpunished?" So David took the spear and the water jug from their place at Saul's head, and they got away without anyone's seeing or knowing or awakening. All remained asleep, because the LORD had put them into a deep slumber. Going across to an opposite slope, David stood on a remote hilltop at a great distance from Abner, son of Ner, and the troops. He said: "Here is the king's spear. Let an attendant come over to get it. The LORD will reward each man for his justice and faithfulness. Today, though the LORD delivered you into my grasp, I would not harm the LORD's anointed."

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

Bless the LORD, O my soul; and all my being, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits.

He pardons all your iniquities, heals all your ills. He redeems your life from destruction, crowns you with kindness and compassion.

Merciful and gracious is the LORD, slow to anger and abounding in kindness. Not according to our sins does he deal with us, nor does he requite us according to our crimes.

As far as the east is from the west, so far has he put our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

Response: The Lord is kind and merciful.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 15:45-49

Brothers and sisters: It is written, *The first man, Adam, became a living being*, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. But the spiritual was not first; rather the natural and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, earthly; the second man, from heaven. As was the earthly one, so also are the earthly, and as is the heavenly one, so also are the heavenly. Just as we have borne the image of the earthly one, we shall also bear the image of the heavenly one. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. I give you a new commandment, says the Lord: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 6:27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: "To you who hear I say, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you. To the person who strikes you on one cheek, offer the other one as well, and from the person who takes your cloak, do not withhold even your tunic. Give to everyone who asks of you, and from

*** GOSPEL CONTINUES ON NEXT PAGE ***

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

GOSPEL CONTINUES:

the one who takes what is yours do not demand it back. Do to others as you would have them do to you. For if you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? Even sinners do the same. If you lend money to those from whom you expect repayment, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, and get back the same amount. But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend expecting nothing back; then your reward will be great and you will be children of the Most High, for he himself is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. "Stop judging and you will not be judged. Stop condemning and you will not be condemned. Forgive and you will be forgiven. Give, and gifts will be given to you; a good measure, packed together, shaken down, and overflowing, will be poured into your lap. For the measure with which you measure will in return be measured out to you." **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

Perhaps one of the most difficult lessons to learn is forgiveness of those whom we consider our enemies, those who have wronged us. As challenging as this may be, the Gospel calls us to a very high standard: we must be merciful as God is merciful. If such perfection can become a reality in our lives, we will be able to forgive. Paul assures us that we can indeed attain such perfection, not by ourselves, but through the power of the risen Lord whose image we bear. Paul plays with the theology of creation. In the beginning, we were made like the first Adam, earthly, limited, weak, concerned about the things of this world, and committed to our own well being. Through baptism we have been fashioned after the image of the second Adam, Christ the risen Lord. Being like Christ, we become godlike, empowered with his saving power, transformed with him into new beings. It is now in our power, which is really the power of the resurrection, to be merciful as God is merciful. In the risen Lord we experience a mystical transformation. From now on, all of our actions can flow from this new reality. Transformed by the power of the resurrection, we are capable of unprecedented good works. We can live without retaliation; we can render good for evil. We can be prodigal in our generosity toward others; we can relinquish any rights of proprietorship that we might enjoy. We can live with others without unfairly judging them. We can be like God, boundless in our forgiveness. **Dianne Bergant CSA**

PRAYER AT HOME: Repeat this line from the Lord's Prayer often this week and act on it: ***Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.***

VOCATION VIEW: Jesus helps our faith be fruitful when we follow where he leads. Where is Jesus leading you today? (Luke 6:27-38)

RECENT DEATH: Giuseppe D'Pietro, Fabiana Mejia, Becky Madrid

ANNIVERSARY: Mifsud Family, Galea Family & Attard Family (6pm Mass), Salvatore Piccolo (6pm Mass), Pritesh Almeida (11am Mass), Sam Inguanti (11am Mass)

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Agata (Tina) Ravaneschi, Roger Camacho, Joseph Goegan

The names for Prayers for the Sick will be deleted after 3 months. If you have a name you would like to include, please contact the Parish Office.

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.**

WEEKDAY LITURGY (21st to 26th February. 2022) ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Mon - 9.00am Liturgy of the word with Communion
Tues to Sat - 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (26th & 27th February. 2022) ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Sat - 6.00pm Vigil Mass
Sun: 8.00am Mass, 9.30am Mass, 11.00am Mass
and 5.00pm Mass
Sun: 10.00am St. Michael – Little River

DAILY ROSARY ON **zoom**

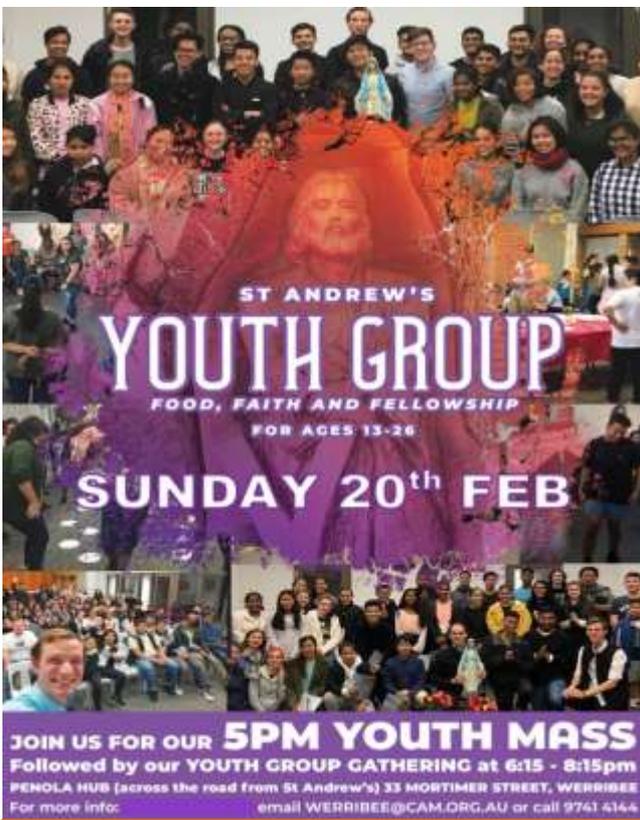
We are inviting you to join us to pray the Rosary at home with the family. Please join us via Zoom Meeting every night at 6.55pm for 7.00 pm start

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/2764655672?pwd=bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkJK6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672 Password: 9rGLKz

Let us continue to pray together for each other.

THE PARISH REQUIRES THAT YOU BEGIN TO PREPARE AT LEAST 3 MONTHS PRIOR TO YOUR PREFERRED DATE FOR YOUR CHILD'S BAPTISM



WELCOME

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

- QR Code sign in upon entry
- Hand Sanitizing
- Wearing Mask is required inside the Church

If you have cold, cough or feeling 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.

NEW ENVELOPES OF FINANCIAL YEAR 2022

New sets of Thanksgiving envelopes in street alphabetical order are available for collection after all masses from the Church foyer.

It would help greatly if you could deliver some in your area.

St Andrew's Youth Group are meeting in person on Sunday February 20th. Join us for the first gathering of the year. Youth mass 5-6pm followed by games, a talk and dinner in the Penola Hub until 8:30pm. 12-20 years, all welcome

MASS OFFERING FOR RECENT DEATH AND DEATH ANNIVERSARY

If you want to request for mass to be offered for your dearly beloved who passed away recently or for death anniversary, Priests will offer mass for their souls at the time you are attending mass. You can drop your mass offering request with name and date when you want to offer the mass in the dropbox located at the side door of the Presbytery or at the Parish Office. Their names will be listed on the Take Away Sheet. Thank you.

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 21st – 27th February 2022

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 26 th /27 th Feb	Anne-Marie Palmer	Darren Giese	Lea Arida	Grace Iaria	Peter Cullen
MUSIC 26 th /27 th Feb	Philu & Co.	Tina D'Monte and Red Dubier	Volunteer	Ensemble of Faith Choir	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)	This week: Next week:	Mon 21 Feb: Mon 28 Feb:	J. Hennessy E. Demate		
CLEANER	Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 21 Feb: Fri 26 Feb: Mon 21 Feb:	Volunteer Volunteer Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH	This week: Next week:	Sun 20 Feb: Sun 27 Feb:	J. Francisco C. Ilagan		
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This week: Next week:	Sun 20 Feb: Sun 27 Feb:	Maria Malanyaon Volunteer		

OUR LADY'S STATUE – Roster for our Lady's Statue for 2022 is now available in the Foyer. If you would like to have the statue at your home, please fill in the Roster Sheet or call the Parish Office on 9741 4144. Thank you.

CHAPLAINCY APPEAL 2022 - Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted the annual Chaplaincy Appeal in our parish. The presence of Catholic chaplains is a crucial witness to our faith, a crucial dimension of our service of love, and a vital testimony to the value of life in all its stages. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.
If you still wish to donate or if you would like to have more information about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP – continues on Tuesday, 22nd February 2022, at 1pm – 2.30pm in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. **Theme 'Effect of Prayer'-Guest Speaker Adrian Commadeur'** Everyone is welcome. God bless you all and your loved ones.

RINNOVAMENTO NELLO SPIRITO SANTO ITALIANO – Ricorda a tutti I membri del gruppo di preghiera italiano che il nostro incontro settimanale continua alle ore 10am fino le 12pm nella Penola Hub 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. Con la speranza di vedervi tutti.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP - is on every Friday, after the 9am Mass in the church. Everyone is welcome to join.



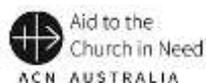
Seniors Afternoon Tea: We are resuming our Afternoon tea get together again, next Wednesday 23rd February. It will be held at the Penola Hub, Mortimer Street, Werribee. Time: 2.00 - 3.30pm New Seniors most welcome to attend. For any enquirers please ring Sophia Cooper on 0480286331.

PEONIES CRAFT GROUP - It is a friendly group, which meets every Thursday at 9.30 until mid-day at the Penola Hub. We meet for companionship, having a cup of tea or coffee together and sewing, knitting, crochet or whatever craft each person likes to do. Sometimes we just come along to meet with our friends. We welcome all ages and cultures. Please contact the Parish office for further details.

LENTEN PROGRAM - St. Andrew's would like to run a Lenten Program to help you get ready for Easter. We will use the program from the Catholic Diocese of Wollongong called Remember. The cost of the booklet is \$10. If you would like to be part of the program, please contact the Parish Office on 9741 4144 or Chrissie on 0419 501 725 and let us know which day suits you best. The day the program will run will depend on the majority. All welcome.



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY ASSISTING REFUGEE STUDENTS - MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr. Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. A Training Day for new volunteers with emphasis on Child Safeguarding will take place prior to commencement. Email: somml@bigpond.com (preferred for contact) Website: www.mercyworks.org.au Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895



Aid to the Church in Need Australia: In many places throughout the world there is a shortage of priests and therefore religious sisters are the custodians of the faith. These sisters however often struggle to live and support the faithful, so across the course of a year ACN supports more than 18,000 religious sisters in Africa, Asia, Eastern Europe and Latin America. Could you help support a religious sister? Visit www.aidtochurch.org/sisters

PRAYER OF 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.



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