



ST. ANDREW'S PARISH

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT YEAR C - 19TH / 20TH MARCH 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: Exodus 17:3-7

In those days, in their thirst for water, the people grumbled against Moses, saying, "Why did you ever make us leave Egypt? Was it just to have us die here of thirst with our children and our livestock?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? a little more and they will stone me!" The LORD answered Moses, "Go over there in front of the people, along with some of the elders of Israel, holding in your hand, as you go, the staff with which you struck the river. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock in Horeb. Strike the rock, and the water will flow from it for the people to drink." This Moses did, in the presence of the elders of Israel. The place was called Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled there and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD in our midst or not?"

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9.

Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

Come, let us sing joyfully to the LORD; let us acclaim the Rock of our salvation. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us joyfully sing psalms to him.

Come, let us bow down in worship; let us kneel before the LORD who made us. For he is our God, and we are the people he shepherds, the flock he guides.

Oh, that today you would hear his voice: "Harden not your hearts as at Meribah, as in the day of Massah in the desert, Where your fathers tempted me; they tested me though they had seen my works."

Response: If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts.

SECOND READING: Romans 5:1-2, 5-8

Brothers and sisters: Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have gained access by faith to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in hope of the glory of God. And hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us. For Christ, while we were still helpless, died at the appointed time for the ungodly. Indeed, only with difficulty does one die for a just person, though perhaps for a good person one might even find courage to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we were still sinners Christ died for us.

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! Lord, you are truly the Savior of the world; give me living water, that I may never thirst again. Glory and Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

GOSPEL: John 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42 (shorter version)

Jesus came to a town of Samaria called Sychar, near the plot of land that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there. Jesus, tired from his journey, sat down there at the well. It was about noon. A woman of Samaria came to draw water. Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink." His disciples had gone into the town to buy food. The Samaritan woman said to him, "How can you, a Jew, ask me, a Samaritan woman, for a drink?" For Jews use nothing in common with Samaritans. Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink, 'you would have asked him and he would have given you living water.'" The woman said to him, "Sir, you do not even have a bucket and the cistern is deep; where then can you get this living water? Are you greater than our father Jacob, who gave us this cistern and drank from it himself with his children and his flocks?" Jesus answered

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

GOSPEL CONTINUES . . . and said to her, "Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst; the water I shall give will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water, so that I may not be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water. "I can see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshiped on this mountain; but you people say that the place to worship is in Jerusalem." Jesus said to her, "Believe me, woman, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You people worship what you do not understand; we worship what we understand, because salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when true worshipers will worship the Father in Spirit and truth; and indeed the Father seeks such people to worship him. God is Spirit, and those who worship him must worship in Spirit and truth." The woman said to him, "I know that the Messiah is coming, the one called the Christ; when he comes, he will tell us everything." Jesus said to her, "I am he, the one who is speaking with you." Many of the Samaritans of that town began to believe in him. When the Samaritans came to him, they invited him to stay with them; and he stayed there two days. Many more began to believe in him because of his word, and they said to the woman, "We no longer believe because of your word; for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the savior of the world." **THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.**



GOSPEL REFLECTION:

One major theme emerges from today's readings: incomprehensibility of God. We see it in the mysterious divine name, which distinguishes the God of Israel from all others and yet leaves us in the dark as to its meaning. We see it as God communicates with us through inanimate objects and the people in our lives. Finally, we see that God both pardons iniquities and decides to root out unfruitful branches, and we are confused by such inconsistency. In the midst of this ambiguity we have one sure source of stability – Christ. It is Christ who reveals the nature and meaning of the divine name; it is Christ who intercedes for us before God. Christ, the one who set his face toward Jerusalem, there to suffer and die, is the great messenger through whom God is revealed. He is the one who reveals majesty through the simplicity of a bush; he is the one who judges with the patience of a gardener. However, the limits of the experience and mercy of God in our lives are defined by our own openness. Despite the blessings that we receive in the wildernesses of our lives, it could happen that God is not pleased with us. We must not take God's goodness for granted. These readings close on a note of caution. Take care! We might be able to rest secure in the knowledge of the love and mercy of God, but these readings tell us that we should not dare to rest passively or complacently.

Dianne Bergant CSA

PRAYER AT HOME: Use this section of today's psalm as your prayer this week: *The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy. For as the heavens are above the earth so strong is his love for those who fear him.*

VOCATION VIEW: Moses heard God's call from a burning bush. What is your passion, your burning bush? Take time to know what God is sending you to do and be.

ONE MONTH ANNIVERSARY: Daniel Comande

ANNIVERSARY: Felice Piccolo, Michael Palmieri, Jose Tonato, Theresa Sciberras, Tom Carlon

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: Agata (Tina) Ravaneschi, Joseph Goegan, Joan Milburn

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 / 27th March 2022)

- Mon:** 9.00am Liturgy of the word with Communion
- Tues:** 9.00am Mass
- Wed:** 9.00am Liturgy of the word with Communion
- Thurs:** 9.00am Mass
- Fri:** 9.00am Mass followed by Station of the Cross
7.00pm Station of the Cross followed by Mass
- Sat:** 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (26th / 27th March 2022)

- Sat -** 6.00pm Vigil Mass
- Sun -** 8.00am Mass, 9.30am Mass, 11.00am Mass
and 5.00pm Mass
- 10.00am Mass at 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=bDZuUEJpWVp6bUFVMkJK6kpRQ0xoZz09>

Meeting ID: 276 465 5672 Password: 9rGLKz

Let us continue to pray together for each other.

NEW PARISHIONER LOOKING FOR HOUSE TO RENT

A family of 7 (husband, wife, 4 children and nephew) from Newcastle is looking for a 3 or 4 bedroom house to rent. If you can be of assistance to this family or might need more information, please contact Camille on mobile no. 0470441153

ROSTERS FOR THE WEEK 21st – 27th March 2022

	6.00pm	8.00am	9.30am	11.00am	5.00pm
LECTORS 26 th / 27 th Mar	Gerry Ilagan	Nelly Bautista	Perpetua Gitau	Ann Jennings	Sindhu Moreira
MUSIC 26 th / 27 th Mar	Phillu and Co.	Tina D'Monte and Red Dubier	St. Andrews Choir	Ensemble of Faith	St. Joseph Vaz Choir
COMMUNION SERVICE (MONDAY)	This week: Next week:	Mon 21 Mar: Mon 28 Mar:	J. Hennessy E. Demate		
CLEANER	Cleaning: Vacuuming:	Mon 21 Mar: Fri 25 Mar: Mon 21 Mar:	B. Ashford, Z. Prasad M. Katunga Volunteer		
ALTAR CLOTH	This week: Next week:	Sun 20 Mar: Sun 27 Mar:	K. Kiao-Adams J. Francisco		
OUR LADY'S STATUE	This week: Next week:	Sun 20 Mar: Sun 27 Mar:	J. Prabha P. John		



JESUS YOUTH AUSTRALIA has offered us to host a Eucharistic Adoration in our Parish as part of **'Hours of Grace 2022'**. The Hour of Grace is a national initiative of Jesus Youth Australia commenced in 2011. It is a chain of perpetual adoration that occurs during the paschal season from Ash Wednesday to Pentecost across many Australian cities. The date allocated to our parish is from 20th to 22nd March 2022 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. on the 20th March there will be a 5pm Youth Mass followed by the Adoration from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. It will very well fit in our Lenten Program for the youth. All parishioners are welcome to join.



ALTAR SERVERS TRAINING SESSION

There will be a training session for all Altar Servers on Saturday, **26th March 2022 at 2.00pm.** We invite all those who have received their first Eucharist, to join this session. For more information, please contact Fr. Jossy on 0447 105 671. See you all there!!!

FLOOD APPEAL SOCIETY OF ST VINCENT DE PAUL

The floods in Queensland and New South Wales are having a devastating effect on the people living in these regions of Australia. For those wishing to support the long-term recovery work to be undertaken by St Vincent de Paul Society in Queensland and New South Wales, financial donations can be made either directly to either state through: www.vinnies.org.au - Flood appeal - St Vincent de Paul Society - Good Works (vinnies.org.au) or by calling - Queensland - (07) 3010 1000 or New South Wales - (02) 9568 0262

CARITAS AUSTRALIA UKRAINE EMERGENCY APPEAL

The people of Ukraine are living through a crisis that will impact the country for years to come. Caritas Australia has launched an appeal to support Caritas Ukraine and other partners in the region. The appeal will support the provision of clean water, hygiene and food kits to vulnerable families, as well as safe collection centres for families on the move, emergency accommodation and support for distressed children and families.

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/> or contact 1800 024 413

WORKING BEE TO PREPARE FOR HOLY WEEK Let us all come together once again



on Saturday, 9th April 2022
from 10am till 1pm
to prepare our church
for Holy Week.

This is our church, let us take care of it and prepare it for the Lord and for all of us.

EL SHADDAI CHARISMATIC PRAYER GROUP

continues on Tuesday, 22nd March 2022, at 1pm – 2.30pm in Penola Hub, 33 Mortimer Street, Werribee. **Theme "The Repenting" Luke 13:1-9.** Everyone is welcome. God bless you all and your loved ones.



*Thanksgiving Mass
Celebrated by Fr. Alex Chow
Sunday, 3rd April 2022
11.00am*

Fr. Alex Charles Chow came to our parish in June last year for a very short Pastoral experience between studies in Rome. But due to COVID his stay with us was extended until he was ordained Deacon. Now he is an ordained Priest and he is coming to offer a Thanksgiving Mass with us on Sunday, 3rd April at 11am. We welcome him with a warm hearts. We will have a fellowship gathering in the Church grounds and we invite all to join. We welcome anyone who would like to bring a plate to share. We will have a special collection on all masses on the weekend of 26th and 27th March to give him a gift of our love.

DIVINE MERCY GROUP

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

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.

PEONIES CRAFT GROUP - It is a friendly group, which meets every Thursday at 10.00am 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.



ST VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

Minute taker required. If you have basic computer skills and are free for a couple of hours on the second Wednesday of each month from 7-9pm, you are the person I am looking for! I need a volunteer to take the minutes of the monthly Altona Regional Council meeting which I attend. No experience required. Please call Noelene on 0400 878 844 if you are interested.



**PROJECT COMPASSION SUNDAY
19th and 20th March 2022**



Janice 44, is a proud Wagilak woman, a traditional dancer, who tells stories through movements handed down over generations. With your support, Janice and the Djilpin Arts Aboriginal Corporation support the community to generate income and employment, while keeping culture alive. Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help provide employment and training for First Australians, allowing them to remain on country and keep their culture alive. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413..



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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