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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

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THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME - YEAR C 22ND / 23RD JANUARY 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.

PARISH TEAMS

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FIRST READING: Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

Ezra the priest brought the law before the assembly, which consisted of men, women, and those children old enough to understand. Standing at one end of the open place that was before the Water Gate, he read out of the book from daybreak till midday, in the presence of the men, the women, and those children old enough to understand; and all the people listened attentively to the book of the law. Ezra the scribe stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the occasion. He opened the scroll so that all the people might see it for he was standing higher up than any of the people; and, as he opened it, all the people rose. Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people, their hands raised high, answered, "Amen, amen!" Then they bowed down and prostrated themselves before the LORD, their faces to the ground. Ezra read plainly from the book of the law of God, interpreting it so that all could understand what was read. Then Nehemiah, that is, His Excellency, and Ezra the priest-scribe and the Levites who were instructing the people said to all the people: "Today is holy to the LORD your God. Do not be sad, and do not weep" for all the people were weeping as they heard the words of the law. He said further: "Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared; for today is holy to our LORD. Do not be saddened this day, for rejoicing in the LORD must be your strength!"

THE WORD OF THE LORD.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: Psalm 19:8, 9, 10, 15

Response: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

The law of the LORD is perfect, refreshing the soul; The decree of the LORD is trustworthy, giving wisdom to the simple.

The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The command of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eye.

The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; The ordinances of the LORD are true, all of them just.

Let the words of my mouth and the thought of my heart find favor before you, O LORD, my rock and my redeemer.

Response: Your words, Lord, are Spirit and life.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 27 (short version)

Brothers and sisters: As a body is one though it has many parts, and all the parts of the body, though many, are one body, so also Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body, whether Jews or Greeks, slaves or free persons, and we were all given to drink of one Spirit. Now the body is not a single part, but many. You are Christ's body, and individually parts of it. **THE WORD OF THE LORD.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia. The Lord sent me to bring glad tidings to the poor, and to proclaim liberty to captives. Alleluia.

GOSPEL: Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21

Since many have undertaken to compile a narrative of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as those who were eyewitnesses from the beginning and ministers of the word have handed them down to us, I too have decided, after investigating everything accurately anew, to write it down in an orderly sequence for you, most excellent Theophilus, so that you may realize the certainty of the teachings you have received. Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news of him spread throughout the whole region. He taught in their synagogues and was praised by all. He came to Nazareth, where he had grown up, and went according to his custom into the synagogue on the sabbath day. He stood up to read and was handed a scroll of the prophet Isaiah. He unrolled the scroll and found the passage where it was written: *The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim liberty to captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim a year acceptable to the Lord.* Rolling up the scroll, he handed it back to the attendant and sat down, and the eyes of all in the synagogue looked intently at him. He said to them, "Today this Scripture passage is fulfilled in your hearing." **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:

In both the reading from Nehemiah and the Gospel passage, we see the dynamic power of the word of God. Paul's teaching originated as oral proclamation, and like the texts read by Ezra the priest and the one interpreted by Jesus himself, it was first proclaimed aloud. Only later were these proclamations written and handed down from one community to another, from one generation to the next. The word of God elicits various responses. In the first reading, the people cried out in response: 'Amen, amen! So be it! We hear and we will obey!' From the verses contained in today's gospel, we do not know how those who heard Jesus' interpretation reacted to it. We do know that both audiences listened intently to the sacred words of Scripture. Can we do less? Are we eager to obey? Do we view the law as a treasure, as life-giving? Have we learned to live with each other as members of one body, each member being important and contributing to the total health of the entire body? Both Ezra and Jesus proclaimed the word of God within the context of a liturgical celebration, a setting similar to the ones wherein most people today hear God's word proclaimed. According to the teaching of Vatican II, the liturgy is described as the source and summit of our lives, and the liturgy of the word is an essential part of that celebration. With the people of Ezra, we are invited to respond: 'Amen, amen! Thanks be to God!'

Dianne Bergant CSA

PRAYER AT HOME: Repeat often this week: *Lord, you provide drink for my thirst and food for my hunger. Lord, may I always share in your abundance.*

VOCATION VIEW: There was a wedding between God and us: "to have and to hold, from this day forward, for better or for worse." God is faithful and true. Let us do the same.

RECENT DEATH: Leonila Moso, Aldo Cannizzaro, Terence Walsh, Michele Gualano, Raywin Roberts, Agripina Sturzo, Filomeno Ricamata

ANNIVERSARY: Guiseppe and Vitina D'Abarco, Pietro Alfredo, Gian-Antonio and Caterina Maria Nerina Savio, Diletta Elsa Amatori, Ermene-Gildo Destro, Gilda Tirabassi, Sotera, Carolino and Aurelio Jr. Demate, Bella Ticar

PRAYER FOR THE SICK: *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 (24th to 29th January 2022)

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Mon - 9.00am Liturgy of the word with Communion

Tues to Sat - 9.00am Mass

WEEKEND MASSES (29th and 30th January 2022)

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH

Sat - 6.00pm Vigil Mass

Sun: 8.00am Mass, **9.30am** Mass, **11.00am** Mass

and 5.00pm Mass

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=bDZuUEJpVWVp6bUFVVMkY6bkpRQ0xoZz09>

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
- Hand Sanitizing
- Wearing Mask is required inside the Church
- Entrance and Exit via opposite wide doors.

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.



AUSTRALIA DAY

Wednesday, 26th January 2022



PRAY FOR AUSTRALIA

God, powerful and gentle, You love this southern land and all its peoples, old and new. As the cross shines in our heavens, so may Christ bring light to our nation, as the waves encircle our shores, so may your mercy enfold us all. May the God who formed our southern land be for us a rock of strength. May the God who rules our southern seas keep us safe in every storm. May the God who made our southern skies turn our darkness into light.

'Thank you from Vinnies'

Thank you to you all my fellow Parishioners for your generous gifts of food, gifts/presents for children and families and monetary assistance **\$1570.85**, all part of the Vinnies Christmas Appeal. St Andrew's continues to be a parish that is extremely generous and ever mindful of Christ's call to be present in our world through charitable love."