

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Joshua, Fay Donohue, Antonio Tavares and those of our community.

Recently Deceased:

Repose of the Souls: Rosentina Napoleon, Maria do Ceu Napoleon and Armandina Leal and those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church
Cleaning

Saturday 20th September — Vietnamese Community.

Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people.

St Dominic's Community holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a fundamental responsibility of the church. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. A cultural of safety within the Church ensures that children can actively and fully participate in the life of the Church and realise their potential in a faith community. **We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.**

Attention Parents and Carers! If your child goes to the toilet or just outside of the Church, one of the parents must accompany him/her.

Please Note: Only authorised people can turn on heaters.

Dear Sacristans, thank you for all your great job that you are doing and please after mass make sure, **Heaters and microphones are off, to avoid risk of fire and big bills.** Thank you.

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2025

Please start collecting the tickets and money. Thank you!

Please do not bring unwanted items into the church, we found a couple of bags full of rubbish, this is the Lord's House and should have a bit of respect.

Helpers are needed for Cleaning the Church Garden.

Would you spare a couple of hours to clean up the church garden at your convenience time? If so, please ask Fr Peter for any tools needed.

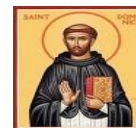
A Big Thanks to those who already doing it, very much appreciated.

**THANKSGIVING
OFFERING ONLINE TO:
ST DOMINIC'S CHURCH
BSB: 083 347
ACCOUNT NUMBER:
67441 1404**

PLEASE TYPE YOUR THANKSGIVING
ENVELOPE NUMBER WHEN YOU DO
THE TRANSACTION.

The Parish has the facility of
**EFTPOS DEBIT, VISA CARD
and MASTER CARD.** This is a
good option for those who do
not carry cash and would like
to contribute to the church.
**The set up is of: \$5.00;
\$10.00; \$20.00 and \$50.00**

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sundays: 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday evening)
9.00am 1st & 3rd Sundays: Vietnamese Mass
9.00am 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays: English Mass
11.00am: English Mass
1.00pm: Spanish Mass

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am Mass

Morning Prayer of the Church: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.25am

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday before Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Benediction: Every Friday following the 9.00am Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday to Saturday before or after Mass.

Baptism Information/Preparation: Every First Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Every Third Friday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



The Exaltation of the Holy Cross - Year C 14th September 2025

First Reading: Numbers 21:4-9

When those that were afflicted looked upon it, they were healed.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 77:1-2. 34-38. R. v.7

(R.) Do not forget the works of the Lord!

Second Reading: Philippians 2:6-11

He humbled himself, therefore God had exalted him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

We adore you, O Christ, and we praise you,
because by your cross you have redeemed the world.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 3:13-17

The Son of Man must be lifted up.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Amos 8: 4-7; 1 Timothy 2: 1-8; Luke: 16: 1-13



REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Today we concentrate on the power of the cross in our lives. It is the ultimate demonstration of the nature of God. Christ gave of himself even to death on the cross. This is characteristic, not only of the man Jesus, but of the Godhead. Creation is the first example of divine emptying; redemption is the ultimate example. Unlike Good Friday when we stand before the stark cross and mourn the death of our innocent messiah, today we stand before the glorious cross and praise God for God's incomprehensible goodness toward us. God's graciousness is poured out indiscriminately, prodigally as only profound love can be given. Such is the nature of our God, and the cross is the symbol of this nature.

Jesus compares the pole in the wilderness on which was fixed the serpent to the cross which becomes the source of our healing. It was through the cross that Jesus conquered sin and death and won for us access to God. It is through the cross that we die to sin and rise to new life in Christ. As painful as life's crosses may be, they serve to transform us. It can be our hope in the midst of pain and suffering and brokenness, because it promises to carry us into new life.

Through the goodness of God, which has been poured out for us, we have been granted eternal life. It is incomprehensible to think that death is the way to life, but that is the message of this feast. The cross, which is a sign of shame and misery, is now a symbol of glory and exaltation.

SEASON OF CREATION REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

During the very first Mass for the Care of Creation, Pope Leo commented on how 'the liturgy represents life.' Given this, we should learn to more fully appreciate the relationship between the prayer of the Church and the Church's concern for the world.

Indeed, the pope wants us to 'pray for the conversion of the many people, inside and outside the Church, who do not yet recognise the urgent need to care for our common home.' Pope Leo affirms that Pope Francis' teaching in *Laudato Si'* and *Fratelli Tutti* 'continues to be timely.'

So too does the example of Our Lord. The Gospels clearly show us that in Galilee Jesus revealed his own 'deep connection with that land and those waters, with the rhythm of the seasons and with the life of creatures.' We too, to be truly Christ-like, cannot then turn our backs on creation.

'Our mission to care for creation, to foster peace and reconciliation, is Jesus' own mission,' Pope Leo declares. It is 'the mission that the Lord entrusts to us.'

'We hear the cry of the earth and we hear the cry of the poor,' the pope says in echo of his predecessor, 'because this plea has reached the heart of God. Our indignation is his indignation; our work is his work.'

Safeguarding Sunday, 14 September

Today we are gathered on Safeguarding Sunday, a day when we pause to focus on our responsibility to protect and care for those who are vulnerable. In the Bible, we find a clear and strong message about justice, compassion, and speaking up for those who cannot speak for themselves. We are called to be a safe, welcoming and hope-filled church. In our everyday lives, let's be mindful of those around us who are vulnerable or marginalised.

Who are the "silent" ones in our society, the ones without a voice? Today, God may be calling you to stand up for them.

Whether it's through prayer, support, or direct action, we are invited to participate in God's work of justice.

SAFEGUARDING SUNDAY • 14 SEP 2025

WE ARE A SAFE, HOPE-FILLED AND WELCOMING CHURCH



**Today after each Mass Sale of Sausages and other Food
Led by the Spanish Community**

Supporting this fundraising you are helping the church
with the daily expenses.



MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday, 11th October - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne

Wear pink and blue for the Babies! www.marchforthebabies.com

This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008

**To: Mr Victor Melder Happy 90th Birthday, May the good Lord
Shower you with many blessing and good health.**



New Young Saints encourage faithful to live life to the full, Pope says

The greatest risk in life is to waste it by not seeking to follow God's plan, Pope Leo XIV said, proclaiming two new saints—two young laymen of the 20th and 21st centuries. 'Sts Pier Giorgio Frassati and Carlo Acutis are an invitation to all of us, especially young people, not to squander our lives, but to direct them upward and make them masterpieces,' the Pope said on Sunday 7 September. 'The simple but winning formula of their holiness,' he said, is accessible to everyone at any time. 'They encourage us with their words: "Not I, but God," as Carlo used to say. And Pier Giorgio: "If you have God at the centre of all your actions, then you will reach the end".' Before canonising the first saints of his pontificate, Pope Leo greeted the more than 80,000 faithful who had gathered early in St Peter's Square because he wanted to share his joy with them before the start of the solemn ceremony.

Please Note: This Wednesday Mass will be at 8.15am as Fr Octavian is attending a Parish Admin Forum.