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Sunday Masses:
Sun. 10 a.m.
Sun. 5:30 p.m.
Weekday Masses:
Mon. 9:15 a.m.
Wed. 9:15 a.m.
Fri. 9:15 a.m.
Confessions:
By arrangement

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

16 March 2025

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Annie Sein (d'ced 10 March 2025)

ANNIVERSARIES: Ron Cameron, Mick (Eugene) Cleary, Paul Coltman, Michael Emidio Dell'Orso, Gerald Llewellyn Grace, Pat (Patricia Mary) Hayes, Kevin Brian Hurley, Elizabeth Jelynek, Sr Monica Lynam RSJ, Val Shelton

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD: We welcome the children and families who have joined us at our 10 am Mass today so that their children may participate in their own Children's Liturgy of the Word. We particularly welcome and thank the parents who have organised and prepared today's Children's Liturgy. If you would like to help with Children's Liturgy, please contact Rita Zambruno on rita.zambruno@hotmail.com.

OFFERTORY GIVING PROGRAM: This week, we continue our Offertory Giving Program. We have prepared and made available a Financial Report which covers the last six years of our parish finances.

There are two key messages. First of all, our parish is in a sound financial situation with a total of just over \$338,000 in our three parish accounts. Secondly, however, we do face a financial challenge. Since COVID, over the last three years, we have had to spend more money than we have received. In 2022, the shortfall was about \$31,000. In 2023, the shortfall was about \$20,000. And last year, the shortfall was close to \$26,000.

Please don't let these shortfalls discourage you. If we all prayerfully consider what we can do to support our parish – if we all give what we can – there will be sufficient funds so that our parish can continue to live out its mission. That is what our Offertory Giving Program is about.

We hope that those who are already in our Offertory Giving Program will renew their commitment, and that other parishioners – especially newer parishioners – will join our program. Next Sunday is our Giving Sunday in which we will all be asked to renew our financial commitment to our parish.

Giving Program letters are available from a box on the table in the narthex or foyer of our church. I apologise if we haven't prepared a letter addressed to you. If this is the case, please take one of the generic letters at the back of the box.

Weekly envelopes and giving reports are also available in another box on the green table in the narthex. If you are already in our Offertory Giving Program, please take your letter from this box.

REQUIEM MASS FOR ANNIE SEIN: For many years, Annie Sein has been a long-term and much-loved member of this parish. She passed away last Monday 10th March, surrounded by her family and friends. Fr Kevin attended her, and gave her all the Last Rites of our church.

Annie's Requiem Mass will be held in St Cecilia's at 11 am on Saturday 29th March. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

WEEKDAY MASSES: We have weekday Masses this week on Monday 17th March, Wednesday 19th March, and Friday 21st March. Are you able to join us during Lent for a weekday Mass?

Our 9:15 am Mass on Friday is a **MEMORIAL MASS for TZER-HAN LIM**. At the age of 41, Tzer-Han died in a tragic snowboarding accident in Japan on 21st March 2020. This Mass is on the fifth anniversary of his death.