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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

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 February 2026

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Billy Hill (d'ced 16th January 2026), Carmel Fisicaro (d'ced 20th January 2026)

ANNIVERSARIES: Carmel Brady, John Brennan, Fr Peter Hansen, Jack (John Patrick) McGuinness, Margaret Murray, Sr Pauline Pfiel RSJ, John (Iwa) Stereff, Eunice Mary Tindley

We welcome children and their families to **CHILDREN'S LITURGY** at our 10 am Mass this morning. After this Mass, please join us for a **sausage sizzle** in the front yard of the presbytery and a cuppa. This is a great way for us to meet one another and build community in our parish. As a way of getting to know one another, we ask everyone to introduce themselves to someone they don't know.

If you could help with Children's Liturgy, please contact Rita Zambruno on Rita.zambruno@hotmail.com.

We have something new in our church. It's a **CROSS-STITCH IMAGE OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP**. It's at the front of the church on the right-hand side. It was made and donated to St Cecilia's Church by Sarath Raymond Cooray, who lives in Sri Lanka and is the father of Mark Cooray. There are 25 different colours in the image, and making it took over 250 hours.

This work of art is best appreciated from a few metres away. From this perspective, it forms a soft image of St Mary MacKillop which is almost three-dimensional.

The print of St Mary MacKillop which was in this place is now displayed in the work sacristy. It was donated by Neville D'Cruz.

On 19 January 2026, three Catholic Cardinals in the United States issued a **JOINT STATEMENT ON THE MORALITY OF U.S. FOREIGN POLICY**. A copy of this statement is attached to this bulletin.

On Sunday 11th January this year, we attached to our bulletin some extracts from the speech which Pope Leo XIV gave on 9th January to the Diplomatic Corps accredited to the Holy See. The Cardinals' statement quotes from Pope Leo's speech, and then applies its vision of how international relations should be to US foreign policy.

The Cardinals "renounce war as an instrument for narrow national interests and proclaim that military action must be seen only as a last resort in extreme situations, not a normal instrument of national policy." They "seek a foreign policy that respects and advances the right to human life, religious liberty, and the enhancement of human dignity throughout the world, especially through economic assistance."

They complain that debate in the United States "on the moral foundation for American policy is beset by polarization, partisanship, and narrow economic and social interests." Noting that Pope Leo has revealed a better way, they commit themselves to preaching, teaching and advocating about this in the coming months.

WEEKDAY MASSES this week are at 9:15 am on Monday 2nd February, Wednesday 4th February, and Friday 6th February.