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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

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

18 May 2025

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Pope Francis (d'ced 21 April 2025)

ANNIVERSARIES: Monica Drew, Eileen Fitzpatrick, Florence May Fletcher, Kevin Joseph Kealy, Vince (Vinicio) Lui, Susanne Maher, Sr Antonene McNeil RSJ, Adie (Albert) Pearce, Patrick Ryan, Silvana Zennaro

COMMITMENT MASSES FOR FIRST RECONCILIATION: At both our 10 am and 5:30 pm Masses today, we welcome the girls and boys who are preparing for First Reconciliation this year. We also welcome their families. At these Masses, the girls and boys will make a commitment to prepare well for this sacrament, while their families will commit to be examples of faith for their children. The children will celebrate their First Reconciliation between Tuesday 27th May and Thursday 29th May. Please keep these girls and boys in your prayers as they prepare for one of the significant events in their life of faith.

ASSISTANCE FOR ASYLUM SEEKER: In recent weeks, we have asked for accommodation for an asylum seeker and her young son. You'll be pleased to know that this family have now found an apartment. Thank you for your prayers supporting this family. We have one more request. Does anyone have a second-hand washing machine which you would be prepared to donate to this family? If so, please phone Fr Kevin on 9412 8418 with the details.

A MOTHER'S LIFE SHOULDN'T BE LEFT TO CHANCE: Catholic Mission and the Victorian Catholic Medical Association invite you to a talk which explores the difficulties faced by expectant mothers in rural Zambia – and how Catholic Mission is helping them. The presenter is Abraham Muma, Health Services Coordinator at the Chilonga Mission Hospital in Zambia. The talk will be held at 7 pm on Thursday 5th June at St Peter's Parish Centre, 581 Toorak Road, Toorak. Entry is free, but please phone Catholic Mission on 9087 8080 to register that you're attending. Light refreshments will be served.

AN EVENING FOR TEENAGERS: St Benedict's Catholic Church at 283 Warrigal Road, Burwood invites high school students to an Encounter evening with dinner, games, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, and an invitation to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It will be held from 6:30 to 9:30 pm on Friday, 27th June. To register, go to trybooking.com/CYQJY. For more information, contact Katie Hoang, Youth Coordinator at St Benedict's on 9808 2492 or katie@stbenedicts.com.au.

MUSIC SOIRÉE AT CABRINI MALVERN CHAPEL: From 2 to 3 pm on Sunday 1st June, the Cabrini Choir in collaboration with St Joseph's Music Ministry will present a programme of popular music in the Cabrini Malvern Chapel, 183 Wattletree Road, Malvern. Entry is by donation at the door, and all funds will support the Brigidine Asylum Seekers Project. I hope that a group of us from St Cecilia's will attend this event. As the day approaches, we'll have a sign-up sheet in the church, and we'll organise transport for anyone who wants it.

WEEKDAY MASSES this week are at 9:15 am on Monday 19th May, Wednesday 21st May, and Friday 23rd May.

POPE LEO XIV: We now have the official photograph of Pope Leo XIV in a picture frame in the narthex or foyer of our church. This photo includes our new Pope's signature and his coat of arms. He has signed "Leo P.P. XIV". "P.P." is an abbreviation that stands for "*Pastor Pastorum*" ("Shepherd of the Shepherds").

Leo's coat of arms has a fleur-de-lis on a blue background at the top left. This symbolises the Virgin Mary. At the bottom right, on a cream background it has a heart pierced by an arrow, resting on a book. This is a symbol of the Augustinian order. His motto is "*In illo uno unum*" ("In the one Christ we are one"). This phrase is taken from St. Augustine's commentary on Psalm 127. It reflects our new Pope's roots in the Augustinian order and his commitment to unity in the Church.

