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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

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7 September 2025

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Josephine Tesoriero (d'ced 14 August 2025), Moya Bowman (d'ced 23 August 2025), Clare Lai Fong WONG (d'ced 30 August 2025)

ANNIVERSARIES: Alan Burt, Joseph Graham Byrnes, Patrick Collins, William Hickleton, Hilda Mary Jennings, Eleanor L'Huillier, Dino Marrone, Maria Papaluca, William Angus James Smith, Peg (Margaret) Wood

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY: In our Masses this weekend, we pray for our own fathers (whether they are alive or dead), fathers of this parish, and all fathers around the world.

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.

Give them strength and wisdom, tenderness and patience.
Support them in the work they have to do.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honour them always
with a spirit of profound respect.

IN MEMORY OF CLARE LAI FONG WONG: For many years, Clare was an active and much-loved member of St Cecilia's Parish. She was married to Poh Kah (PK) YONG. She had two children Karen and Dennis, and three grandchildren. In recent years, Clare has lived at Samarinda Aged Care in Ashburton. A parishioner from here took her Communion every Sunday.

After a mini-stroke and then a heart attack, Clare passed away on Saturday, 30th August. Last week, we offered the weekday Masses here for the repose of her soul and the consolation of her family. Her Requiem Mass was at St Scholastica's, Bennettswood last Thursday, 4th September, with a family friend Fr Terry Bergin presiding. May Clare rest in peace.

On this **SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY**, the Australian Catholic bishops invite us to reflect on people who are homeless and who live with mental health challenges.

The bishops report that Australia is facing a deepening crisis. Over 273,000 people sought help from homelessness services last year, many also struggling with mental illness. Services are overstretched and many people are left without care, shelter, or hope. Many who are homeless also live with serious mental health challenges. Services are overwhelmed, and too many people are left without the help they desperately need.

This year's Social Justice Statement calls us to follow the example of Jesus, who always noticed, listened to, and cared for those on the edge of society. The statement quotes St John Chrysostom, who said, "The one who said, 'this is my body'... also said 'you saw me hungry and did not feed me' and 'whenever you failed to do these things to one of the least of these, you failed to do it to me.'"

The bishops call for practical action: more affordable housing, better mental health services, stronger support systems, and an end to policies that leave people behind. They also state that we who are followers of Jesus must notice those on the edge, truly get to know them, and walk with them in love.

Copies of this year's Statement and prayer cards are available in the narthex or foyer of our church. Please take a copy of the Statement home, read it, and prayerfully consider what it is saying to you and what it is asking you to do.

WEEKDAY MASSES this week are at 9:15 am on Monday 8th September, Wednesday 10th September, and Friday 12th September. Are you able to join us for one of these Masses?