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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

22 February 2026

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Geoff Bailey (d'ced 2 February 2026), Antonio Dell'Orso (d'ced 3 February 2026)

ANNIVERSARIES: Aldo Aquilina, Thomas Commons, Mary Ditty, Nola Ditty, Margaret Jessie Dwyer, Desmond Goonan, Maureen Hurley, Teck Choon LAM, Elizabeth Philomena Lynch, Fr Ian Mackintosh OMI, Sr Eymard O'Donnell RSJ, Arthur Carl (Carlo) Pinzone, Brian John Vear, Doris Wighton, Robert Michael Wood

PROJECT COMPASSION envelopes and boxes are available on a table in the narthex or foyer of our church. Fr Kevin encourages you to take some of the envelopes, which you can put on the collection basket any Sunday during Lent. If you want to take a box, a few of the boxes have been unfolded and made up. Most are in their unfolded form in a plastic container. If you take an unfolded box, you have the pleasure of unfolding it and putting it together yourself. It's easy!

'THE JOURNEY HOME' LENTEN PROGRAM: Copies of this Lenten booklet are also available on the table in the narthex or foyer of our church. These booklets contain a short reflection for each day of Lent, with slightly longer reflections for each Sunday. These daily reflections are a great way of making Lent a more reflective and prayerful time. And they're free! If you've not already done so, please take your copy today.

POPE LEO'S MESSAGE FOR LENT is attached to this week's bulletin. Pope Leo said that the season of Lent "invites us to place the mystery of God back into the centre of our lives." He asked us to listen more – to hear God speaking to us through the readings in the liturgy, and also to hear "the cry of the poor and of the earth". For fasting and abstinence, he particularly recommends "refraining from words that offend and hurt our neighbour": "Let us strive to measure our words and cultivate kindness and respect... In this way, words of hatred will give way to words of hope and peace". He also asked that we undertake our Lenten journey together so that we can encourage one another on that journey.

The final paragraph of Pope Leo's Lenten message is a concise summary of what he said.

SCHOOL AND PARISH WELCOME MASS AND FUNCTION: Two weeks from now on **Sunday 1st March**, our 10 am Mass will be a Welcome Mass which welcomes all our students back to our parish and school, and particularly welcomes new students and families. This Mass is hosted by our Year 5/6 students and the new children in Foundation. After the Mass, there will games, activities and a BBQ in the school grounds. Please join us then.

MAINTENANCE IN ST CECILIA'S CHURCH: Last Friday, our parish handyman completed six small maintenance jobs in St Cecilia's Church. So that the main entrance doors of our church no longer rub together when they are closed, he shaved a small piece from the top of one of these doors. He fixed the lock in the unisex toilet so it's now easier to close and open. He removed the 'Confessional' sign from the storage room. He moved our two pictures of St Mary MacKillop so they're no longer too close together. And he repositioned two fire extinguishers so they now satisfy fire safety regulations.

There are a few, slightly larger jobs which are still to be completed. We'll report on them when they are done.

Have you noticed anything in our church which should be repaired or improved? Please let Fr Kevin know.

WEEKDAY MASSES at St Cecilia's this week are at 9:15 am on Monday 23rd February, Wednesday 25th February, and Friday 27th February. Are you able to join us for a weekday Mass in Lent?