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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-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

31 August 2025

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Josephine Tesoriero (d'ced 14 August 2025), Moya Bowman (d'ced 23 August 2025)

ANNIVERSARIES: George Beal, Rosemary Anne Berry, Bernard A. Cleary, Jan Griffiths, Clare Lyons, Pia Malandra, Jack McCann, Betty (Edith Margaret) McHugh, Hannah Morton, Philip Quinlan, Teresa Ruta, Margaret Mary Staubli, Neil Anthony Streten, Alicia Tucker

FIRST COMMUNION: This Sunday and last Sunday, a total of 31 girls and boys are making their First Communion at St Cecilia's. At our **10 am Mass today**, Henry Boone, Remy Davies, Charlotte Matina, Evalina Odorisio, Elena Sekuloski, James Swan, and Nicholas Swan will receive Communion for the first time.

Please keep these girls and boys and their families in your prayers. First Communion is a time when families are more than usually aware of the questions of faith and religious practice. We pray that, at least from time to time, the families of these girls and boys will regularly continue to bring them to Sunday Mass so that they may continue to receive Jesus who is the Bread of Life.

GAZA PETITION: Caritas Australia (our own Catholic aid and development agency) invites us to sign their online petition. The petition recognises the escalating starvation crisis in Gaza. By September 9, changes to registration processes for international aid agencies threaten to reduce drastically the already insufficient flow of food, water, and medicine into Gaza. The petition calls on the Australian Government and the international community to act urgently to prevent a catastrophic drop in humanitarian aid to Gaza. To learn more and sign the pledge, go to caritas.org.au/gaza. **This petition closes today, Sunday 31st August** so you will have to act quickly to sign it.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY was scheduled for today. Because of the First Communions, we have moved Social Justice Sunday to next week. This year's Social Justice Statement is titled *Signs of Hope on the Edge*. It gives us an understanding of what life is like for people with mental ill-health who are homeless. It notes some of the difficulties in providing adequate support to people in these circumstances, and asks us to consider how we could support organisations like the St Vincent de Paul Society who are making a difference. Copies of this Social Justice Statement will be available at our Sunday Masses next week.

WEEKDAY MASSES this week are at 9:15 am on Monday 1st September, Wednesday 3rd September, and Friday 5th September. Are you able to join us for one of these Masses?

2025 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN: Thank you to everyone who has already made a pledge or gift. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! This campaign supports the vital ministries of our Archdiocese.

If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. At the back of the church, there's a collection basket on a stand. Money can be put there. If you'd like to claim a tax deduction, you can use the envelopes available there. Or you could scan the link below, or donate online at <https://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign>.

Your generous gift supports ministries across the Archdiocese —bringing the Good News to life not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



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