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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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16 February 2025

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES: Ronald Thomas Bartlett, Alice Patricia Hope, Maureen Hurley, Amalia Jakovac, Bernice Johnson, Anne Joy, Bruce Nott, James O'Meara, Josephine O'Connell, David Percy Shelton, Fanny Clare Anne Vasil, John Albert Whitbread, Robert Michael Wood

SCHOOL AND PARISH WELCOME MASS AND FUNCTION: On Sunday 2nd 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.

LETTER FROM POPE FRANCIS: Last Monday (10th February), Pope Francis wrote to the Bishops of the United States expressing concern about "the major crisis that is taking place in the United States with the initiation of a program of mass deportations." He recognised that policies must be developed that regulate orderly and legal migration. Even so, he warned that "the act of deporting people who in many cases have left their own land for reasons of extreme poverty, insecurity, exploitation, persecution or serious deterioration of the environment damages the dignity of many men and women, and of entire families." He asked Catholics and all people of good will "not to give in to narratives that discriminate against and cause unnecessary suffering to our migrant and refugee brothers and sisters." "We are all called to live in solidarity and fraternity."

A copy of the letter from Pope Francis is attached to this week's newsletter. It invites us to reflect on our own attitude to what is happening in the United States – and also on how we welcome and integrate migrants, refugees and people seeking asylum here in Australia.

ST DOMINIC'S PARISH invites everyone to gather for a presentation, cuppa and discussion '*Starting from where we are: how the Gospel can heal a broken world.*' The gathering will be led by Michael McGirr, who is the Melbourne Diocesan Director of Caritas Australia, the Catholic agency which conducts Project Compassion. It will be held in St Dominic's Parish Centre at 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell on Sunday, 2nd March from 10:30 to 11:30 am. For more information, contact Denis Fitzgerald on 0418 136 372.

365 LIFE is an initiative which seeks to share a pro-life message, and to connect women who may be considering a termination of pregnancy with counselling and support. Those who volunteer to be part of this initiative will receive a free set of 90 cards twice a year. These cards carry a gentle message about the humanity of unborn children, along with QR access to Pregnancy Crisis Centres around Australia. Volunteers are asked to share one of these cards each day. For example, they might give a card to someone they know, or they may leave a card somewhere where people will pick it up and consider its message, such as on a shelf in a shopping centre or in a library book. We never know who may pick it up, or what impact it may have. More information about this initiative may be found online at www.voice4life.com.au.

WEEKDAY MASSES this week are at 9:15 am on Monday 17th February, Wednesday 19th February, and Friday 21st February.