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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

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

20 July 2025

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES: Bernadette Ambrose, Sheila Mary Fitzgerald, Alma Hayes, Martin Hayes, Daniel Lagastes, Brian O'Connell, Steele J.J. Taylor

MEMORIAL MASS: Our 10 am Mass today is a Memorial Mass for Marie Wallace, who is the mother of Andrea Tsalamandris. Marie passed away on the 17th of July 2005, so this Mass marks the 20-year anniversary of her passing. We remember Marie prayerfully with her family.

WINTER APPEAL: The **St Vincent de Paul Society** is an international Catholic lay organisation of people committed to doing charitable work. There are 15 parishioners from St Cecilia's and St Roch's who are volunteers with the Glen Iris Conference. Each month, our local Conference makes about 40 household visits to people in need. We provide supermarket and Vinnies store gift cards and sometimes financial help with rent and utilities. Plus, we listen to those who seek help and we try to give them encouragement and hope.

Financial support is always needed to allow this work to continue. Tax deductible donations can be made by using a donation envelope which is available at the rear of the Church. Or go to <https://www.vinnies.org.au/>, or phone 13 18 12. Please mention "**Glen Iris 431**" so that the funds donated are credited to our local Conference.

This is the last Sunday on which we'll be conducting this Appeal. If you wish to donate, please do so today.

If you'd like to attend one of our Conference meetings, in which we have good discussion and reflection, or to ask about volunteering for a few hours every few months, please call Paul Townshend on 0418 356 442.

WEEKDAY MASSES this week are at 9:15 am on Monday 21st July, Wednesday 23rd July, and Friday 25th July. Are you able to join us this week for a weekday Mass?

PRAY FOR PEACE IN GAZA: The only Catholic Church in Gaza is Holy Family Catholic Church. Hundreds of Palestinians have been sheltering in its compound from the war. Its parish priest is Fr Gabriele Romanelli. In the last 18 months of his life, Pope Francis would often call Fr Romanelli to ask how everyone was coping.

Last Wednesday 16th July, an Israeli shell slammed into the compound of this church, killing three people and wounding ten others. One of the people injured was Fr Romanelli, who suffered a light leg injury.

In a telegram signed by Cardinal Pietro Parolin, the Vatican Secretary of State, Pope Leo XIV expressed deep sorrow for the loss of life and for the injuries caused by the attack. He conveyed his spiritual closeness to Fr Romanelli and the entire parish community, commended the souls of the deceased to the "loving mercy of Almighty God", and offered prayers for the recovery of the injured and the consolation of those who grieve. He also renewed his appeal for peace and for a ceasefire, and expressed his "profound hope for dialogue, reconciliation, and enduring peace in the region."

On Friday 18th July, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu called Pope Leo XIV. During this meeting, Pope Leo renewed his appeals for a renewed impetus to negotiations, and for a ceasefire and an end to the war. He reiterated his concern for the dramatic humanitarian situation of the population in Gaza, "whose excruciating price is being paid especially by children, the elderly, and the sick."

Please join Pope Leo in praying for negotiations, a ceasefire, and an end to the war in Gaza.