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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

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

7 July 2024

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES: Sr Matthew Beovich RSJ, Lois Billings, John Francis Buckley, Pat (Patricia Mary) Lightfoot, Anthony Alexander McGowan, Barry (James Barry) Young

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY is celebrated by the Catholic Church in Australia each year on the first Sunday in July. This is the first day of NAIDOC Week, which runs from the first Sunday in July until the following Sunday.

The 2024 theme for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is 'Keep the Fire Burning: Strong in Faith'. After the Voice Referendum was rejected by a majority of Australians last year, we are asked to consider whether we are ready to walk with the First Peoples of Australia in a journey of reconciliation. In a homily published in the Resource Kit for this day, Bishop Danny Meagher, auxiliary bishop of Sydney, stated, "Reconciliation is right. It is what God wants." He also asked us in faith "to retain hope that God's ways... will in the end win,... that, one day, God's kingdom will come." Are we able to believe this? Are we ready to play our part in the journey of reconciliation with the First Peoples of Australia?

MORNING TEA: Please join us after the 10 am Mass today for morning tea.

DEATH NOTICE: Both Hilary Allen and her late husband Jack were long-term and much-loved parishioners of St Cecilia's. Jack passed away in 2011. Hilary passed away last week on Wednesday 3rd July. May she rest in peace. A time has not yet been set for Hilary's funeral. We will probably have this information for you next Sunday.

REMOVAL OF MURAL: On one of the rear windows of St Cecilia's Church is a mural. It was an initiative of our parish Pastoral Council in 2010. It's a tree which contains photos of the children at St Cecilia's School in 2010, along with some parishioners of St Cecilia's. Its purpose was to unite more closely our church and school.

The original plan was that the mural would be updated year after year. However, as far as I can determine, it has not been updated since 2010. One reason for this is that it's quite a labour-intensive process to create new photos for the mural.

The photos which are there are now quite old. What is more, because all of these children have left St Cecilia's School, the mural no longer fulfils its original purpose of uniting church and school.

For these reasons, the mural is going to be removed in four weeks' time. Over this four weeks, if the mural contains a photo of you or a close family member, you are invited to take it. You should not take photos of anyone who is not a close family member without their permission.

Once the mural is removed, we'll store the remaining photos until the end of the year. That keeps them available for anyone who has a claim to them. After that, the photos will be destroyed.

In place of the mural, we'll display within our church a whole school photo of the students, teachers and staff of St Cecilia's School. This will achieve the original purpose of uniting church and school while allowing us to update the photo year after year.

WATER LEAK: As you may have noticed, there is a water leak in one of the water pipes under the asphalt near the school entrance. The exact location of the leak has been identified, and our plumber has put together a team to fix the leak. Work to repair this leak will be carried out next Tuesday 9th July.

WEEKDAY MASSES: This week, we have weekday Mass at 9:15 am on Monday 8th July, Wednesday 10th July, and Friday 12th July.