

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Fay Donohue, Joana Lemos and those of our community.

Recently Deceased:

Repose of the Souls: Paulo Soares, Silvia and Jose Santos, Fernando Oliveira, Josepy Cunho and those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church Cleaning	Saturday 6th September — Spanish Community.
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Safeguarding of children and vulnerable young people.

St Dominic's Community holds the care, safety and wellbeing of children as a fundamental responsibility of the church. This commitment is drawn from, and inherent to, the teaching and mission of Jesus Christ, with love, justice and dignity of each human person at the heart of the Gospel. A cultural of safety within the Church ensures that children can actively and fully participate in the life of the Church and realise their potential in a faith community. **We are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.**

Attention Parents and Carers! If your child goes to the toilet or just outside of the Church, one of the parents must accompany him/her.

Please Note: Only authorised people can turn on heaters.

Dear Sacristans, thank you for all your great job that you are doing and please after mass make sure, **Heaters and microphones are off, to avoid risk of fire and big bills.** Thank you.

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2025 A FABULOUS CAR ALONG WITH GIFT CARDS TO BE WON! Total value of prizes \$33,340.00

1st Prize: Kia Picanto Sport Auto 1.2ltr

2nd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card— value of \$5,000

3rd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card — value of \$3,000

4th & 5th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card—value of \$1,000

6th & 7th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card—value of \$ 500

Please support our Fundraising by buying tickets and taking books to sell to your family or friends. All funds toward the Church.

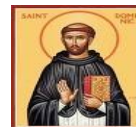


THANKSGIVING OFFERING ONLINE TO: ST DOMINIC'S CHURCH BSB: 083 347 ACCOUNT NUMBER: 67441 1404

PLEASE TYPE YOUR THANKSGIVING
ENVELOPE NUMBER WHEN YOU DO
THE TRANSACTION.

The Parish has the facility of
**EFTPOS DEBIT, VISA CARD
and MASTER CARD.** This is a
good option for those who do
not carry cash and would like
to contribute to the church.
**The set up is of: \$5.00;
\$10.00; \$20.00 and \$50.00**

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PARISH MASS TIMES

Sundays: 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday evening)
9.00am 1st & 3rd Sundays: Vietnamese Mass
9.00am 2nd, 4th & 5th Sundays: English Mass
11.00am: English Mass
1.00pm: Spanish Mass

Weekdays: Tuesday to Saturday 9.00am Mass

Morning Prayer of the Church: Tuesday to Saturday at 8.25am

Rosary: Tuesday to Sunday before Mass.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

Benediction: Every Friday following the 9.00am Mass.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Tuesday to Saturday before or after Mass.

Baptism Information/Preparation: Every First Sunday of the month at 3.00pm.

Anointing of the Sick: Every Third Friday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



Twenty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C 31st August 2025

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 3: 17 -20. 28-29

Humble yourself and you will find favour with the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 67: 4-7. 10-11

R/ God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

Second Reading: Hebrews 12: 18-19. 22-24

You have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you;

Learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 14: 1. 7-14

All who exalt themselves shall be humbled and all who humble themselves shall be exalted.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Wisdom 9: 13- 18; Philemon 9 – 10. 12 – 17; Luke 14: 25 – 33

Heaven Embossed Invitations by Fr Michael Tate

Looking at today's Gospel and hearing Our Lord's command, 'Invite the poor, the crippled, to the feast', how do we respond as global citizens who are Catholic Christians?

Where are the majority of the poor, the crippled, the blind, the lame?

In the refugee camps, the subsistence villages, the squalor of the mega-cities of the third world: Africa, Asia, the Pacific.

When we set the table whom do we invite? Our Lord urges us: '... when you give a feast, do not ask your brothers, relations and neighbours, for fear they repay your courtesy ...'

Of course it is good to have an immigration policy favouring skilled and entrepreneurial people. They bring business, professional or trade skills and perhaps some capital.

But it is obvious that such a policy is pursued out of self-interest – we get a pay-off in economic activity and social stability. They more than 'repay our courtesy'.

But, the gospel demands that we go beyond that.

'No, when you have a party [and in comparative global terms, isn't Australia having a wonderful party!] invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; that they cannot pay you back means you are fortunate, because repayment will be made to you when the virtuous rise again.'

So, the Gospel demands a generous refugee and humanitarian settlement programme here, not to help investment in skills and capital here, but to help those who are suffering some humanitarian catastrophe, without the necessities of life and even in peril of their lives.

And this should be supplemented by a generous overseas aid programme at government and voluntary levels – to extend the table overseas.

Today's gospel presents us with the facts. There is a feast. There are the poor, the maimed, the disabled. Justice demands, God's justice demands, a redistribution of resources, an invitation to the table of prosperity. It is obviously good for the recipients.

And it is also good for us! We become the sort of person who can share in the great feast prepared for all human beings at the end of history. When the total story of humanity is told, you and I will know whether we met the demands of today's gospel.

Only at the end of history will we know how providing fresh water to a village, how helping a refugee escape constant dehumanising fear, contributed to God's justice at that moment but with consequences 200 years from now, 2000 years from now.

Today Our Lord is saying: 'My friend, join in the feast of Heavenly bread and Spiritual drink at this Mass. Join in the feast. Be close to me.'

Archbishop Campaign 2025—24 & 31 August.

Go out to the whole world; proclaim the Good News to all creation.

Mark 16:15



Today a Special Collection will be taken at all Masses, please use the envelopes that are on the pews, or give as loose cash into the bag. Thank you!

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Donations can be made via the QR code, via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends. Thank you for supporting the Archdiocese.



From Fr Peter

To all Parishioners, a sincere and heartfelt for the care and love that you have been giving me all these years in this Parish, I am absolutely blown away by your kindness. Your actions have shown me just how thoughtful and generous you are, and I can't thank you enough for everything you've done for me.

I take you all of you in my heart and prayers.

God's Blessings to you all and continue the good work.



Fr Octavian

This week we welcome the New Priests in our Community.

Fr Octavian Masao as Parish Priest

and Fr Rogasian Msami (due to his father's illness he had to travel to his country and will comeback sometimes next month.

Sunday 14th September—Sale of Sausages and other Food

Led by the Spanish Community

Please support this fundraising by donating food, all funds towards maintenance of the church.



A Big Thank You to Mr Son Nguyen, for the great work that he has done in **Jesus' Grotto**, it is looking so beautiful. Also, thank you to those volunteers who keep the garden clean around the church, we still need more hand to do weeding, as it is growing quickly. *God's blessings for your generous hands.*

ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON THE PERMANENT DIACONATE

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. Online Diaconate information meeting - Tuesday, 24 September 2025 beginning 19:00 – 20:00—Location: via **ZOOM** **Attendance will be by invitation.** Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

A community of care: supporting Melbourne's retired priests

Priests work hard, really hard, but around the age of 75, they can retire. They are not left to fend for themselves, though. The Priests Retirement Foundation, funded by the Archbishop's Campaign, provides a place to live—either at one of two retirement villages in Melbourne, or through private rental. It also ensures their health and wellbeing are taken care of. **Supporting the Archbishop Campaign you are supporting the sick and retire priest who have dedicated their life by providing spiritual support to communities.**