

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Dianne Hutchinson and those of our community.

Recently Deceased:

Repose of the Souls: Those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church Cleaning

Saturday 21st March — Vietnamese Community

Working Bee: Saturday 28th March—Many volunteers needed.

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.**

WORKING BEE

**SATURDAY 28TH MARCH
IN PREPARATION OF PALM
SUNDAY, PLEASE COME AND
HELP TO DECORATE AND
CLEAN THE CHURCH.**



This Lent, we are called to *Unite Against Poverty* through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Your generosity this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code.

Or online at: www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we *Unite Against Poverty* this Lent.

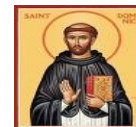


**UNITE
AGAINST
POVERTY**
this Lent

SALE OF FOOD ON 19TH APRIL

LED BY VIETNAMESE COMMUNITY AFTER EACH MASS.

ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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 Wednesday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



Fourth Sunday of Lent — Year A

15th march 2026

First Reading: 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10 – 13

In the presence of the Lord God, they anointed David king of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 22

R/ The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

Second Reading: Ephesians 5: 8-14

Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.

Gospel Acclamation:

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
whoever follows me will have the light of life.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: John 9: 1-41

The blind man went off and washed himself and came away with his sight restored.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Ezekiel 37: 12 – 14; Romans 8:8-11; John 11: 1-45

Pope Leo's dismay

For more than four years now Christians and people of all faiths have been praying for peace between Ukraine and Russia. It is the war that keeps on giving with no signs of an ending.

Now the world is watching the Israeli/American conflict with Iran. As if the world needs another war. The pope, speaking to pilgrims in Rome on Sunday, said news from Iran and from across the Middle East has caused him deep dismay.

"Amid episodes of violence and devastation, and the widespread climate of hatred and fear, there is also the concern that the conflict may widen and that other countries in the region, including Lebanon, may once again sink into instability," he said.

Pope Leo XIV called on Catholics to pray so that "the roar of bombs may cease, that the weapons may fall silent, and that a space for dialogue may open in which the voice of the peoples can be heard."

The pope's call for peace echoes the words and thoughts of peace-loving people around the globe. How many innocents must die in the pursuit of global dominance or settling old scores?

We are into the fourth week of Lent and Easter is looming closer. Jesus showed us the way to treat one another but if history has told us anything, humans are slow learners.

But amidst the doom and gloom let us continue to pray.

Parish Synod Corner

1. What is a Synod? A Synod is a moment when the Church deliberately pauses to listen, pray, and discern together. It is not simply a meeting or a conference, but a spiritual process rooted in faith that the Holy Spirit continues to guide the Church today. In a Synod, we ask not only "What do we think?" but more importantly, "What is God asking of us at this moment in our mission?"

2. Where does the word "Synod" come from? The word *Synod* comes from the Greek *syn-hodos*, meaning "walking together on the road." This reminds us that the Christian life is never meant to be lived alone. Faith is a shared journey, where we support one another, listen to one another, and discern together how best to follow Christ.

3. Synodality is not new. Synodality is not a modern invention. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians gathered to pray, listen, and discern together. In the Acts of the Apostles, the Church faced difficult questions and resolved them not through power struggles, but through prayer, dialogue, and trust in the Holy Spirit.

4. A Synod is not a parliament—The Church is not a democracy where truth is decided by majority vote. A Synod is not about winning arguments or pushing agendas. Instead, it is a spiritual process of listening deeply—to God, to Scripture, to tradition, and to one another—so that decisions are shaped by faith and mission, not ideology.

5. Why listening matters in the Church—Listening is not a sign of weakness. In the Christian tradition, listening is an act of humility and faith. We believe that God can speak through the experiences, joys, and struggles of His people. Synodality reminds us that listening is a form of love and a path to wisdom. ...

Lent, Holy Week, Triduum & Easter Programme 2026

26th March – 7.00pm: **Reconciliation Service & Sacrament of Reconciliation.**

29th March: **Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord**

Processions of Palms before all Masses.

31st March: Tuesday—Chrism Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral at 10.00am

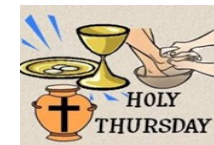
Mass at St Domini's at 8.00am



2nd April: **Holy Thursday** (Combine Celebration)

Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7.00pm

follow by Adoration until midnight.



3rd April: **Friday of the Passion of the Lord**

10.00am Stations of the Cross followed by Divine Mercy Novena

3.00pm The Lord's Passion—English

5.00pm The Lord's Passion—Spanish



4th April: **Easter Vigil Holy Saturday: 10.00 Divine Mercy Novena**

7.00pm—Easter Vigil of the Resurrection of The Lord.

10.00pm—Mass in Spanish

5th April: **Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord**

Masses: 9.00am followed by Divine Mercy Novena

11.00am English Mass and 1.00pm. Spanish Mass



6th to 11th April—9.00am Mass followed by Divine Mercy Novena

12th April—Divine Mercy Sunday— 2nd Sunday of Easter

Normal Sunday Masses



2.00pm—Divine Mercy Programme: Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosario, Procession, Divine Mercy Chaplet, Holy Mass.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS EVERY FRIDAY AT 7.00PM

During Lent Fr Octavian will be visiting the sick of the community, please give him the name and address of those who need to be visited by the priest.

Thanksgiving Envelopes: The new set of envelopes are ready to be collected from the church, please look for your Envelope number as it is in order according to the numbers.

There are sets of envelopes that are not in use in the blue trays, if you would like to contribute to the Church through the Thanksgiving Envelope please take one box without label and write your name, address and phone number at the back of the envelope with your first donation. Once we receive your first contribution your name will be added into our system.