

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Bitshow Oraham and those of our community.

Recently Deceased: Those who died in wars and natural disasters.

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

Church Cleaning	Saturday 19th July — Vietnamese 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.

The Parish will be participating in the Combined Catholic Parishes Raffle again this year. Once the tickets arrived we will notified you. We are asking for volunteers to sell them.

A Special Thank you to those parishioners who keep the church and garden clean on a regular bases. It is very much appreciated.

Catholic Dating Q&A—Swipe Right on God's Plan

Wednesday 23rd July from 8.00pm to 9.00pm, Online Via Zoom—Ages 18-35

Looking for love that reflects your faith? Join us for a fun, honest, and insightful session tackling real questions about dating, relationships, the waiting season, and God's plan for your love life. Whether you are single, dating, or simply curious—this is the place to connect, laugh, and learn. Contact: Reshma—0422 531 316 or Matt—0421 952 963

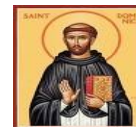
Parish Council Meeting—Thursday 17th July at 6.00pm

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.

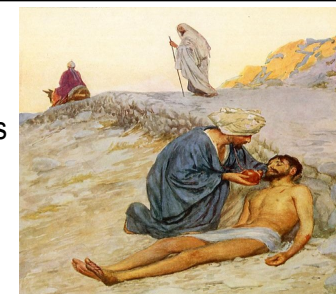
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

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.



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year C

13th July 2025

First Reading: Deuteronomy 30: 10-14

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 68: 14.17.30-31. 33-34. 36-37

R/ Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second Reading: Colossians 1: 15-20

All things were created through him and for him.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
You have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 10: 25 -37
Who is my neighbour?

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Genesis 18: 1-10; Colossians 1: 24-28; Luke 10:38-42

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Today's gospel is such a familiar one and such an enduring image that the title for the hero has passed into everyday use to describe a stranger who does a good turn for another. Many countries even have what is known as a 'Good Samaritan Law' that protects those who may hurt another person when they act in good faith to provide aid.

The parable is told in response to the question, 'And who is my neighbour?' Anyone hearing Jesus tell the story would have recognised the familiar story structure – things happening in three with the most important element occurring on the third repetition. As three people came upon the injured man on the road, the audience would have known that the hero of the story would be the third one along. But, as Jesus often did with his parables, the pattern is suddenly disrupted. Rather than the hero being an upright, faithful Jewish person, it is none other than a Samaritan who is the one who shows mercy. Samaritans and Jews had a deep-seated mistrust and suspicion towards one another that went back generations. So strong was the ill-feeling between the two peoples that when Jesus finishes his story and asks the lawyer which man proved himself a neighbour, the lawyer cannot even say 'the Samaritan' – he says 'the one who took pity'.

The story concludes with the instruction, 'Go and do the same yourself'. The commandment is to act with compassion towards others – even those you may not like. The priority of compassion over the Law is a major theme of the gospel of Luke. It is often described as the gospel of compassion. The Samaritan acts with compassion, rather than out of 'patterned' behaviours and attitudes. Jesus challenges the lawyer – and us – to 'Go and do the same'.

Historical context – Priests and Levites

The priest and Levite get a pretty bad wrap out of this story. Yet, their behaviour would have been unremarkable to the original audience. In Jewish culture, to touch blood made a person ritually unclean and unable to participate in religious rites. Both characters in the story were heading towards Jerusalem – towards the Temple – to carry out their religious duties. To touch the bloodied man would have meant that they were unable to perform their duties. The audience would have expected nothing different from these two men. Their 'crime' was to place duty before compassion and the needs of another.

Scriptural context – The 'Rule of Three'

Jesus was a good storyteller. He used a lot of the 'tricks of the trade' of good storytellers. Using a rule of three remains a common device to help storytellers remember the story. (Think of the number of times fairy tales use this device.) In the rule of three, the third repetition of an event or action always holds the key. Jesus used this device to great effect in his parables because he invariably broke the rule! He used the rule to lull his audience into a predictable story and then turned things upside down by having the unexpected occur.

Have you thought? Contemporary context

Being such a famous parable, it is common to see this story retold and acted out in 'modern' contexts. However, such attempts invariably lead to a literal retelling of the story and an overemphasis and reinforcement of social prejudices. Who gets cast in the role of the Samaritan? A member of the most socially outcast and hated group in society! Jesus' choice of the Samaritan as the hero was not to highlight the animosity between Jews and Samaritans, but rather to confound the expectations and prejudices of his audience. Let's understand the story in its intended setting before we change it!

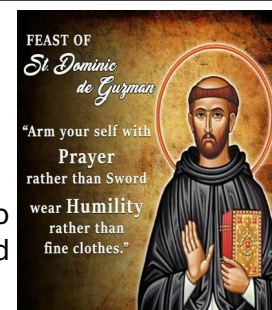
St Dominic's Feast Day

Sunday 17th August 2025

One Mass only at 11.00am

followed by a multicultural celebration in the school hall.

In this special day we are inviting all parishioners to participate with the traditional dresses, food, dance and singing from their countries.



"From all different nationalities we become one in God's name"

Please register your name or community and your participation in the form that is at the entrance of the church.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Saturday 9th August at 6.00pm & Sunday 10th August at 11.00am

Please remember our 16 children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Holy Sacrament of First Holy Communion.

**A Big Thanks to the Samoan Community
for the successful result in the Sale of Food last Sunday.**

Total Amount Raised \$2,025.70

**Next Sale of Food Sunday 3rd August
led by the Parish Council for a special cause.
Any donations of food or financial help is most welcome.**

Working Bee on Saturday 9th August after 9.00am Mass.

Please come along and help us to clean the church and garden, in preparation of the celebration of the Children First Holy Communion.

Also the following Saturday 16th August to decorate the church and hall for St Dominic's Feast Day.

As you are aware, sadly Fr Peter is leaving the first week of September and his last celebration of mass is on 31st August.

TALKING ABOUT GRIEF AND LOSS

By Rose Clark, Spiritual and Pastoral Carer at Royal Melbourne Hospital.
Sunday, 20 July at Holy Family Centre - 133-135 Malmsbury Drive
Meadow Heights. From 3-4pm, followed by afternoon tea.
Everyone is welcome!