

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Odete Tavares and those of our community.

Recently Deceased: Joseph (Joe) Camilleri, Mary Feliticas & Joan Chin

Repose of the Souls: Ilidio Barbosa, Trevor & Rita Masters, Maria Santos Guardado and those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church Cleaning Saturday 22nd March — Filipino Community

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.**

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Wed 19March - St Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Pope Francis' monthly prayer intention for March is for 'families in crisis'.

The pope invites the Church to pray for this intention in his latest video, which was released through the Pope's Worldwide Prayer Network. The video was prepared prior to the pope's hospitalisation for double pneumonia.

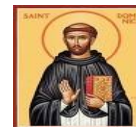
In the video Pope Francis acknowledges the difficulties facing families today.

"We all dream about a beautiful, perfect family. But there's no such thing as a perfect family, for each family has its own problems, as well as its tremendous joys," he says. Every member of the family is important because each is unique, Pope Francis adds, but often their differences cause conflict and painful wounds. "The best medicine to heal the pain of a wounded family is forgiveness." But forgiveness requires giving "our family members another chance". Pope Francis cites God's "infinite" patience as an example. He "forgives us, lifts us up, and gives us a new start."

The pope says pardoning one another renews the family and provides hope. "Let us pray that broken families might discover the cure for their wounds through forgiveness, rediscovering each other's gifts, even in their differences," Pope Francis says. To see the video go to:

Pope's March prayer intention: 'for families in crisis' – Vatican News

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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.



Second Sunday of Lent - Year C

16th March 2025

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12.17-18

God made a covenant with Abraham, his faithful servant.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 26: 1.7-9.13-14.

R/ The Lord is my light and my salvation.

Second Reading:

Philippians 3:17-4:1.

Christ will transfigure these bodies of ours into copies of his glorious body.

Gospel Acclamation: Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him!

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Gospel: Luke 9:28-36 -

As Jesus prayed, the aspect of his face was changed, and his clothing became brilliant as lightning.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Exodus 3: 1-8. 13-15; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6. 10-12; 1 Corinthians 10: 1-6. 10-12

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The Second Sunday of Lent celebrates the epiphanies of God, the ways in which God's divine presence is revealed. The first divine epiphany is the manifestation of God as one who initiates a covenant, an intimate relationship with human beings. Not only does God initiate this agreement, but God also seals it with blood, making it official. Although we ritualise our relationship with God in a religious setting, the call to enter into the covenant can come in the ordinary events of life. The important thing to remember about this covenant is that God enters into our lives and initiates the relationship. No life is too simple; no life is too busy. Human history in all of its contours is the setting for the encounter with God.

The glory of God is revealed in the transfigured Jesus, the one who discussed his suffering and death with Moses and Elijah. Lent is a time for us to enter into this suffering, not merely through reflection, prayer and penance, but concretely, by sharing in the suffering of the body of Christ. We see this suffering all around us.

God is revealed through women and men who live lives of Christian commitment. In those whose integrity strengthens us, in those whose religious sentiments inspire us, in those whose endurance gives us confidence. God is revealed in those who get involved in bettering the lives of others. God is revealed in very ordinary ways, if we but open our eyes to see.

St Dom's Care: This Sunday at all Masses will be a special collection in aid of St Dom's Care as it is financial struggling to buy food for the needed.

Caritas AUSTRALIA | **PROJECT COMPASSION** Second Sunday of Lent

Toefuata'iga - (Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah) is a 13-year-old primary school student from Samoa. Samoa may be a country surrounded by water, but access to clean drinking water is scarce in some areas, with many families facing extreme hardship as a result.

Toefuata'iga's school community struggled without reliable access to clean water, which impacted students' education and hygiene. Teachers often had to leave the school to fetch water from nearby homes, disrupting lessons and adding strain to the community. When the water ran out at the school, students were sent home which meant they missed out on valuable learning time.

Thanks to the support of Caritas Australia in partnership with Caritas Samoa, Toefuata'iga's school now has a 10,000 L water tank through a Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene (WASH) program. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education. "Now that we have the water tank, things are so much better, we can stay at school all day, and I get to spend more time learning and playing with my friends. I'm happy that we don't have to go home early anymore." – said Toefuata'iga.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes or by scanning the QR code above. **Or online at:** caritas.org.au/project-compassion



Station of the Cross every Friday at 7.00pm



JESUS supports the whole world by His divine power, for He is God; but the weight was less heavy than was the Cross which our sins hewed out for Him. Our sins cost Him this humiliation. He had to take on Him our nature, and to appear among us as a man, and to offer up for us a great sacrifice. He had to pass a life in penance, and to endure His passion and death at the end of it. O Lord God Almighty, who dost bear the weight of the whole world without weariness, who bore the weight of all our sins, though they wearied Thee, as Thou art the Preserver of our bodies by Thy Providence, so be Thou the Saviour of our souls by Thy precious blood.

Prayer: Jesus, teach us your humility today. Fill us with your Spirit so that, in our community, we become conduits of your self-giving love. Through your example, may our weaknesses make us stronger, more accepting of the weaknesses of others, and increasingly humble.

St Dominic's Church

Vigil of Reparation for the Holy Year Jubilee 2025.

Run by Alliance of the Holy Family Int'l



Friday 21st March, starting 6.30pm with Rosary, Station of the Cross, Holy Mass, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and finishing with 12.00 midnight with Holy Mass.

Please see poster in the foyer for more information. All Are Welcome!



Thanksgiving Envelopes and Report of Expenses.

The Parish thanks everyone for your continue financial support to the parish, either with the envelopes, payments online or using the EFTPOS device.

Your contribution is greatly appreciated as always help to maintain the church building and other general expenses, Insurance, Administration, cost of different supplies, gardening, etc.

The new set of Thanksgiving Envelopes are ready to be collected from the church, it is for the full year, and it comes in boxes. Some parishioners will have a different Envelope Number for their records, please keep using the old number until you finish the old envelopes.

With your contribution and generous donations as well fundraisings we have been able to save some money and to do Renovations and Repairs in the Church building.

Year 2023: Total Cost for Repairs and Renovation \$ 66,290.00

Year 2024: Total Cost for Repairs and Renovation\$102,703.00

In 2025 we will continue with the Presbytery House with some repairs as the house was built in 1959, so it is 66 years old and now needs some repairs.

Also we are in the process to replace the church sound system as it has been troubling time to time.

Please continue supporting the Parish as more expenses coming up with the building.

God Bless You All for your generous heart.

Working Bee—Saturday 12th April after 9.00am Mass

Please keep this day free so you can come along to help to clean up the Church, Church grounds and decorating the church in preparation for the celebration of Palm Sunday and the Holy Week.

