

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Rose Bedier, Dianne Hutchinson and those of our community.

Recently Deceased: Rosemary Fernando

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

Church Cleaning	Saturday 21st February — 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.

Cast Your Net! - Jn 21

Join us on the journey of faith in a day retreat for the youth organized by The Little Sisters of the Poor "Love and Service" (Guide by Fr An Nguyen SSS)

Saturday 14th March 2026 - 09:30am – 6:00pm

Little Sisters of the Poor - 112B St Georges Road, Northcote

Please contact Sr Maureen: Learn more: srmaureenmokaya@gmail.com

<https://www.littlesistersofthepoor.org.au/>

RSVP 10/03/2026 on 9489 8444 More information at the church foyer.

Vietnamese Lunar Year's Eve Mass and Celebration Year of the Horse 2026.

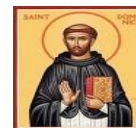
The Vietnamese Community invites all communities to participate in their Lunar New Year Mass on Monday 16th February at St Dominic's Church at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

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.

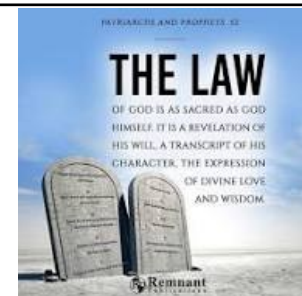
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

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 Wednesday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



Sixth Sunday In Ordinary Time — Year A 15th February 2026

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus (Sir) 15: 15-20
He never commanded anyone to be godless.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 118: 1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34
R/ Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:6-10
God in his wisdom predestined our glory before the ages began.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 5: 17-37
Such was said to your ancestors; but I am speaking to you.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Genesis 2: 7-9; 3: 1-7; Romans 5: 12-19; Matthew 4: 1-11

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Today's First Reading, Psalm and Gospel all relate to the way in which we are called to live in right relationship with God and with one another. What is referred to as the 'Law' is generally used as shorthand for the Torah – the first five books of the Bible – which first of all establishes the history of relationship between God and humanity through the books of Genesis and Exodus and then provides detailed instructions about how that relationship should be honoured and observed. When Jesus speaks about the Law and the Prophets, he is deliberately including the extensive collection of prophetic writings that interpret the Law in terms of justice and right relationships with others as being a reflection of the right relationship with God.

By declaring that he has come not to abolish the Law and the Prophets, but to complete – or fulfil – them, Jesus is making it perfectly clear that his ministry and teaching is in alignment with and in accordance with the historical tradition and he is not setting out to overthrow the Jewish tradition. Rather, throughout his ministry, Jesus repeatedly calls the people to be true to the teachings of old and to live them with integrity and dedication. His constant complaint is against those who live by the letter of the Law and ignore what we would call the spirit or intention of the Law. This is the root of his swipe at the shallow virtue of the scribes and Pharisees in today's gospel. The criticism that Jesus levelled at these two groups was that their adherence to the Law made no room for the compassionate heart that the writings of the Prophets demanded.

Historical Context – But I now say to you...

There is a distinct pattern to the teaching examples Jesus provides: 'You have heard it said ...'; 'but I now say to you...'. This was a common method of teaching in Jesus' day and is often used as an example to suggest that Jesus was regarded as a Rabbi in his day. It is a typical rabbinical method of interpreting scripture. The rabbi quotes the teaching (you have heard it said...) and then offers an interpretation or reinterpretation of that teaching (but I now say to you). While it is an unfamiliar teaching style for us today, it would have been common in Jesus' time.

Have you thought? – Teaching examples

Jesus cites several examples of the Law to demonstrate the way in which he has come to fulfil those teachings, rather than to abolish them. He reinterprets the teachings on killing, adultery, divorce and oath-breaking. When there is an attitude of observing the very literal meaning of law, there is a tendency to look for loopholes wherever possible. This attitude had become the norm in Jesus' day. His reinterpretations are designed to challenge people to think about the law in a broader context and to take the law into their heart rather than looking for ways to get around it.

Living the Gospel – Interpretation

Jesus demonstrates the crucial nature of interpretation. It is easy for us today to look at something like the Ten Commandments or the Beatitudes and dismiss them as irrelevant. Taken literally, they may seem to have fairly limited application to our modern lives. However, interpreted in a broader context and within the context of our own lives, such ancient codes of behaviour can take on new significance. Jesus points us towards the importance of looking beyond the surface and searching out the truth of such statements. Interpretation of scripture for our modern lives and modern world is vital to living life to the fullest.

St Dominic's Presbytery House Renovation

Please be informed that the Parish did some renovations in the Presbytery house with a new laundry, fascia cover in the garage and new water tank last year, which costed **\$37,610.00**

Now we are undertaking the outside renovations like cleaning of entirety roof fixing damages, removing and replacing gutters surrounding, installation of Colourbond fascia covers, removal of asbestos and replacing with cement sheeting, painting, etc with the cost of **\$40,000.00**

Repairs of broken water pipes in the church costing **\$4,150.00**

Ash Wednesday - 18th February 2026

Masses: 9.00am and 7.00pm

Ash Wednesday, marks the start of the 40-day Lenten season in the Catholic Church, a time for prayer, fasting, and almsgiving in preparation for Easter. It is a day of repentance, fasting, and abstinence from meat, symbolizing mortality, grief for sins, and a commitment to turn back to God.

We practice prayer, fasting, and sacrifice.

The Ashes: Symbolizing mortality and penance, ashes are applied in the shape of a cross on the forehead, with the phrase, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return" or "Repent, and believe in the Gospel".

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS BEGINS
ON FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY AT 7.00PM**



Sacramental Program 2026

Classes for the Sacrament of Confirmation for those children who attend government schools will be on Wednesdays & Thursdays from 7.00pm to 8.00pm, starting this week on Thursday 19th February.

Parents are encouraged to bring their children to attend Sunday Mass.

Sacraments are happening early this year.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: Saturday 16 May 2026 at 11.00am

The Sacrament for First Holy Communion: Sunday 26th July 2026

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Thanksgiving Envelopes: If you would like to contribute to the Church through the Thanksgiving Envelope please contact the parish office or send an email with your name, address phone number and we will prepare the set of envelopes for the year.

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

Every day, I pray for the whole world. I think most of us do. We look around and see so much pain, violence, anger, bitterness and destruction. Many of our brothers and sisters are sore and hurting.

That is the daily news. ***But what about the Good News?***

It's different, not because it denies harsh realities. Our faith creates a place for all those troubling things to grow into something more human. God is a constant source of hope and healing, offering grace to bring the human family together in love. That is why Caritas Australia's Project Compassion calls us to *Unite Against Poverty*. Our vision is to help make the world whole.

If you look at the story of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10: 29-37), we get an idea of just how empathy and compassion are signs of strength, not weakness. The story says that the Samaritan came across somebody who'd been assaulted and robbed. The stranger 'looked at him with compassion.' He doesn't just look. In the next few lines, he takes ten separate actions: he goes over, he bandages the man, he pours oil on his wounds, he lifts him onto his donkey, he takes him to an inn, he looks after him, he pays the innkeeper, he asks the innkeeper to help, he promises to return, he commits to meeting the bill.

Compassion is an action not just a feeling.

Please collect your box or envelopes for your donation. Thank you.

