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Angels of hope': World Day of the Sick 2025

Catholics are being urged to reflect during this year's World Day of the Sick on the 'grace-filled encounters' that can emerge at times of adversity.

In his message to mark the 33rd World Day of the Sick on 11 February, Pope Francis reflected on this year's theme, 'Hope does not disappoint', taken from St Paul's letter to the Romans.

'How can we be strong, for example, when our bodies are prey to severe, debilitating illnesses that require costly treatment that we may not be able to afford?' Pope Francis wrote in his message.

'How can we show strength when, in addition to our own sufferings, we see those of our loved ones who support us yet feel powerless to help us?

'In these situations, we sense our need for a strength greater than our own. We realise that we need God's help, his grace, his Providence, and the strength that is the gift of his Spirit.'

Pope Francis wrote that God remains close to those who are suffering in three ways: through encounter, gift and sharing.

'How often, when we care for those in need, do we discover love! We realise that we are "angels" of hope and messengers of God for one another ... whether patients, physicians, nurses, family members, friends, priests, men and women religious, no matter where we are, whether in the family or in clinics, nursing homes, hospitals or medical centres.

'We need to learn how to appreciate the beauty and significance of these grace-filled encounters.

'We need to learn how to cherish the gentle smile of a nurse, the gratitude and trust of a patient, the caring face of a doctor or volunteer, or the anxious and expectant look of a spouse, a child, a grandchild or a dear friend.

'All these are rays of light to be treasured.'

The Catholic Church's World Day of the Sick, established by St John Paul II, is held each year on 11 February, the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes. It is an opportunity to devote special attention to the sick and to those who provide them with assistance and

care, both in health care institutions and within families and communities.

Archbishop Julian Porteous, the Bishop Delegate for Health for the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference, said hope lay at the heart of Catholic health care services.

'As we celebrate the World Day of the Sick in this Jubilee Year—which has the theme 'Pilgrims of Hope'—we reflect on the hope that strengthens us in times of sickness,' Archbishop Porteous said.

'As the Holy Father writes, "God does not abandon us and often amazes us by granting us a strength that we never expected and would never have found on our own".'

Catholic Health Australia CEO Jason Kara said World Day of the Sick provides a much-needed focus on the needs and experiences of those who are suffering and acknowledges the hope and healing that are fostered by Catholic providers, even in the darkest or most unlikely of places.

'Our staff and clinicians who work across our 80 hospitals, 350 aged care facilities and throughout the community give of themselves every day to provide hope and comfort to those who we serve,' he said.

'The Pope's message highlights the importance of the healing ministry, especially in the 'dark night of adversity' which we all face at different times of our lives.

'The legacy of our ministry and the people who have contributed to it across more than 186 years continues to guide us to the most difficult of spaces, where we are called to serve, accompany, and provide care.'

Catholic Health Australia (CHA) has distributed specially commissioned lapel ribbons to Catholic leaders, politicians and members to wear on the day. CHA is Australia's largest non-government grouping of health and aged care services, accounting for approximately 15 per cent of hospital-based health care in Australia. Its members also provide around 25 per cent of private hospital care, 5 per cent of public hospital care, 12 per cent of aged care facilities, and 20 per cent of home care and support for the elderly.

(written by Australian Catholic Bishop Conference in Melbourne Catholic Magazine)

Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

Please note
Sunday 11am online
Mass is
"temporarily unavailable"

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Parish Priest:
Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest
Fr Sony Kannanaikal CP
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

Parish Staff:
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)
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Readings for NEXT WEEK
7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C

First Reading

1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25

A reading from the first book of Samuel

Saul rose and went down to the Wilderness of Ziph, with three thousand chosen men of Israel, to seek David in the Wilderness of Ziph.

David and Abishai went into Saul's army by night; there Saul lay sleeping within the encampment, with his spear stuck in the ground at his head; and Abner and the army lay around him. Abishai said to David, "God has given your enemy into your hand today; now therefore let me pin him to the ground with one stroke of the spear; I will not strike him twice." But David said to Abishai, "Do not destroy him; for who can raise his hand against the Lord's anointed, and be guiltless?" So David took the spear that was at Saul's head and the water jar, and they went away. No one saw it, or knew it, nor did anyone awake; for they were all asleep, because a deep sleep from the Lord had fallen upon them. Then David went over to the other side, and stood on top of a hill far away, with a great distance between them. David called aloud to Saul, "Here is the spear, O king! Let one of the young men come over and get it. The Lord rewards everyone for his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the Lord gave you into my hand today, but I would not raise my hand against the Lord's anointed. As your life was precious today in my sight, so may my life be precious in the sight of the Lord, and may he rescue me from all tribulation." The Saul said to David, "Blesses be you, my son David! You will do many things and will succeed in them." So David went his way, and Saul returned to his place

Psalm

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and all that is within me, bless his holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and do not forget all his benefits

It is the Lord who forgives all your iniquity,
who heals all your diseases
Who redeems your life from the Pit,
Who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy

The Lord is merciful and gracious,
Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love
He does not deal with us according to our sins,
nor repay us according to our iniquities

As far as the east is from the west,
so far he removes our transgressions from us
As a father has compassion for his children,
So the Lord has compassion for those who fear him

Second Reading

1 Cor 15: 45-49

A reading from the first Letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians

Brothers and sisters,
"The first man, Adam, became a living being"; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. The first man was from the earth, made of dust; the second man is from heaven. As was the one of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the one of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. Just as we have borne the image of the one of dust, we will also bear the image of the one of heaven.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment;
Love one another just as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Gospel

Luke 6: 27-38

Jesus said to his disciples: "I say to you that listen:
Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,
bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you.
If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also;
and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you;
and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again.
Do to others as you would have them do to you.
If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you?
For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you?
For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you?
Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again.
But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked.
Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful. Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back."

Reflection

- How can we show understanding and compassion in our daily lives?
- How can living like Christ change our interactions with others?
- Why is forgiveness important for our own peace and well-being?
- What steps can we take to let go of grudges and seek healing?

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

GARDENING—WORKING BEE

You may notice that at this stage the Church garden is a little bit overgrown. We are planning to tidy it up on SATURDAY, 22 FEBRUARY from 8.30-11am.

We are asking for your help to cover the whole ground so that we can clean it all up. You don't have to stay for the whole 2.5 Hrs, but every extra hand will make it easier to finish the work faster.

Looking forward to see you then (Please come with your garden tools)

PARISH PRE-LENTEN CELEBRATION!!!

Our parish is holding a 'PRE-LENTEN CELEBRATION' on **SUNDAY 2nd MARCH from 12pm to 3pm.**

There will be a sausage sizzle and burgers, games for children and a small raffle. All you need to bring is some nibbles and drinks. We will provide further details next week and are hopeful many of you can join us for this celebration of the last Sunday before we enter Lent season.

2025 SACRAMENT PROGRAMS (for children)

Reconciliation (children in grade 4 who have been baptised in a Catholic Church)

Thank you to all parents who have registered their children for this sacrament. If you missed the deadline, but wish your child to be part of this year's sacrament reconciliation program, please hand in your registration form to the **PARISH OFFICE no later than the of 18th February.**

Below are the important dates.

For all participants & parents, you must attend BOTH family nights:

First Family night Tuesday 25th February at 7pm
(Followed by 3 classes at parish schools or ASRE)

Last Family night Tuesday 25th March at 7pm
Service Tuesday 1st April at 7pm (depending on numbers, 2 sessions may be required)

Please also remember that if your child is in grade 6 and wishes to take part in the **2025 Sacrament of Confirmation**. You must hand in the registration form **BY THURSDAY, 17th APRIL 2025**. Even though the program will not commence until term three, we need to finalise the numbers by the 17th of April.

Please note that your child must have received both the sacrament of Reconciliation and the sacrament of First Communion,

SAFEGUARDING

Each year in February across the globe Safer Internet Day is a day of action dedicated to raising awareness of online safety. This year it was on 11th February. The eSafety Commissioner has established a Safer Internet Day Hub where you can find everything you need to make online safety visible in your school, workplace, home or community.

The eSafety Commissioner leads the day in Australia and they are calling on all Australians to help make the internet a safer, and more positive place.

Visit their website to learn why Safer Internet Day is so important and to access resources including their [Safer Internet Day Hub](#).

Come Away Day

The first 'Come Away Day' for 2025 will be on Wednesday March 5th and the team will meet on Monday February 10th to prepare for the day. March 5th is also Ash Wednesday and there will be a Mass that day at 9.30am at Holy Cross.

FAITH FORMATION SURVEY

Thank you to all parishioners who have completed our faith formation survey.

PPC will now discuss what actions are required, based on the result of the survey. We will keep you updated

Readings:

6th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

Jeremiah 17: 5-8

1 Cor 15: 12, 16-20

Luke 6: 17, 20-26

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr C

1 Samuel 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-25

1 Cor 15: 45-49

Luke 6: 27-38

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Maranatha Fidow, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Cindy Budiono, Fr Tony Martyn, Merlinda B. Szuba, Marian Meade, "Horse" Ian Price, Josip Dujic, Hector de Santos, Teariki Sword, Rui Manuel Campos, Ruby Reid, Danny Sugunasekera, Anton Jansz, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Grace Sprigg, Ronella Tyrell **and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues**

Those who have died

Fr Xavier Ubagaraswamy, Isabel Florindo, Lionel Alwis, William Cham, Martin Fonseca, Tony Gangemi, Telesia Litia Dunlop, Giovanna Satragno, Carlton Declase, Doudou Roussety **and all who are named in our church memorial book**

May they rest in peace

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MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2025

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Alvita Dias	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Stephen Nasalio William Roncon
2nd Sunday	Marg Daly Liseby Lapierre	Grace Sudjono Rosa Mitchell	Mars Sota Beth Sota	Charlene Nheu Mignonne Meerwald
3rd Sunday	Liz Flood Trevor Saldanha	Agnes Giam William Round	Anne Astin Cecilia Tan	Jeremy Ferrao Reg Young
4th Sunday	Mark Rolfe Karen Rolfe	Mary Moore Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Yvonne Sherwin	Marg Keating William Roncon
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Grace Sudjono Janina Gorski	Mary Heaton Jennifer Tanti	Lakni Weerasekera Charlene Nheu

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PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS 2025

	Saturday 6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am
1st Sunday	Helen Sanders Beryl Barnfield	Patti Family	Cabrera family
2nd Sunday	Valerie & Ian Ferreira	Nella Rudan Josephine Gherxi	Lobo Family
3rd Sunday	Beth & Mars Sota	Amaya Tenisio Isaac Faalili	Christine & Angelo Gaiardo
4th Sunday	Daryl & Astrid Drego	Hoad Family	Maclou family
5th Sunday	Carmeline Don Paul	Amaya Tenisio Isaac Faalili	Cabrera Family

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CUPPA AFTER MASS 2025

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am
January April July October	Patrick & Jean Sequeira	Alvita Dias Bealiah Wemyss	Elliette & Jean Maclou Norina Savio
February May August November	Benjalina	Agnes Giam Janina Gorski	Family Group
March June September December		Jola Styga	Teresa Fraga Samoan Divine Mercy Group