

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Those of our community.

Recently Deceased:

Repose of the Souls: Maria Carmen Grech, Linda Ferazini, Antonio Teni and those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church Cleaning	Saturday 3rd October — Spanish 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.

For those families with children, they are very welcome, and if your children become unrest during the celebration of the Holy Eucharistic, please use the Children Room on the side of the church, you can still listen to the homily from there.

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

Next Sunday—Baptism Information Preparation
At 3.00pm in the church for Parents and Godparents.

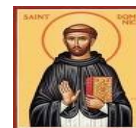
PLEASE DO NOT BRING UNWANTED ITEMS INTO THE CHURCH
AND DO NOT PLACE ANY DECORATION OR ITEMS IN THE GROTTOS.

**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.



26th Sunday in Ordinary Time- Year C

28th September 2025

First Reading: Amos 6: 1. 4-7

You who give yourself to licentiousness and revelry will be exiled.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 145: 6-10

R/ Praise the Lord, my soul!

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6: 11-16

Obey the commandments until the coming of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

**Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor,
to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Luke 16: 19-31

**During your life good things came your way just as bad things came
the way of Lazarus. Now he is being comforted while you are in agony.**



NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Habakkuk 1:2-3, 2:2-4; 2 Timothy 1: 6-8, 13-14; Luke 17: 5-10

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

In the Old Testament, it is made very clear that how well the people are living in relationship with God is measured by how well the very least in the society are being treated. Time and again, God makes plain to the people, through the prophets, that what they are expected to do is live in right relationship with one another and with God. The cyclic rise and fall in fortune of the people of Israel is a direct result of the way in which they treat the poor and lowly of the society. When all in the society are properly cared for, Israel flourishes; but when the widows and orphans and other marginalised people are neglected and even rejected, then trouble befalls Israel. Today's first reading, from the prophet Amos, is an example of this cycle and an example of the role the prophets played in calling the people back to faithfulness with God and faithfulness with one another. Amos berates those who luxuriate in comfort whilst ignoring the plight of others.

The theme continues then into the gospel passage. The rich man lives in extravagant luxury but ignores the plight of Lazarus who is starving at his door. (This is not the same Lazarus that Jesus raised from the dead.) Both men die and, as Jesus taught over and over again, the poor man Lazarus is welcomed into the kingdom of God but the rich man, who ignored his neighbour, is trapped in Hades. When the rich man asks that Lazarus be sent back to life to warn others of the fate that awaits them, Abraham reminds him that the people of Israel have had a long line of prophets calling them back to faithfulness but their message has been ignored.

Gospel Focus – Rising from the dead

At the end of the passage, Abraham says that if the people of Israel have not been convinced to change their ways by the great prophets throughout time, then 'they will not be convinced even if someone should rise from the dead'. This is obviously a reference to the fact that by the time of the writing of this gospel – some 50+ years after Jesus – most of the Jews remained unconvinced by the message of Jesus, despite his rising from the dead. It is an indication of the rising tension between Jews and Christians at the time of writing.

Living the Gospel – Paying attention

It's easy to be distracted by 'having' and forget to pay attention to 'being'. There is no suggestion in the gospel passage that the rich man is in any way wicked or sinful, other than his lack of attention to the needs of one sitting at his gate. In the eyes of his neighbours, he was probably a very upright and just man, fulfilling all the purity requirements of his faith. But his focus of attention was on himself and not others. He lacked the compassion and mellowness of heart that Jesus reminded people was expected by God.

Scriptural context – Gates

The poor man, Lazarus, is described as sitting at the gate of the rich man. We have a picture of Lazarus sitting on the outside looking in at all that he cannot have. Gates are used both literally and metaphorically throughout the gospel of Luke. In the cities and towns of Palestine, gates marked a physical barrier between those who were 'in' and those who were 'out'. But they also marked the boundaries of society. Those who were permitted to sleep within the walls were the acceptable of society. Those who were shut outside the gates and outside the city of an evening were the unacceptable.

Next Weekend—Jubilee of Migrants “Pilgrims of Hope”

The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is celebrating a "Jubilee of Migrants" as part of the larger 2025 Jubilee Year, themed "Pilgrims of Hope." This event, taking place on October 4-5, 2025, will acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of migrant communities to the Church and the wider world.



Next Sunday

Sale of Food led by Filipino Community.

Please support this fundraising by donating food to sell.

All funds towards for the maintenance of the church.



Daylight Saving Time - Sunday 5th October

This is a reminder to turn your clocks FORWARD one hour.

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2025

Please tickets and money should be returned by
12th October. Thank You!

Caritas Australia – Season of Creation

The Season of Creation's call for *Peace with Creation* aligns powerfully with the Turn Debt into Hope campaign, as communities burdened by debt are often those facing the worst environmental challenges. This Season of Creation (1 September – 4 October), Caritas Australia is inviting parishes to stand in solidarity with vulnerable communities in need of sustainable development and ecological renewal by:
signing the **Turn Debt into Hope** petition – caritas.org.au/debt
committing to practical, everyday actions that promote ecological sustainability and care for creation by registering to become a **Catholic Earthcare Household** - caritas.org.au/catholic-earthcare/

October Month of the Holy Rosary

October is traditionally the month of the Holy Rosary, and it's a time when Catholics are encouraged to pray for peace, especially in war-torn regions. According to Pope Francis, the Rosary is a powerful tool for seeking Mary's intercession for peace in the world. The Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary is celebrated on October 7th, and this day is often used for special prayers and fasting for peace.

