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Sunday Masses:
Sun. 10 a.m.
Sun. 5:30 p.m.
Weekday Masses:
Mon. 9:15 a.m.
Wed. 9:15 a.m.
Fri. 9:15 a.m.
Confessions:
By arrangement

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

25 January 2026

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

RECENTLY DECEASED: Carmel Fiscaro (d'ced 20th January 2026)

ANNIVERSARIES: Denis Mahony, Maureen Marie Alder, Bernard Docherty Snr, Jim (James Walton) Hall, Betty (Elizabeth) Pearce, Mary (Margaret Mary) Simpson, Hugh Rae Smart, Cyril Smith, Stan (Stanislaus Struan) Smith, Maurice Wighton

MEMORIAL MASS: Our 10 am Mass today is a Memorial Mass for Denis Mahony. Denis was the son of Denis and Kathleen Mahony (d'ced). He was the brother of Bernadette (d'ced), Paul, William, Patrick, David, Anne-Marie and John. He was a brother-in-law to Cheryl, Gill and Donna. Denis had a fighting spirit, and a great love of his family: his door in Kingscliff was always open to one and all. His two great loves were the mighty Cats and a bet on the horses. Denis's family miss him very much. We welcome them to this Memorial Mass.

MEMORIAL MASS: Our 5:30 pm Mass today is a Memorial Mass for Carmel Fiscaro. Carmel passed away recently on Tuesday, 20th January. We offer our condolences to Carmel's daughter Linda Grace and to all the family. May Carmel rest in peace, and may her family be consoled at this time of loss.

FUNERAL AT ST CECILIA'S: At 11 am this Thursday 29th January, we celebrate the funeral of Billy (Thomas William) Hill at St Cecilia's. He was the beloved husband of Trish Hill, and father to Elizabeth (d'ced), Matthew and Michael. He had eight grandchildren, and four great grand-children. Billy passed away on Friday, 16th January. He will be missed by all. Please remember Billy and his family in your prayers.

AUSTRALIA DAY MASS: Australia Day is this Monday, 26th January. We will have Mass at 9:15 am. Are you able to join us for this Mass to pray for our country?

NATSICC STATEMENT FOR AUSTRALIA DAY: NATSICC is the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council. They are the peak advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops on issues relating to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics.

Their Statement for Australia Day is attached to our bulletin. It recognises that "for many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples, 26 January remains a day of mourning and a reminder of the ongoing impacts of Colonisation." They state that "Reconciliation remains unfinished work." At the same time, they recognise signs of hope. These include "the commencement of Treaty in Victoria/Narrm" and "in South Australia the establishment of a First Nations Voice to Parliament."

The NATSICC Statement is part of an eleven-page *Reflection and Discernment Guide*, which is available online at <https://tinyurl.com/NATSICC2026>. We invite you to access this guide and use it for reflection. NATSICC reminds us that genuine reconciliation is not just social or structural, but deeply personal and spiritual. This inner healing "does not erase pain or history but allows individuals and Communities to move forward without being bound by it."

CHILDREN'S LITURGY, MORNING TEA and a **SAUSAGE SIZZLE** will be provided at our 10 am Mass next Sunday, 1st February. If you know any primary school children, please invite them to join us for this Mass.

Please contact Rita Zambruno on Rita.zambruno@hotmail.com if you could help with Children's Liturgy.

EPIPHANY HOUSE BLESSING: This is the last week when the blessed chalk and the instruction guide for the Epiphany House Blessing will be available. If you haven't yet blessed your home, please take these materials today.

WEEKDAY MASSES this week are at 9:15 am on Monday 26th January for Australia Day, and on Wednesday 28th January, and Friday 30th January.