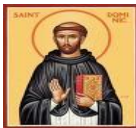


ST DOMINIC'S CATHOLIC CHURCH



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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.



30th Sunday in Ordinary Time —Year A

25th October 2026

First Reading: Exodus 22: 20 – 26

If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 17: 2 -4, 47.51

R/ I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5 – 10

You turned away from idols to serve God and to await his Son.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

All who love me will keep my words, and my
Father will love them, and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34 – 40

You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Apocalypses 7:2-4, 9-14; 1 Jn 3:1-3; Mt 5:1-12

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Like last week's gospel, we again have an example of the Pharisees seeking to 'catch Jesus out' in his interpretation of scripture. The Pharisees were regarded as the great interpreters of the Torah – the Law. To them, ALL the commandments were vitally important, not just the Ten Commandments given to Moses with which we are perhaps most familiar, but the 613 *mitzvot* (commandments) contained within the Torah – the first five books of the Bible. These 613 *mitzvot* governed all aspects of Jewish life. For the Pharisees to ask Jesus about the 'greatest' commandment was a blatant challenge to him. Perhaps they expected Jesus to name one commandment and then they could challenge him with a whole series of 'What about ...?' questions.

Jesus' answer to the Pharisees highlights their preoccupation with the particulars of the Law contained within scripture. In their over-emphasis on the details of religious observance, they have forgotten about the most basic element of faith: to love the Lord your God with all your heart, soul and mind. Jesus reminds them that being faithful to God isn't about following precise rules but rather it is simply about loving God. With this one sentence, Jesus undermines the power position of the Pharisees. If the Law is as simple as 'Love God', what need is there of Pharisees to interpret the details of the Law? Having pulled the rug out from under them, Jesus follows up with his reminder that the second most important commandment is to love your neighbour as yourself. This is a call to compassion and justice that Jesus practised freely but was sadly lacking in the religious authorities of his time.

Scriptural context – Quoting scripture

The question and response that we see in this gospel passage was a common form of scholarly debate in the Jewish tradition. The Pharisees ask Jesus which of the commandments is the greatest. Jesus responds by directly quoting the commandment from the ancient scriptures. His reply, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind,' comes directly from Deuteronomy 6:4. Further, Jesus' follow-up, 'you must love your neighbour as yourself,' comes from Leviticus 19:18. Deuteronomy and Leviticus are two of the first five books of the Bible that make up the Jewish Torah, or Law.

Living the Gospel – Compassion

Jesus' words call us to love our neighbour as ourselves. We are called to treat others as we would like to be treated ourselves. To be able to do this, we need to picture ourselves in their place – experiencing all that they are experiencing; not imposing our own values and circumstances. To see ourselves in the place of another is the key to responding with compassion. The origin of the word 'compassion' means experiencing with. If we are able to truly 'experience with' another person perhaps then we can genuinely recognise and respond to their needs.

Gospel Focus – Love your neighbour as yourself

There is an implicit, or understood, commandment within the command to love your neighbour as yourself. That is, we must first love ourselves. Whilst to say someone 'loves themselves' is used as a criticism of a person who is a bit too vain, that is not what is intended here. If we are to love others as we love ourselves we must first be content and happy with who we are. It is only when we are comfortable with who we are that we are able to reach out to those around us with compassion.



All Souls Day Monday 2nd November

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed

Mass at 9.00am and 7.00pm

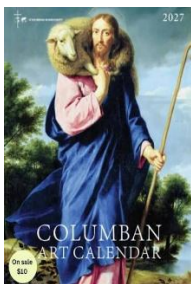
In the form provided at the entrance of the church, please write the name of your loving ones who have passed away from November 2025 to October 2026.

ENVELOPES FOR MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH.

All Saints' Day and All Souls' Day hold a special place in the Catholic calendar, honouring the saints who inspire our faith and offering a dedicated time to pray for the faithful departed.

Congregation of the Holy Spirit

(Spiritans or Holy Ghost Fathers) deeply appreciates your kindness, prayers, and support for their global missions and service to marginalized communities. Total Amount Collected **\$2,640.20**



Columban Art Calendar 2027 features sacred artwork, Catholic liturgical dates, Bible verses, public holidays and generous writing space, with Jesus the Good Shepherd on the cover. For Sale at the Church for **\$10.00**. Buying a Calendar you are helping the Columban Mission.

October Month of the Holy Rosary

Please join us on this last Monday at 6.30pm to pray the Holy Rosary for peace in the world.
Monday 26th – Led by Spanish Group.

NEXT SUNDAY – BAPTISM INFORMATION / PREPARATION AT 3.00PM IN THE CHURCH FOR PARENTS AND GODPARENTS.

COMBINED RAFFLE: Please return all tickets and money as soon as possible. Thank you!

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Luke Jackowski, Kam Hong Tiang, Jeanette and those of our community.

Recently Deceased: Corazon Calma (Funeral Monday 26 October at 11.00am at Gladstone Park Church.

Rest of the Souls: Those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church
Cleaning

Saturday 31st October — Indian / Sri Lanka 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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Parents and Carers, if your child goes to the toilet or just outside the Church, one of the parents must accompany him/her.

A Big Thank You
to the Vietnamese
Community for the work
on the Sale of Food last
Sunday. Total amount
raised \$1,610.00

LITURGICAL MINISTRIES
FORMATION CONTINUE ON
THURSDAY 29 OCT AT 6.00PM

**THANKSGIVING
OFFERING ONLINE TO:
ST DOMINIC'S CHURCH
BSB: 083 347
ACCOUNT NUMBER:
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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**

If anyone would like to support
the parish financially through the
Thanksgiving Envelopes, we
have spare envelopes at the
entrance of the church, please
take one set and when you give
your first donation, write down
your name at the back of the
envelope, so we can register your
name in the system and provide
envelopes every year.