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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

SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

23 February 2025

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES: Aldo Aquilina, Thomas Commons, Mary Ditty, Nola Ditty, Margaret Jessie Dwyer, Arthur Desmond Goonan, Elizabeth Philomena Lynch, Fr Ian Mackintosh OMI, Sr Eymard O'Donnell RSJ, Carl (Carlo) Pinzone, Brian John Vear, Doris Wighton

OFFERTORY GIVING PROGRAM: In two weeks, we will commence an Offertory Giving Program in our parish. This program will take place over a four-week period from Sunday 9th March to Sunday 30th March.

The last time that we conducted an Offertory Giving Program in our parish was in October 2017. Given that programs like this are usually conducted every three years, we are overdue for a renewal of our giving to our parish. COVID with its lockdowns is one reason for this delay. Over these seven or so years, the cost of just about everything has increased. This is one reason why it is now timely that we review our financial giving to our parish.

Our program will focus above all on the connection between our identity as Catholic Christians and the call from this to give to our parish. At the same time, we will report on our parish finances, and also on what has been achieved over this time in providing Sunday Masses, Sacramental Programs, and other services, and also on what has been done to maintain and improve our church and presbytery.

Giving generously is a way to deepen our faith: it is a vital part of our identity as Catholic Christians. We are all encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time, and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

We hope that those who are already in our Offertory Giving Program will renew their commitment, and that other parishioners – especially newer parishioners – will join our program.

SCHOOL AND PARISH WELCOME MASS AND FUNCTION: Next Sunday 2nd March, our 10 am Mass will be a Welcome Mass which welcomes all our students back to our parish and school, and particularly welcomes new students and families. This Mass is hosted by our Year 5/6 students and the new children in Foundation. After the Mass, there will games, activities and a BBQ in the school grounds. Please join us then.

ST DOMINIC'S PARISH invites everyone to gather for a presentation, cuppa and discussion '*Starting from where we are: how the Gospel can heal a broken world.*' The gathering will be led by Michael McGirr, who is the Melbourne Diocesan Director of Caritas Australia, the Catholic agency which conducts Project Compassion. It will be held in St Dominic's Parish Centre at 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell next Sunday, 2nd March from 10:30 to 11:30 am. For more information, contact Denis Fitzgerald on 0418 136 372.

365 LIFE is an initiative which seeks to share a pro-life message, and to connect women who may be considering a termination of pregnancy with counselling and support. Those who volunteer to be part of this initiative will receive a free set of 90 cards twice a year. These cards carry a gentle message about the humanity of unborn children, along with QR access to Pregnancy Crisis Centres around Australia. Volunteers are asked to share one of these cards each day. For example, they might give a card to someone they know, or they may leave a card somewhere where people will pick it up and consider its message, such as on a shelf in a shopping centre or in a library book. We never know who may pick it up, or what impact it may have. More information about this initiative may be found online at www.voice4life.com.au.

WEEKDAY MASSES this week are at 9:15 am on Monday 24th February, Wednesday 26th February, and Friday 28th February.