

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Peter, Dianne Hutchinson and those of our community.

Recently Deceased: Filomeno Magalhaes

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

Church
Cleaning

Saturday 14th February — Island 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.**

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.

LENT 2026 WITH THE CATHOLIC GUY, BRUCE DOWNES

Lent is a time when we can grow closer to God and prepare our hearts for the true meaning of Easter. Be inspired. Be refreshed. Be renewed! For 40 days you will receive a short, practical and inspiring video in your inbox every morning to help you make this Lenten journey more powerful and prayerful. This program is FREE and you can sign up here: <https://brucedownes.org/lent-2026-sign-up/>
Go to BruceDownes.org for more information.

Vietnamese Lunar Year's Eve Mass and Celebration Year of the Horse 2026.

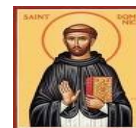
The Vietnamese Community invites all communities to participate in their Lunar New Year Mass on Monday 16th February at St Dominic's Church at 7.30pm. All are welcome!

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.

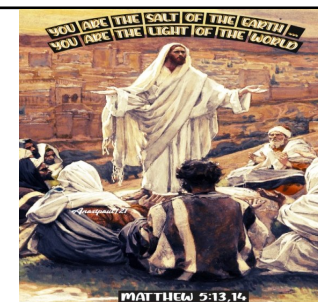
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

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 Wednesday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



Fifth Sunday In Ordinary Time — Year A 8th February 2026

First Reading: Isaiah 58: 7-10

Your light will shine like the dawn.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 111: 4-9

R/ A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2: 1-5

I came to you to proclaim Christ crucified.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

**I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me will have the light of life. Alleluia**

Gospel: Matthew 5: 13-16

You are the light of the world.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Ecclesiasticus (Sir) 15: 15-20; 1 Corinthians 2:6-10; Matthew 5: 17-37

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

We live in a world where appearances frequently matter more than they should. Contrary to this predominating tendency, Jesus teaches us that what we do flows from who and what we are. We can enlighten the world with the message of the gospel, because our lives have been transformed by that gospel and now we ourselves are light for others. We can serve others in various ways, only because we have been saved by God's grace and now we are agents of that grace in the lives of others. Our own renewal becomes the means through which God renews the world.

This may sound grandiose, but it isn't. It is the truth about the way God works. Extraordinary things are accomplished through ordinary people. Jesus grew up as the son of a carpenter; some of the apostles were fishermen; Paul was a tentmaker; we are clerks and teachers, bus drivers and doctors, bank tellers and engineers. Like Paul we come to ministry in weakness and fear and much trembling. It is the Spirit and power of God that work the wonders, and God works them through mundane elements of life such as light and salt.

As children, many of us learned the corporal and the spiritual works of mercy. We learned that we can practise them in every walk of life. Today's readings remind us of this. We may not be asked to perform extraordinary feats, but all disciples of Jesus are called upon to do the ordinary things of life in an extraordinary way.

Joyful perseverance

The life of faith invites us not only to listen carefully for God's call but to respond wholeheartedly when we hear it, not heeding the cost but steadfastly and even joyfully persevering in the face of obstacles.

On Sunday, Catholics around the world celebrated the World Day for Consecrated Life, an opportunity to acknowledge and give thanks for the inspiring witness and rich gifts consecrated men and women bring to the Church and the world. Celebrations both [here in Melbourne](#) and [at the Vatican](#) highlighted the many ways these women and men offer a prayerful presence, generous support to the vulnerable and a powerful witness of peace 'even where weapons roar and arrogance, self-interest and violence seem to prevail', as Pope Leo XIV so eloquently put it.

Migrant Jubilee Cross soon to arrive in Melbourne

Since beginning its pilgrimage, the Migrant Jubilee Cross has travelled almost 6,000 kilometres around Australia and will officially arrive in the Archdiocese of Melbourne next week, carrying with it the hopes and prayers of generations of Australia's migrant communities. Embedded within the cross are two holy relics that deepen the meaning of this pilgrimage: one of the Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph, and one of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. The cross invites us to reflect deeply on the stories of migrants and refugees, their griefs and hopes, and their sufferings and gifts ... to see not strangers but brothers and sisters; not burdens but blessings.

Ash Wednesday - 18th February 2026

Masses: 9.00am, 12.00pm School Mass and 7.00pm

On this day, Catholics around the world will receive ashes on their foreheads in the form of a cross, accompanied by the words, "Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return," or "Repent, and believe in the Gospel." The observance calls the faithful to conversion, prayer, fasting, and almsgiving as they begin the 40-day journey of Lent in preparation for the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of the Lord at Easter. Ash Wednesday is a day of fasting and abstinence, underscoring the Church's call to humility, repentance, and renewed commitment to the Gospel.

Please bring the blessed palm from last year on Sunday 15th February and place them in the box at the entrance of the church. Thank you.



Sacramental Program 2026

Last Call for enrolments for the Sacrament of **First Holy Communion and Confirmation** for those children who attend government schools. Parents are encouraged to bring their children to attend Saturday or Sunday Masses if they would like to enrol their children.

Sacraments are happening early this year.

The Sacrament of Confirmation: Sunday 24th May 2026

The Sacrament for First Holy Communion: Sunday 26th July 2026

Please contact the parish office for more information.

Thanksgiving Envelopes: If you would like to contribute to the Church through the Thanksgiving Envelope please contact the parish office or send an email with your name, address phone number and we will prepare the set of envelopes for the year.

Parish council and Pastoral Council Committees.

Meeting on Thursday 12th February at 6.00pm in the meeting room.

Caritas Australia's Project Compassion.

The start of Lent is fast approaching and is the perfect opportunity to reflect on our call to live justly, love tenderly, and walk humbly with God - and to see how our actions can make a real difference for communities in need.

This year's stories remind us of the challenges faced by vulnerable communities around the world – but also the hope that comes through our action. Project Compassion 2026 introduces us to Sisilia in Tanzania, Monoranjon in Bangladesh, Manaini in Fiji and Ahmad in Gaza - four inspiring individuals facing challenges of water, food, livelihoods and crises.

Please collect your box or envelopes for your donation. Thank you.

