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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 OF LENT

8 March 2026

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES: Yvonne Barbeta, Ettie Margaret Brown, Peter CHIN Sin Fook, Laurie Duffy, Paul Fitzgerald, Iris June Hall, Marie Hibbins, Monica LEE Chan Sui Ying, Annie Woon Kau SEIN, Elizabeth Whibley, Connor John Whyte

MEMORIAL MASS: Our 10 am Mass today is a Memorial Mass for Connor John Whyte, who passed away of natural causes at the age of 18 on 4th March 2024. Connor was the son of Liz and Nick Whyte, the brother of Talia Whyte, the grandson of Mary and Mick Clarke, and the great grandson of Kath and Leo Sandilands. Please remember Connor and all his family in your prayers.

ARCHDIOCESAN SYNOD: Today, Archbishop Peter A Comensoli has announced a Synod for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. A copy of his Pastoral Letter about this is attached to this bulletin. The Synod is a process whereby all of us in the Archdiocese of Melbourne will try to listen to the Holy Spirit and to one another, with the purpose of discerning what God is asking us to do at this time. What should be our priorities at this time in what we are doing as a church? In the months ahead, we'll be invited to pray, to meet together, to listen to one another, and to reflect on what God is asking us to do. What is learnt through these meetings will then inform the Archdiocesan Synod, which will be held in December this year.

The Synod will focus particularly on three themes: young discipleship, missionary leadership, and formation and participation.

WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST: During the last week, Pope Leo, the Australian bishops and others within our Church have offered a Catholic perspective on the war in the Middle East. Pope Leo has stated that "stability and peace are not achieved... through the use of weapons... but only through reasonable, sincere, and responsible dialogue." He has called on all parties involved to halt the spiral of violence, and instead to seek justice and peace through diplomatic means. He has also asked all of us to continue to pray for peace.

An attachment to this bulletin includes Pope Leo's statement, and those of Caritas Internationalis and the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference.

LENTEN RETREAT AT ST DOMINIC'S: St Dominic's Parish invites everyone to a day-long Lenten Retreat on **Saturday, 14th March**. The retreat includes Mass, Spiritual Talks, Personal Reflections, Adoration and Confession. It commences with 9 am Mass, and concludes with Adoration, Confession and Benediction from 4 to 5 pm. It will be held at St Dominic's Parish, 816 Riversdale Road, Camberwell. The cost is \$20, which includes morning and afternoon tea and lunch. To register, go online to <https://www.trybooking.com/DJKDY>, or phone St Dominic's Parish on (03) 9912 6870, or email pastoral.associate@stdominics.org.au.

MARY MAGDALENE – THE MUSICAL is an uplifting Lenten production retelling the journey of Mary Magdalene through music and story. Presented by **COG Theatre Group** and directed by **Beth Mondragon Williams**, this moving work reflects on redemption, grace, and hope. It's on at the Renaissance Theatre in High Street in Kew at 7 pm on Friday 13th March and Saturday 14th March, and at 1 pm on Saturday 14th March and Sunday 15th March. Tickets can be purchased at trybooking.com/DHZPD.

WEEKDAY MASSES at St Cecilia's this week are at 9:15 am on Monday 9th March, Wednesday 11th March, and Friday 13th March. Are you able to join us for a weekday Mass in Lent?