

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

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

Recently Deceased:

Repose of the Souls: Carmelo Camilleri, Doris Camilleri, Emmanuel Camilleri, Joseph Camilleri, Annie Micallef Cristina Santos and those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church Cleaning	Saturday 25th July — Filippino Community
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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.**

For those families with children, they are very welcome, and if your children become unrest during the celebration of the Holy Eucharistic, please use the Children Room on the side of the church, you can still listen to the homily from there.

Melbourne synod 2026 – Theme Paper Release

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper.

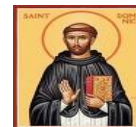
We pray for the Melbourne Synod: That our preparations will be marked by wisdom in decision-making, courage in leadership, and humility in listening to one another. May the Spirit guide our every conversation and action. Amen.

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good option for those who do
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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.



16th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

19th July 2026

First Reading: Wisdom 12: 13. 16-19

In the place of sin, you give repentance.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 85: 5-6. 9-10. 15-16

R/ Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 26-27

**The Spirit himself pleads for us in a way that could
never be put into words.**

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

**Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 13: 24-43

Let them grow together until the harvest.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12; Romans 8: 28-30; Matthew 13: 44-52

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

Today's reading features three parables about the kingdom: the weeds in the field; the mustard seed; and yeast in the flour. They are three fascinating parables about something undesirable or unwanted being mixed in with something that is apparently good – and Jesus presents them as descriptions of what the kingdom of heaven is like.

Let's look at the imagery of these parables. Darnel is a weed that looks exactly like wheat while it is growing. Only once the ears have formed can it be distinguished from the wheat. It is a malicious prank to sow darnel among wheat.

The mustard seed grows into such a large tree that birds come and nest in it. Why would any farmer want to deliberately plant a tree in the middle of his fields that attracts birds that will destroy his crops?

Three measures of flour is an enormous amount of flour; enough to make 50 or 60 loaves of bread! Yeast begins to ferment the dough mixture and if not baked the dough goes mouldy and goes bad. To leaven that much dough at one time is somewhat foolish. The Hebrew word used for leavening in scripture is *Chametz*, it literally means 'sour'. It is that essence by which things decay. Leavening is a fermentation process – a process of breaking down or corruption.

To describe the kingdom of God in these ways may seem a bit odd. Can the kingdom of God be a 'corrupting' or 'souring' or 'irritating' influence? The kingdom message of Jesus can be seen as a corrupting force in that it set about corrupting and destroying what was a flawed system. The parables also demonstrate that it only takes a tiny amount of this 'corrupting' influence to have a dramatic effect.

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

Next Sunday at 11.00am Mass

Please keep in your prayers our 13 children who will be receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion.



The Archbishop's Campaign 2026

Will take place over three weekends starting next Sunday 26th July.

Through your generosity, the campaign is able to support our retired priests, care for and form our seminarians, sustain Melbourne's overseas mission work, and respond compassionately to a wide range of charitable needs.

Also, strengthens our evangelisation initiatives, enabling the Gospel to be proclaimed with renewed courage and love.



St Dominic's Feast Day

Sunday 9th August 2026

Only one Mass at 11.00am.

Everyone is welcome.

You are all invited to come and celebrate our Patron Feast as a community.

Due to School renovations the Hall won't be available for our special gathering, but a light lunch will be provide after the Holy Mass outside the Church.

We ask the community for financial donations to buy and prepare the food and small bottles of water from Aldi.

Also, we need volunteers to prepare the food and to distribute the lunches.

WORKING BEE

Saturday 8th August after 9.00am Mass

Please come along and help us to clean and decorate the Church in preparation to St Dominic's Feast, many hands make light work.



Magnifica humanitas: Pope Leo's AI encyclical warns of temptation to build future excluding God.

... Pope Leo XIII and Catholic social doctrine

Pope Leo XIV places his writing on the age of artificial intelligence within the context of the magisterial tradition of Catholic social doctrine, also known as Catholic Social Teaching. The first chapter of the encyclical provides an overview of what each Pope has contributed to the Church's social magisterium from Pope Leo XIII to the present, highlighting key ideas that are particularly relevant today. The second chapter provides definitions of key principles of Catholic social doctrine from the 'common good' to 'subsidiarity'. Pope Francis and St John Paul II are both frequently quoted throughout the encyclical.

Pope Leo XIV signed Magnifica humanitas on 15 May, the 135th anniversary of Rerum novarum, Pope Leo XIII's foundational 1891 social encyclical on labour and capital written during the first industrial revolution.

'While new economic and technological networks can generate exclusion, isolation and dependencies, the Church—nourished by the Eucharist—is called to make visible a different paradigm, one that preserves human connections, gives a voice to the invisible and ensures that processes are aimed at respecting people's dignity,' Pope Leo says.

TODAY - SALE OF FOOD

LED BY THE FILIPPINO COMMUNITY

Please support our fundraising by buying the delicious food that is available, all funds toward the maintenance of the church.

