

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

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

Recently Deceased:

Repose of the Souls: Emmanuel & Jane Camilleri and those whose anniversary occur about this time and those whose names are on the memorial wall.

Church
Cleaning

Saturday 15th August — Vietnamese 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.**

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.

National Vocations Awareness Week

National Vocations Awareness Week - Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census

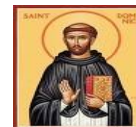
Australia's national Census will be held on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

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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.



St Dominic's Feast Day /19th Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A - 9th Aug 2026

First Reading: 1 Kings 19: 9. 11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84: 9 -14

Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

Second Reading: Romans 9: 1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

**I hope in the Lord,
I trust in his word. Alleluia!**

Gospel: Matthew 14: 22 - 33

Command me to come to you over the water.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Isaiah 56: 1. 6-7; Romans 11: 13-15. 29-32; Matthew 15: 21-28

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

Although divine power is manifested in dramatic ways, it is also present in what is unassuming. Traces of God can be seen in the delicacy of a violet, in a cool summer breeze, in the blush of innocence, in the fiery eyes of justice. Every one of us lives in the midst of God, breathes the breath of God's life, and is constantly touched by the exquisite artistry of God's creativity. Life itself is a mountain experience of God.

As wonderful as life may be, it can also be very frightening at times. There are misunderstandings and rancour, jealousy and vindictiveness, greed and a hunger for power. Our personal lives can come unravelled and we can feel that we are genuinely 'at sea'. Every human being is tossed about by the exigencies of life. It is at times like these that we need faith in Jesus. Even though we do not recognise him, he is there in the midst of our chaos. Having the power of God, he is the definitive champion of all chaos, and so he is able to allay our fears and calm the sea.

A true experience of God, whether it be within the ordinariness of life or one of life's tribulations, is both transformative and effusive. It is a reality that cannot be contained; it must be proclaimed. Disciples must be ready to do what they can in order that the good news of God's revelation be made known to others.

The Archbishop's Campaign 2026— continue this Sunday.

Courage! ... Do not be afraid. Matthew 14:24

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. Because of you, we are able to offer practical assistance and pastoral care to those who have given their lives in service of the Church and to those preparing for priestly ministry. At the same time, your gift allows us to reach out to the vulnerable and nurture the spiritual life of our Archdiocese. Most Rev Peter Comensoli

If you still have envelopes, please place them in the collection bag with your donation. Thank you!

St Dominic's Youth Group!

Meeting every Thursday at 7.00pm.

Please come and join us to share and learn the word of God.



Safeguarding Officer—Laura Garland

Next Sunday 16th August at 11.00am Mass, we will be having Laura from the Archdiocese of Melbourne to explain us the importance that is for all volunteers to register with the Department of Government Service and get the Working With Check Card and to those who are holding Church Keys to have the Police Check. It is our responsibility to provide a safe environment to young people and vulnerable adults.

St Dominic's Parish Feast

Sunday 9th August 2026

Solemnly Mass at 11.00am.

**“Arm yourself with prayer rather than a sword;
wear humility rather than fine clothes”**



St. Dominic was born in 1170 in Caleruega, Spain. From his youth, he displayed a deep love for learning and compassion for the poor, even selling his own books to provide for famine victims. Ordained a priest, he accompanied his bishop on missions to southern France, where he encountered the Albigensian heresy. Seeing the need for well-formed preachers who lived simply and faithfully, Dominic dedicated himself to preaching the truth of the Gospel with humility and clarity. In 1216, he founded the Order of Preachers, later known as the **Dominicans**, emphasizing study, prayer, and active preaching. His order quickly spread throughout Europe, training preachers and scholars who would defend the faith and guide the Church. Dominic was also deeply devoted to prayer, particularly to the **Blessed Virgin Mary**, and tradition holds that he promoted the Rosary as a way of contemplating the mysteries of Christ. He died in 1221, leaving behind an order that continues to shape Catholic intellectual and spiritual life.

Practical Lessons

Live Simply and Generously: Dominic's decision to sell his beloved books during a famine reminds us to put people before possessions. In daily life, this can mean donating what we don't use, giving time to volunteer, or being attentive to those in material or emotional need.

Speak the Truth with Love: Dominic faced heresy not with anger but with clarity, humility, and patience. For us today, this means explaining our beliefs calmly in conversations, correcting misinformation kindly, and always striving to build up others rather than tear them down.

Make Prayer a Daily Anchor: Dominic's devotion to prayer grounded his mission. In modern life, we can follow his example by setting aside consistent times for prayer—whether praying the Rosary, attending daily Mass, or even taking a few quiet minutes during a busy day to re-center our hearts on God.



COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE 2026

Please support our Fundraising by buying tickets and taking books to sell with your family and friends.

Tickets are on sale at the piety stall after each mass.

All funds towards the maintenance of the church.