

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

Church
Cleaning

Saturday 5th September — Spanish 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.

Safeguarding Officer: Laura Garland Saturday 29th August at 6.00pm Mass

Laura is visiting us 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.

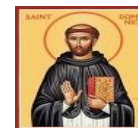
**PLEASE DO NOT BRING UNWANTED ITEMS INTO THE CHURCH
AND DO NOT PLACE ANY DECORATION OR ITEMS IN THE GROTTOS.**

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.

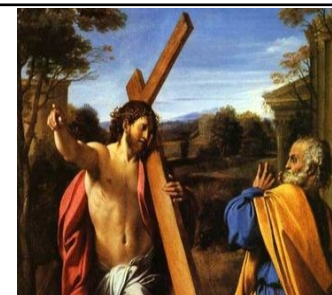
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

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.



22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — Year A

30th August 2026

First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7 – 9

The word of the Lord God has meant derision for me.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 62: 2 – 6. 8 – 9

R/ My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12: 1 -2

May you present your bodies as a living sacrifice.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes
of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to
which we are called. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 16: 21 – 27

Whoever wishes to come after me, must deny himself.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Ezekiel 33:7-9; Romans 13: 8-10; Matthew 18: 15-20

Gospel Reflection by Greg Sunter

This week's gospel is the first of three predictions of Jesus' death and resurrection in Matthew's gospel (see also Mark and Luke). Despite Peter's confession of faith that immediately precedes this passage (see last week's gospel), the disciples still do not have a very solid understanding of Jesus' purpose. They may regard him as the Messiah, but still do not fully understand what that means. In this passage, Jesus is beginning to prepare them for the events of the passion – his death and resurrection. He is trying to lead them to a greater understanding of his mission and message. But Peter abruptly 'rebukes' Jesus and tells him not to speak like that. One can almost hear Peter saying, 'Look, Jesus, you've got a good thing going here, don't spoil it by talking about dying!' However, Jesus responds to Peter very sharply, suggesting that his lack of understanding is inspired by evil and reflects human thought, not divine wisdom.

The passage then leads in to a description of the challenge of discipleship. To be a follower of Jesus means to 'deny' oneself, take up one's cross and follow Jesus. In the context of this passage, to 'deny' oneself means to not be concerned about 'I' but to be concerned about 'You' – to put others before self. To be a follower of Jesus means to be selfless, not self-centred. In the ultimate example of this, Jesus tells his disciples that whoever wishes to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for Jesus' sake will find it. To 'save' your life is to hold back from giving yourself fully to the message of Jesus – to be 'half-hearted' in your faith. But to 'lose' yourself in the message of Jesus is to fully give yourself over to living the reign of God and through 'losing' yourself in this way, Jesus tells us, is how to truly find life.

Historical Context. Whoever loses his life for my sake...

At the time of the writing of Matthew's gospel (around 75-80 CE), Christians were being persecuted and put to death for their beliefs. They were literally giving up their lives for their faith. These persecuted Christians saw Jesus' triumph over death as a sign of great hope and trust in the future for themselves. Jesus' words in the gospel – 'whoever loses his life for my sake will find it' – would give hope to those under persecution that ultimately they too would triumph and that the deaths of their friends were not in vain.

Scriptural context. Not quite there...

This passage immediately follows the passage of last week's gospel which featured Peter's confession of faith – his inspired revelation that 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the Living God.' The reader might think, 'Aha, the disciples have finally got it!' But in a very clever piece of writing, the author of Matthew's gospel follows this revelation of faith immediately with an example of the lack of clarity that the disciples, including Peter, still possess. This happens throughout the gospels. Whenever the disciples have a bit of an insight, they are almost immediately shown to only have a partial understanding of the truth. The full revelation of Jesus' mission and ministry is not easy to grasp and even the disciples were not quite there until they had seen the 'full story' played out before and within them.

Living the Gospel. Have you got what it takes?

For some people, to be a Christian is a 'soft option' – they see being Christian as being a bit 'fluffy'. This week's gospel is a reminder of the real challenge of being a Christian. Jesus reminds us that to be one of his followers we must be prepared to pick up our cross – whatever our particular cross might be – and still follow his example. To be a Christian means that we don't fall in a heap when difficulty comes our way; we take up the burden – our cross – and continue to look forward with hope. To live like Jesus is no easy option.

SEASON OF CREATION REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

In our own times, when the threat posed by climate change is becoming increasingly obvious, this passage asks us to look and act with openness to our sharing in God's plan. There is no mandate here for doing nothing and letting catastrophe happen. Ours is not a religion of sanctified fatalism or pious denialism. Ours is a faith which demands that we face reality, however scary it sometimes seems. We are people of hope. In our own times, when the threat posed by climate change is becoming increasingly obvious, this passage asks us to look and act with openness to our sharing in God's plan. There is no mandate here for doing nothing and letting catastrophe happen. Ours is not a religion of sanctified fatalism or pious denialism. Ours is a faith which demands that we face reality, however scary it sometimes seems. We are people of hope. Like Peter before us, Jesus calls every one of us to follow him. We can do that by renouncing our selfishness and, like Peter eventually did, getting over our denialist habits.

Next Sunday –Baptism Information Preparation
At 3.00pm in the church for Parents and Godparents.

St Dominic's Youth Group!

Meeting every Thursday at 7.00pm.
Please come and join us to share and learn the word of God.



SEASON OF CREATION GATHERING 2026
Listen • Reflect • Act

Event Details
3-4 September 2026

- Online
10 – 4:30 pm (AEST)
- Registration:
\$20 per person / \$100 per parish

www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

Catholic Earthcare Season of Creation Gathering 2026

Caritas Australia and Catholic Religious Australia warmly invite you to participate in the Catholic Earthcare **Season of Creation Gathering 2026: Listen, Reflect, Act**, a national online event on **3-4 September 2026**. - The Gathering offers inspiring keynote presentations and practical workshops to help participants deepen their faith and respond to the call to care for our common home. Parishioners can register individually for **\$20**. Learn more and register: www.caritas.org.au/soc-gathering

Raffle 2026

TICKETS \$2 EACH

PRIZES:

1 ST	1st Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of	\$12,000
2 ND	2nd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of	\$4,000
3 RD	3rd Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of	\$2,000
4 TH	4th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of	\$1,000
5 TH	5th Prize: Coles/Myer Gift Card to the value of	\$500

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.