

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Polesi Tui, 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 23rd May — Filipino 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 Volunteer Week

18-24 May 2026

A heartfelt Thank You to all volunteers of our community.

We are especially grateful for the support that you provide to the church.

Thank you for everything you do and God's blessings to you all.

Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession Sunday 7 June 2026

Begins 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral,
East Melbourne

Concludes at Federation Square

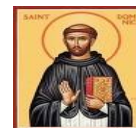
Like the disciples who recognised Jesus on the journey to Emmaus, this afternoon will be a moment of unity for the whole Archdiocesan community as we bear witness to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, our light and hope, into the heart of Melbourne

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.



The Ascension of the Lord, Year A

17th May 2026

First Reading: Acts 1: 1-11

Why are you standing here looking into the sky? Jesus has been taken into heaven.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 46: 2-3, 6-9

R/ God mounts his throne to shouts of joy; a blare of trumpets for the Lord.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1: 17-23

He made Jesus to sit at his right hand in heaven.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!

Go and teach all people my gospel.

I am with you always, until the end of the world. Alleluia

Gospel: Matthew 28: 16-20

All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Genesis 11: 1-9; Romans 8: 22-27; John 7: 37-39

REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The short gospel passage for today is taken from the final words of the gospel of Matthew. It is known as 'The Great Commission' as Jesus is portrayed commissioning his disciples to go out to the world and spread the good news. They are charged to 'Go, therefore, make disciples of all the nations.' This is the basis of much of the missionary work of the Church that has gone on ever since then.

However, the focus of today's feast is much more on the first reading than the gospel. The opening verses of the Book of Acts, from the author of Luke-Acts, describe the final instructions of Jesus to his disciples and then his 'lifting up'. The Luke-Acts writer is the only gospel writer to actually describe the Ascension. The fact that the other gospels don't discuss the Ascension in any detail at all is a good indication that this description should not be taken literally.

However, the message of the Ascension is a powerful one. It reminds us that Jesus, the human incarnation of God on earth, was limited to a specific time and place in history. Despite the physical limitations of his life on earth, Jesus ensured that his message and ministry would continue through those he had taught. Knowing that the disciples would need time to grieve and come to terms with all that had occurred in a relatively short space of time, Jesus promised that the Spirit would come upon them in the days to come. That visiting of the Spirit upon the disciples at Pentecost was the motivation to set about doing what Jesus had charged them to do. Without the Ascension, there is no Pentecost.

Historical Context – To the ends of the earth

In both the gospel passage from Matthew and the passage from the Book of Acts, Jesus commissioned his disciples to go out to the whole world. In Matthew, it is to 'all the nations' and in Acts it is 'to the ends of the earth'. Both writers make it abundantly clear that the message of Jesus is not exclusively for the people of Israel but for all people everywhere. Within only a very few years, early Christian communities had sprung up all around the Mediterranean. Once Christianity became the religion of Rome it spread to all the corners of the Roman Empire.

Scriptural context – Not the only Ascension

The description of Jesus being taken up into heaven is a close parallel to the description of the great prophet Elijah also being taken up to heaven. Chapter 2 of 2 Kings describes Elijah speaking to his disciple Elisha in similar words to those used by Jesus to his disciples. The Jewish tradition had no belief in an individual resurrection and so the idea of Ascension was to recognise the greatness of the prophet. He was to be united with God in Heaven rather than having to wait for the great resurrection of all people at the end of time.

Living the Gospel – You will be my witnesses

A witness in a court of law is called to give evidence about a matter; to 'testify' to the truth of what they have seen or what they know to be true. Some people are very good at being a 'witness' to their faith by testifying to others about what they believe. Many others provide witness to their faith by simply living what they believe. Living a life based on Christian principles, including regular prayer and worship in your life, working for justice in the world and taking time to celebrate the beauty of everyday life is a powerful witness to others.

Please Note: Fr Octavian is going for his holiday from 26th May until 8th July and Fr Peter & Fr January will be here to assist Fr Msami. Please keep him in your prayers for a safe trip to his country.



Sacrament of Confirmation

Saturday 16th May at 6.00pm Mass

Congratulations to our 19 children as they receiving the sacrament of Confirmation today, may their life be filled with light, love, and the courage to follow Jesus.

"Come Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful! Guide these children as they grow in their faith"

MASS COUNT this Weekend will be by gender.

Please count all babies, children, teenagers, adults, celebrants, acolytes, deacons and anyone else present at the service.

Next Sunday: Pentecost Sunday

Pentecost is important because it reveals the Holy Spirit's mission in the life of the Church. Jesus did not leave his disciples to carry out the gospel by their own strength. He sent the Holy Spirit to guide, sanctify, strengthen, and unite them.



That is why Pentecost is often called the "birthday of the Church." Strictly speaking, the Church was already being formed during Christ's public ministry, especially through his calling of the apostles, his teaching, and the sacraments he instituted. But Pentecost is the moment when the Church is made manifest to the world and begins her public mission with boldness.

As we continue with the Novena to the Holy Spirit each morning Mass, lets pray for peace in the world.

A special collection will be taken at all masses in aid of the Spiritans Mission around the world. Thank you for your generous support .

PROJECT COMPASSION RECEIPTS

THE RECEIPTS ARE READY AT THE ENTRANCE OF THE CHURCH FOR THOSE WHO REQUESTED A RECEIPT FOR THE DONATION. THANK YOU.

Sacramental Program 2026

The Sacrament for First Holy Communion: Sunday 26th July 2026 at 11.00am

Today—Sale of Food

lead by the Island Community.

Please support this fundraising by buying the delicious food that is on sale.

All funds towards to the maintenance of the church.

