

## IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

**Our Sick:** Chandrasiri Fernando and Antonio Tavares Those of our community.

**Recently Deceased:** Joseph Morosoff

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

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| Church Cleaning | Saturday 25th October — Filipino 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.**

**Attention Parents and Carers!**  
**If your child goes to the toilet or just outside of the Church, one of the parents must accompany him/her.**

## REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate - *The Urgent Widow*

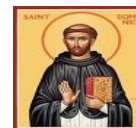
The judge in this story only gives in to the distraught widow when she threatens 'to give him a black eye' (in the Greek)! Jesus is *not* saying God is like the judge who needs to be battered into submission. Jesus *is* saying we need to pray like that widow. Think of what widows in Syria or Iraq are praying for tonight. Then think of one's own prayer. God is not the slightest bit interested in my usual trivial, self-promoting prayers. But He is interested in my being such a woeful pray-er and wants to change me. Recall an incident of really urgent, intense prayer. Most likely, it was to do with a traumatic accident or fatal disease of a baby, of a spouse, of a parent too young. Apply that intense urgency to those in the world crying out: 'give us this day our daily bread'. In short, pray The Lord's Prayer with meaning. We could pause for a moment to pray to live out the consequences of the 'Our Father' lest we are threatened with a black eye!

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and MASTER CARD.** This is a  
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## PARISH MASS TIMES

**Sundays:** 6.00pm Vigil Mass (Saturday evening)  
9.00am 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays: Vietnamese Mass  
9.00am 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> 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.

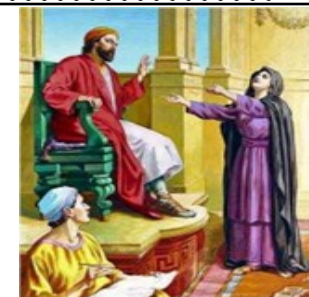
**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:** Every Wednesday from 6.00pm to 8.00pm

**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 Friday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



**29th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Mission Sunday - Year C**  
19th October 2025

**First Reading:** Exodus 17: 8 – 13

As long as Moses kept this arm raised, Israel had the advantage.

**Responsorial Psalm:** Ps 120

R/ Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

**Second Reading:** Timothy 3: 14-4:2

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready  
for every good work.

**Gospel Acclamation:** Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active;  
it probes the thoughts and motives of our hearts.  
Alleluia!

**Gospel:** Luke 18: 1-8  
God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

**NEXT SUNDAY READINGS:** Sirach 35: 12-14. 16-19; 2 Timothy 4:6-8.16-18; Luke 18: 9-14

## REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings today offer various aspects of prayer for our consideration. There is the spiritual discipline of prayer itself, which is essential to the life of the disciple: there is the communal dimension of prayer; and there is the ministerial commitment that is born of prayer. Our personal prayer must be persistent. Like Moses and the woman in the gospel reading, we must be ceaseless in our prayer, not discouraged by difficulties that we might have to face. Regardless of how strange the first reading may appear to be, it very strongly emphasises the communal dimension of prayer.

As minister of the word, Timothy is admonished to keep preaching the gospel, to keep spreading the good news, to allow the scriptures to continue to be a source of wisdom for himself and, through him, for all of the people who hear him. To have this kind of facility with Scripture requires that one enter into the deep meaning of the Scriptures and make them the basis of one's prayer. One must engage in what the monks call *lectio divina*, prayerful reflective reading of the scriptures. This practice, or spiritual discipline, gives us access to God and it also gives God access to us. It gives us the courage and the gentleness to teach, to refute, to correct. When our ministerial activity flows from prayer, it also flows from and strengthens right relationships with God and with the community. When this becomes a reality, the Son of Man will indeed find faith on earth.

### Today World Mission Sunday.

Pope Francis called us to be "missionaries of hope among all peoples", and Pope Leo XIV echoes this call, inviting us to step out in faith, to walk with those on the margins and share the hope of Christ through acts of love.

We remember in a special way the **mothers who walk for days in labour** to give birth in makeshift shelters, and the **children who walk over 10 kilometres** to access education. Your prayers are a profound act of solidarity, carrying hope and compassion across the miles.

### THE BETHANY WAY INTRODUCTORY RETREAT' At the feet of Jesus: on retreat with Mary, Martha and Lazarus'

Saturday 8 November 2025,

12noon-4pm Catholic Leadership Centre, East Melbourne.

All are invited to this free retreat opening a new key passages of Scripture relating to Jesus' relationship with the family at Bethany.

Discover Bethany, and your relationship with Jesus Christ, with reflective talks and plenty of time for personal prayer. The retreat will introduce you to The Bethany Way, a new immersive formation offering in 2026. <https://melbournecatholic.org/bethanyway>

## +++ All Souls Day—Sunday 2nd November

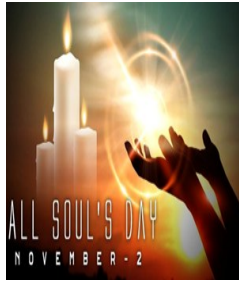
An Extra Mass at 5.00pm.

**For those who have loss a loving one during this year, you can bring a photo not bigger than A4 size for prayers.**

All Souls' Day is a time for Catholics to remember and pray for their deceased loved ones, as well as all the faithful departed. Catholic doctrine holds that some souls, after death, require purification from sin before entering heaven. This purification is believed to occur in purgatory. Prayers and Masses are offered for the souls in purgatory, with the belief that these prayers can help them on their journey to heaven.

Please write the name of your loving ones who have passed away from **November 2024 to October 2025** in the form at the entrance of the church.

**ENVELOPES FOR MASS FOR THE HOLY SOULS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH.**



### October Month of the Holy Rosary

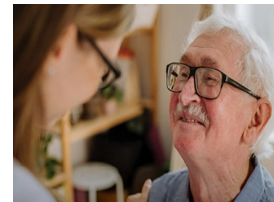
Please join us every Monday during the month of October at 6.30pm to pray the Holy Rosary for peace in the world.

Mon 20th—Led by Youth Group

Mon 27th—Led by Spanish Charismatic Group



### Victorian bishops urge faithful to oppose changes to state's euthanasia laws



### A Pastoral Letter to the Catholic of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide.

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: [www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill](http://www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill).

