

IN THE PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL WE PRAY FOR:

Our Sick: Cuthbert Lethbridge, Juan Ortiz and those of our community.

Recently Deceased: Michael Obiekwe (Fr Christian's father) John Tolan, Maurice Hermon, Luduvina, Cremilda & Alberti Exposto.

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

Church Cleaning	Saturday 15th February — Vietnamese 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.

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**

Introduction and Request for Blessing -

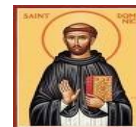
Mothers Who Pray For Their Children Movement

As a Movement, we walk humbly with the Church, for the Church, and within the Church. Our Charism is 'restoring families by the power of prayer' with the pillars of Humility, Obedience, and Unity. Our weekly groups and methodology include praying the Chaplet

Rosary for Children, a Formation study, and Lectio Divina that always occurs in the Church or parish grounds, meaning that we will always be grounded in our Catholic Faith. **INSTAGRAM - MOTHERS / FACEBOOK - MOTHERS / YOUTUBE - MOTHERS CHANNEL.** Please click on the links above and find out more about us.

Mothers Who Pray for Their Children movement to our 2nd National Conference, to be held on Saturday, 15th February 2025, at the Catholic Leadership Center, 576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne, from 9.00am to 5.00pm. More info on 0417 391 298

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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 Friday of the Month at 9.00am Mass.



Fifth Sunday of Ordinary Time - Year C

9th February 2025

First Reading: Isaiah 6: 1-8
Here am I! Send me.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 137: 1-5. 7-8
R/ In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11
I preach what they preach, and this is what you believe.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia!
Come follow me, says the Lord,
and I will make you fishers of my people. Alleluia!

Gospel: Luke 5: 1-11
They left everything and followed him.

NEXT SUNDAY READINGS: Jeremiah 17:5-8; 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20; Luke 6:17. 20-26



REFLECTION by Greg Sunter

The theme that comes through this week's readings is one of 'being called'. The first reading is the call of the prophet Isaiah (Is 6:1-8). Isaiah experiences a vision of the glory of God and is humbly reminded of his own deficiencies: he believes himself to be 'a man of unclean lips'. As such, he is certainly unfit to speak on behalf of God as his unclean lips would taint whatever message he may speak. But his lips are cleansed by God who then asks, 'Whom shall I send?' Demonstrating a complete conversion of heart and mind, Isaiah immediately replies, 'Here I am, send me!' This first reading provides a perfect balance to the gospel. Jesus is being closely pressed by the crowd when he asks a nearby fisherman to take him just off shore to preach without being overwhelmed by the crowd. Seemingly at random, he has selected the boat of the fisherman Peter. Having finished preaching for the day, Jesus tells Peter to set out into deeper water and pay out his fishing nets. Peter is certainly not keen on the idea! Out of some interest or good nature he had agreed to allow this preacher to use his boat for a while, but now this country bumpkin is trying to tell him how to fish! Just to prove Jesus wrong, Peter agrees to go through the futile exercise and is overwhelmed by the enormous catch of fish. Like Isaiah in the first reading, Peter is suddenly acutely aware of his own deficiencies – 'Leave me Lord; I am a sinful man'. Like Isaiah, he recognises that he has just seen the glory of God revealed and he feels unworthy to be part of the experience. But Jesus reassures him, 'Do not be afraid,' and calls Peter to follow.

Scriptural context – The Call of the disciples

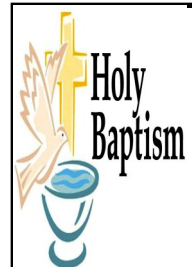
In the other two synoptic gospels – Matthew and Mark – the call of the disciples is one of the first recorded actions of Jesus' adult life. Luke, on the other hand, delays the call until after Jesus' public ministry has commenced. By this stage of the gospel, Jesus has made a public declaration about the nature of his ministry and begun to enact it. In this way, the sort of ministry Jesus will undertake is already established when the disciples are called to join it. It becomes a more conscious decision by the disciples – they know what they're getting in to!

Have you thought? – Do not be afraid

When Peter is overcome by the catch of fish and falls on his knees before Jesus, the response Jesus makes is to simply say, 'Do not be afraid'. This phrase is the most often repeated phrase in the Bible. It appears more than 60 times throughout the Bible – depending on which translation one uses. This is an extraordinary number of times for the one phrase to appear. And the references stretch from the first book, Genesis, to the last, Revelation. It is God's message to us echoing throughout the Bible: Do not be afraid!

Living the Gospel – Hearing the Call

Like Isaiah and Peter, each and every one of us is called. It may not happen through Jesus stepping into our boat, but when we quieten our minds and our hearts enough to really listen, we become aware that God truly is calling to each and every one of us. The call comes to us through our friends; our experiences; our hopes and our fears. Sometimes we are so afraid of hearing the call that we fill our lives with noise and distractions. We fear that the call will involve hardship, or at the very least: unpopularity. But that's no excuse!



Congratulations and prayers for
Joshua and Gabriel Guardado

Baptised today in our Parish.

"May God's grace guide, protect and shower them with
endless blessings."

"Embrace this new journey with faith and hope."

Sacramental Enrolment—First Holy Communion

Enrolments are now taking for the Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion for those children who attend government school, and who are in Year 3 and above.

Please visit the Parish office and complete the enrolment form. Classes will start soon, so it is urgent for parents to enrol their children.

Signs of renewal—As we embark on a new year—not just any new year, but a Jubilee Year—we are reminded that God makes all things new. The Jubilee calls us to set out as 'pilgrims of hope', alert to the signs of renewal all around us.

Joy overflows at Consecration of Melbourne's newest bishops

On 1 February 2025, St Patrick's Cathedral was overflowing—with people and with a spirit of joy and hopeful anticipation—as the Archdiocese of Melbourne welcomed two new auxiliary bishops. About 3,000 faithful gathered at the Cathedral and at nearby Cathedral Hall on a warm, bright Saturday morning for the Episcopal Consecration of the Most Rev Thinh Nguyen and Most Rev Rene Ramirez RCJ, with thousands more joining online from across Australia and overseas for the almost three-hour liturgy.

As Bishop Terry Curtin has now retired

Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ has been appointed to the Northern Region and Bishop Thinh Nguyen to the Eastern Region.

National Marriage Week - February 7-14th

Marriage is a sacred union that transcends the physical bond between two individuals. It is a spiritual journey- where love, respect, and mutual growth become the foundation for a shared life. Through marriage, partners learn patience, compassion, and selflessness, reflecting their deeper connection with the divine. As Pope John Paul II said, "*Spouses are therefore the permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the Cross; they are for one another and for the children witnesses to the salvation in which the sacrament makes them sharers.*" *Familiaris Consortio*, Section 13.

"Happy and Blessed Valentine Day"

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING: Thursday 13TH Feb at 6.00pm.

ST DOM'S CARE

Financial donations and food are accepted to assist the poor in our community, but please CHECK THE EXPIRED DATE, we cannot give any food that has been already expired. Thank you.