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**Sunday Masses:**  
Sun. 10 a.m.  
Sun. 5:30 p.m.  
**Weekday Masses:**  
Mon. 9:15 a.m.  
Wed. 9:15 a.m.  
Fri. 9:15 a.m.  
**Confessions:**  
By arrangement

## **FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

5 July 2026

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### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Hilary Allen, Susanne Lesley Anderson, Sr Matthew Beovich RSJ, Lois Billings, John Francis Buckley, Pat (Patricia Mary) Lightfoot, Jean (Jane) Madden, Brian Maurice McLoughlin, Julian Peter O'Brien, Joan Veronica Stewart, Barry (James Barry) Young

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**ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER SUNDAY** is celebrated by the Catholic Church in Australia each year on the first Sunday in July. This is the first day of NAIDOC Week, which runs from the first Sunday in July until the following Sunday. This year, the theme of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is 'Walking Together in Christ: 40 Years On!' Resources for today's Masses were prepared by the National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholic Council (NATSICC). NATSICC is the peak advisory body to the Australian Catholic Bishops on issues related to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics.

This year – 40 years on – we remember and celebrate the speech given by St Pope John Paul II to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples in Alice Springs on 29 November 1986. His words were a pivotal moment in the lives of First Nations Catholics, and forty years on, they continue to resonate.

A copy of that speech is attached to this week's bulletin. Fr Kevin will speak about it briefly in today's homily. We invite you to read and reflect on what St Pope John Paul II said. As you read and reflect on this speech, please try to see why it was such a message of encouragement and hope to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics. Note too that John Paul told the gathered Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Catholics that "the Church herself in Australia will not be fully the Church that Jesus wants her to be until you have made your contribution to her life and until that contribution has been joyfully received by others." What implications does this have for our Church?

The traditional owners and custodians of the land on which St Cecilia's is built are the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung People of the Kulin Nation. Fr Kevin learnt recently that the name of this People is commonly mispronounced. Many people say 'wa-ROON-djerry', with the emphasis on the second syllable. However, it should be pronounced 'WA-run-JERRY', with the emphasis on the first and third syllables, and with the D silent. Fr Kevin was told this by an Aboriginal guide at Bolin Bolin Billabong near the Veneto Club in Bulleen on 27<sup>th</sup> May. He has since confirmed this pronunciation with Wurundjeri Elder Uncle Ian Hunter. We show respect to our local People by pronouncing their name correctly.

To learn more about the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung People, visit the website of the Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation at <https://www.wurundjeri.com.au/>. The material under the heading of 'Our Story' is particularly interesting.

**CARITAS AUSTRALIA VENEZUELA EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY APPEAL:** To help the people of Venezuela after the recent disastrous earthquakes, make a donation through the Catholic relief and development agency Caritas Australia at <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/venezuela-earthquake/>.

**WEEKDAY MASSES:** We have Masses this week at **9:15 am on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July, Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July, and Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July.** There are Liturgies of the Word with Holy Communion at St Michael's, Ashburton at **10 am on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July, and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July.**