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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

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

2 August 2026

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES: Michael Francis Brown

COMMITMENT MASSES FOR CONFIRMATION: At both our 10 am and 5:30 pm Masses today, we welcome the girls and boys who are preparing for Confirmation and their families. At these Masses, the girls and boys will make a commitment to prepare well for this sacrament, while their families will commit to be examples of faith for their children. The children will celebrate their Confirmation at Masses on Tuesday 8th, Wednesday 9th and Thursday 10th September. Please keep these girls and boys in your prayers as they prepare for one of the significant events in their life of faith.

SHAPE THE FUTURE: BE COUNTED AS CATHOLIC THIS CENSUS: Australia's national Census will be held on Tuesday, 11th August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on religion. In a time when some would seek to diminish the importance of faith, it is vital that the Catholic community be represented in our national statistics. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision-making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services – guiding resource and funding allocations across Australia. By identifying as Catholic, you can help ensure that the contribution and needs of faith communities are properly recognised and considered in future planning and policy decisions.

The **2026 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN** is about to begin, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Priests Retirement Foundation, the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program, Melbourne Overseas Mission, the John Pierce Centre for the Deaf, Catholic Theological College, as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation. More information and pledge cards will be provided next week.

SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY: This year, the Assumption of Mary is celebrated on Saturday, 15th August. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. At St Cecilia's, our Mass to celebrate the Assumption will be in two weeks' time at 10 am on Saturday, 15th August.

MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER invites married couples to an Enrichment Day on **THE FIVE LOVE LANGUAGES: THE SECRET TO LOVE THAT LASTS**. The day is based on the international bestseller by Dr Gary Chapman. The presenters Deb & Paul Cochran, have been married for 37 years and involved with Marriage Encounter for 27 years. The day will be held from **9 am to 5 pm on Saturday 15th August 2026 at St Eugene's Retreat & Conference Centre, 45 John Field Drive, Newborough (Gippsland) VIC**. The cost is \$60 a couple, which includes course materials, lunch, and morning and afternoon tea. For more information and booking, go to <https://www.trybooking.com/DMSUR>. For enquiries, please speak with Maria & Andre Rasquinha on 0411 225 992.

WEEKDAY MASSES: We have Masses this week at **9:15 am on Monday 3rd August, Wednesday 5th August, and Friday 7th August**. Our Mass on Friday is a School Mass to celebrate the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop. All are welcome. At St Michael's in Ashburton, there is a Liturgy of the Word with Communion at **10 am on Tuesday 4th August, and Mass at 10 am on Thursday 6th August**.