

St Cecilia's Catholic Church
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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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

30 August 2026

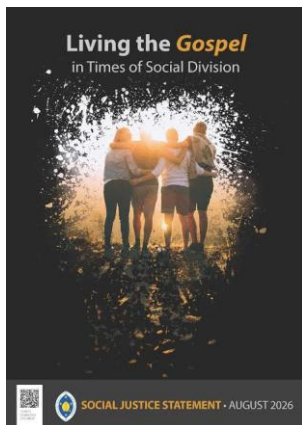
PLEASE PRAY FOR:

ANNIVERSARIES: George Beale, Rosemary Anne Berry, Bernard A. Cleary, Jan Griffiths, Clare Lyons, Jack McCann, Betty (Edith Margaret) McHugh, Hannah Morton, Teresa Ruta, Margaret Mary Staubli, Neil Anthony Streten, Alicia Tucker, Clare Lai Fong WONG

COMMITMENT MASS FOR FIRST COMMUNION: At both our 10 am and 5:30 pm Masses today, we welcome the children from St Cecilia's who are preparing for their First Communion and their families. At this Mass, they and their parents will commit themselves to preparing well for First Communion. Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare to receive the Body of Christ for the first time.

These girls and boys will receive Communion for the first time at either the 10 am or 5:30 pm Mass on either Sunday 8th November or Sunday 15th November.

SOCIAL JUSTICE SUNDAY: Every year, the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference issues a Social Justice Statement for our consideration. Parishes around Australia discuss this statement each year on the last Sunday in August.



This year's statement is titled *Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division*. It recognises much greater polarisation within Australia, along with growing normalisation of incendiary language, abusive behaviour and violence. There has been an alarming rise in antisemitism, Islamophobia, and hate speech directed towards migrants and refugees, and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Peoples. Social media has greatly exacerbated these tensions.

In this context, the statement calls us to live the Gospel by refraining from words that offend and hurt others, by reaching out to and engaging with those who are different from us, and by contributing to initiatives which make a positive difference in society.



This year's statement can be accessed by using the QR Code in this notice, or online at <https://acbcwebsite.s3.ap-southeast-2.amazonaws.com/Articles/Documents/ACBC/ACBC+Social+Justice+Statement+--+August+2026.pdf>.

CARITAS AUSTRALIA NEPAL FLOODS APPEAL: As you probably know, a sudden and devastating flash flood has sent a massive surge of water through the Bhote Koshi River in Nepal. Caritas Australia is our Catholic aid agency which works with its Catholic Caritas partners around the world. Caritas teams are already on the ground assessing the disaster and how to respond. To support their work with a donation, please go online to <https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/nepal-floods/?srsltid=AfmBOoriPr-JE1bkz8ennxqJRhQdzgs4Klu1nwebszGEaMj4lcdjtR0>.

PARTNERING WITH ST MICHAEL'S, ASHBURTON: As most of you know, in 2027 only one priest will be caring for both St Cecilia's and St Michael's, Ashburton. Our next step in preparing for this is a meeting in St Cecilia's Hall from **2 pm to 4:30 pm on Sunday 13th September**. Please join the parishioners of St Cecilia's and St Michael's for this important meeting.

WEEKDAY MASSES: This week, we have Mass at St Cecilia's at **9:15 am on Monday 31st August, Wednesday 2nd September and Friday 4th September**. At St Michael's in Ashburton, there is Mass at **10 am on Tuesday 1st September**, and a **Liturgy of the Word with Communion at 10 am on Thursday 3rd September**.