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Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 27-28 June, 2026

MISSIONARIES OF HOPE

I am returning to this theme — “missionaries of hope” - from Pope Francis’ message for World Mission Day 2025. In a previous reflection on World Mission, I noted that he wrote this homily before he died and left this message as a legacy. He called all Christians to be “missionaries of hope”

Taking up the same theme, Pope Leo XIV wrote a message for the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees. He began by saying that he was taking up this theme because 2025 coincided with the Jubilee of Migrants. In his message, Leo XIV spoke specifically of migrants as “missionaries of hope”. Because it speaks very much to our present situation, I will directly quote what the pope has to say: “The current global context is sadly marked by wars, violence, injustice and extreme weather events, which force millions of people to leave their homelands in search of refuge elsewhere. The widespread tendency to look after the interests of limited communities poses a serious threat to the sharing of responsibility, multilateral cooperation, the pursuit of the common good and global solidarity for the benefit of our entire human family. The prospect of a renewed arms race and the development of new armaments, including nuclear weapons, the lack of consideration for the harmful effects of the ongoing climate crisis and the impact of profound economic inequalities make the challenges of the present and the future increasingly demanding.”

Pope Leo XIV goes on to say that, in this present global context, we all desperately seek signs of hope. He then goes on to talk about the link between migration and hope. “Many migrants, refugees and displaced persons are privileged witnesses of hope. Indeed, they demonstrate this daily through their resilience and trust in God, as they face adversity while seeking a future in which they glimpse that integral

human development and happiness are possible.”

Despite having to leave their homelands because of war or famine, refugees believe there can be a future for themselves, their families and their communities. Often, they endure having to wait for years before they can be granted official status as refugees and then provided with the means and documentation that allows them to enter assigned countries of refuge. This experience can severely challenge their faith. But what our Popes Francis and Leo XIV stress is that they witness to their faith in a way whereby they can be a source of inspiration and hope in a world where we wearily wonder whether or not there is a future worth hoping for.

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As Pope Leo XIV said, migrants and refugees also help to initiate “inter—religious dialogue based on everyday life and the search for common values”. Then there is the challenge to the welcoming communities in these countries of adoption or refuge. We are called to ensure that these newly arrived migrants are made to feel at home. In this sense, then, we are all called to be “missionaries of hope”.

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By Fr Tom Rouse in The Far East Magazine (ed. May 2026)

Masses

Monday
9am

Tuesday
9am Mass

Wednesday
7pm Mass

Thursday
9am Mass

Friday
9am Mass

Saturday
6pm Mass

Sunday
9am, 11am, 6pm

Reconciliation
Saturdays
10am—10.30am

Parish Priest:
Fr Brendan Connell CP

Assistant Parish Priest
Fr. Tuan Paul Anh-Do CP

Parish Staff:
Gillian Velupillay (Bursar)
Didi Karkas (Secretary)
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Readings for NEXT WEEK
14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 2026

First Reader: Zechariah 9: 9-10

A reading from the book of Kings
Thus says the Lord:
Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.
He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the warrior's bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth
This is the Word of God

Psalm

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.
Every day I will bless you,
and praise your name forever and ever.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
The Lord is good to all,
and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,
and all your faithful shall bless you.
They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom,
and tell of your power,

The Lord is faithful in all his words,
and gracious in all his deeds.
The Lord upholds all who are falling,
and raises up all who are bowed down.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 9. 11-13

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans
Brothers and sisters:

you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit,
since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone
who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not
belong to him
If the Spirit of God who raised Jesus from the
dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the
dead will give life to your mortal bodies also
through his Spirit that dwells in you.
So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not
to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if
you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if
by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the
body, you will live
This is the Word of God

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth
You have revealed to little ones the mysteries of
the Kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 11: 25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord
of heaven and earth, because you have hidden
these things from the wise and the intelligent and
have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for
such was your gracious will. All things have been
handed over to me by my Father; and no one
knows the Son except the Father, and no one
knows the Father except the Son and anyone to
whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
"Come to me, all you that are weary and are car-
rying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I
am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find
rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my
burden is light."
The Good news of the Lord

Reflection

"Where in my daily life am I holding back from fully following Christ, and what cross is He asking me to carry with trust today?"

Do we still value the presence of others?

We are committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.
St Paul Apostle safeguarding policies can be found on our website at
<https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/endeavourhills> or in hardcopy in the Sacristy



2026 SACRAMENT PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN

As our grade 4 and above children complete their Sacrament of First Communion, we keep them in our prayers, that they will keep growing in faith.

We kindly remind parents of all children in grade 6 (who have received their Sacrament of Reconciliation and First Communion)

that our **Sacrament of**

Confirmation program will soon commence. Please ensure if you wish your child to be a part of this program to complete the registration prior to the closing date of June 30th, 2026

Below are the important dates which you & your child must attend



First Family night: Tuesday 15th September at 7pm
(Followed by 4 classes at parish Schools or **ASRE**)

Last Family Night: Tuesday 17th November at 7pm
Session with the Bishop: "To be advised"

Masses: Saturday 21st November at 12pm (maybe another also at 2pm)

Contribution towards the running of the program is \$25 per child

ASRE is a program designed to help all Catholic children attending NON PARISH schools who wish to take part in our Sacramental program. It runs on Tuesdays.

We will provide the dates of the ASRE classes at the First family night.

PLAYGROUP

Many of us may not be aware that we have a small playgroup which runs on Thursdays between 10am to 11.30am in the Annexe for children aged between 0 to 5 yrs old. The group is run by mothers & grandmothers who generally also bring their child/grandchild with them. The children who attend this group will be accompanied by a parent/ guardian. We are looking for volunteers to assist co-ordinate and run the sessions on a roster. You will not



be required to run the session every week. However, you will be required to comply to the Archdiocese's safeguarding policy, we will help you to obtain all the necessary documents.

If you think this is something that you are interested in taking part, please contact the parish office on 9700 3781 (Monday to Friday 9am to 1pm) and we will provide you with more information regarding this group.

PARISH BINGO

Please remember that our next **Parish BINGO is on FRIDAY, 17th JULY** from 7.30pm in the annexe. You can come on your own or in a group. For more information please contact Vianney 0438 700 675 or Joe 0419 385 441



School Holiday

Just a little reminder that our children's liturgy and play-group will have a break during the school holiday. We wish everyone a nice break.

Sad News

At the start of this week, we received sad news from Gillian (our bursar) that her dear mum Sally D'Cruz, passed away on Monday morning. We will update you with the funeral details once we have them, in the meantime, we keep Gillian and her family in our prayers during this time of grief

COMMUNITY AROUND US

Those with early Dementia and their carers are invited to come along to this **FREE** fun singing group which is led by professional singing teacher. The aimed is encouraging social interaction with activities to aid memory retention. This activity runs every **SECOND THURSDAY between 1pm-2pm** at **ANDREW CENTRE** (2-6 Hanna Drv, Endeavour Hills) Ph. 03 9700 4944. Afternoon Tea provided

Readings:

13 Sunday in Ordinary Time Yr A

2 Kings 4:8-11. 14-16

Romans 6:3-4. 8-11

Matthew 10:37-42

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This weekend we pray for:

Those who are sick

Astrid Miller, Peter Shaw-Dennis, Peter Van Helmond, Pandry Jackson, Irma Dias, Eduardo Dias, Fr Chris Mithen CP, Kerry Carney, Mary Antoun, Anne McCallister, Neville Akom, Terry Gough, Cecile Potier, Mavis David, James Mendis, Oliver Mendis, Hector de Santos, Teariki Sword, Rui Manuel Campos, Ruby Reid, Danny Sugunasekera, Dorothy Locke, Piper Anne Spriggs, Grace Sprigg, Ronella Tyrell *and All those in aged care or homebound with chronic health issues*

Those who have died

Sally D'Cruz, Yvonne Sherwin, Kelvin Wilson, Monica Tissera, Clare Foster, June Kitto, Cyril Sextus De Silva, Conrado Casiano Omega, Carmelo Cicero, Philippe Larosse, Giuseppina Materia, Barbara Anne Tobin, Avita Fernandes, Sinta Nugraha, Milica Kosi, Kuntjoro Setyo, Cheryl Anthony, Lancy D'Silva, Angelo Marateo, Salvatore Avano *and all who are named in our church memorial book*

May they rest in peace

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MINISTERS OF WORD/ COMMENTATORS 2026

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Mary Pegram Liz Spear	Virendra Jayetileke Janina Gorski	Anne Astin Rinku Arora	Stephen Nasalio William Roncon
2nd Sunday	Marg Daly Liseby Lapierre	Grace Sudjono Rosa Mitchell	Mars Sota Beth Sota	Charlene Nheu Mignonne Meerwald
3rd Sunday	Liz Flood Trevor Saldanha	Agnes Giam William Round	Alvita Dias Harendra Alwis	Jeremy Ferrao Reg Young
4th Sunday	Mark Rolfe Karen Rolfe	Mary Moore Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Anne Astin	Marg Keating William Roncon
5th Sunday	Marg Daly Trevor Saldanha	Grace Sudjono Jodicee Tenisio	Mary Heaton Jennifer Tanti	Lakni Weerasekera Charlene Nheu

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MINISTERS OF EUCHARIST 2026

	Saturday—6pm	Sunday 9am	Sunday 11am	Sunday 6pm
1st Sunday	Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn Lien Phan	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Glenys Tran Rohan Wickramasinghe Jennifer Cunningham	Vianney Clark Antionette Gargano Stephen Herbert Binitha Mathew Patricia D'Souza	Anne Kankanige Peng Chee Vonny Lai
2nd Sunday	Gertrude Akom Mima Arena Carmeline Don Paul	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Aloma Pereira Folole Faleafa Rinku Arora	Dominique Maclou Sai Dlinger Naomi Falo Stephen Nasalio Santhanamary	Jenny Catania Brendan Keating Lakni Weerasekera
3rd Sunday	Celine Quinless Riona Alveyn Lionel Alveyn	Mary Moore Nila Fernando Dalreen Fernandes Jennifer Cunningham Sig Romano	Vianney Clark Antionette Gargano Binitha Mathew Patricia D'Souza Marie Claire Maillard	Vonny Lai Charlene Nheu Marg Keating
4th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Lien Phan Celine Quinless	Aloma Pereira Michelle Boissezon Rohan Wickramasinghe Kyle Hoad Emma Hoad	Naomi Falo Dominique Maclou Lauren Rafferty Stephen Herbert Santhanamary	Mignonne Meerwald Swineetha Disanayake Jenny Catania
5th Sunday	Bernie Henstridge Carmeline Don Paul Mima Arena	Sig Romano Anabela Costa Nila Fernando Rinku Arora Kyle or Emma Hoad	Binitha Mathew Stephen Herbert Vianney Clark Patricia D'Souza Marie Claire Maillard	Marg Keating Peng Chee Jenny Catania

Please note that the above rosters are subject to the completion
of the required SAFEGUARDING documents and training

