

Risen Christ



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year A

15 & 16 August 2026

The Catholic Communities of Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham & St Francis Xavier, Montmorency



We acknowledge the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nation who are the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respect to the elders past, present and emerging.

The Archbishop's Campaign invites us to proclaim the Good News by supporting ministries that serve those in need across our Archdiocese. Your generous gift helps bring this mission to life — not only in word, but in action.

Thank you.



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Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, 'Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.' But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. 'Giver her what she wants,' they said 'because she is shouting after us.' He said in reply, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.' But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. 'Lord,' she said 'help me.' He replied, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the house-dogs.' She retorted, 'Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master's table.' Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.' And from that moment her daughter was well again.

Reflection - Break Open the Word 2026

At first sight, this is a most astonishing story: Jesus seems to be rude; a Canaanite woman gets the better of him, and he changes his mind!

In fact, the gospels all demonstrate that Jesus' proclamation of God's kingdom lay within the realm of the Jewish faith. The woman is a foreigner and outside this scope. The dialogue between them is direct and witty. The woman is sharp and assertive.

The pagan woman's recognition of Jesus as the Messiah (she calls him 'Son of David' and 'Lord') is surprising for us and for Jesus. But in their repartee, Jesus recognises her faith and responds accordingly.

As he wrote his gospel, this story was no doubt important for Matthew because the early Church was dealing with the new proclamation of the Gospel to the Gentiles. It serves therefore not as a witness to exclusion or exclusiveness, but rather as a foreshadowing of openness and universality. Faith is celebrated wherever it is found.



*This parish has a commitment to ensuring the safety of children and vulnerable people in our community.
We support the recommendations of the Royal Commission into institutional abuse and pray for all the survivors.*



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RECONCILIATION

available half an hour before
any weekday or weekend Parish Mass.

Risen Christ Parish Calendar of Events

Saturday 15

12:00pm Baptisms: Kairan, Leo, Chloe,
Maxwell, Roy, Riko Montmorency

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists Montmorency

Sunday 16

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharists Eltham

12:00pm Baptisms: Zac, Sophia, Emilia, Ruby Eltham

Monday 17

12:30pm Mass: Feast of the Assumption
of Mary Catholic Ladies College

Tuesday 18

9:30am Mass: Feast of the Assumption
of Mary Mass & SFX School Montmorency

10:00am Rosary Montmorency

10:00am Craft Group Montmorency

11:00am Prayer Shawl Ministry Eltham

2:00pm Bethany Small Church Community Montmorency

Wednesday 19

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

1:00pm Kairos Small Church Community Montmorency

Thursday 20

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

10:00am ASRC Food Collection Montmorency

2:30pm Meditation Eltham

Friday 21

9:30am Mass Eltham

Saturday 22

6:00pm Mass & First Eucharists Montmorency

Sunday 23

8:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Mass & First Eucharists Montmorency

Monday 24

2:00pm Mass Calvary Lower Plenty Garden Views

Tuesday 25

9:30am Mass Montmorency

10:00am Rosary Montmorency

7:00pm Jordan Small Church Community Montmorency

Wednesday 26

6:30am Meditation Montmorency

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Eltham

Thursday 27

9:30am Liturgy of the Word with Communion Montmorency

Thanksgiving

Dear Parishioners,

Following is a list of ways in which you can give towards the running of our Parish (left to right):

A) EFTPOS terminals

B) scan the QR code (<https://bit.ly/45ifhRp>) & donate to any Parish finance campaign including Thanksgiving, Presbytery Offerings, baptisms etc

C) cash/coins in the collection baskets at each church

D) thanksgiving envelopes

E) set up payments from credit/debit cards/bank account

Thank you for your generous support,

Michael



Collections: 2 & 9 August 2026

Thanksgiving	Cash	\$2,154.00
	Electronic	\$8,873.40
Presbytery	Cash	\$1,205.50
	Electronic	\$225.00

Thanksgiving Offering

Month	Total
May	\$18,752.55
June	\$22,507.82
July	\$19,824.17



*Let us pray for all those who have gone
before us marked with the sign of faith ...*

For those in need of **healing**, remembering especially:

*Baby Liam & Natalia Park, Baby Margot Brady,
Kiera Taylor (9 years old); Peter, Stephen Andrew, Des Arneson,
Bill Boyce, Penny Boyce, Maria Bredle, Vincent Cipolletta,
Nora Edmond, Monivic Fanlo, Pat Hosmer, Siobhan Lappin,
Georgina Lynch, Mary Luttick, Cindy & Ed Morrissey,
Bernard Murray, Regina Roszczenko, Phil Rovtar, Beth Scott,
Audrey Tunks, Nicholas Turnbull, Jeanne Vanderwert, Grant Whiteside*

For those who have **died** recently:

Iole Cusmano, Brian Hanlon (brother/in-law of John & Marg Hanlon)

For those whose **anniversaries** are at this time:

*Thomas Caulfield, Watty Gatt (10 yr anniversary), Geoffrey Harris,
Kathleen Joss, Aileen Patricia Moriarty, Alan Radcliffe*

To include an anniversary please contact Parish Office
9435 4742 or RisenChrist.Parish@cam.org.au.

Roster for week ending 16 Aug 2026

Bacani, Brian	W6:00
Beckford, Peter	C10:00
Capuana, Marisa	W6:00
Castellanos, Rodrigo	E10:00
Cotter, Anne	W8:30
Davidson, John	W8:30
Dhanasen Family	PRSE
Donnellan, Denise	E10:00
Drljo, Frank	CLNR
Haines, Jan-Marie	E10:00
Reardon, Kathy	ASE
Reardon, Kathy	E10:00
Reardon, Peter	E10:00
Reischel, Marita	H10:00
Said, Marie	ASRC
Said, Mike	ASRC
Stone, Nan	CLNR
Taylor, Trish	PRYR
Volunteer please	H10:00
Volunteer please	H10:00
Volunteer please	H10:00
Williams, Peter	R10:00
Zerjal, Frida	CLNR

Roster for week ending 23 Aug 2026

Armstrong, Miranda	R10:00
Cseh, Ferenc	E10:00
Cseh, Nika	C10:00
Donnellan, Denise	H10:00
Dunell, Linda	E10:00
French, Jossie	W8:30
Grande, Silvana	H10:00
Hall, Vali	ASE
John, Audry	H10:00
John, Des	H10:00
Kenny, Michael	W6:00
Kulkens, Mark	W6:00
Leahy Family	PRSE
Love, Philip	W8:30
Lucas, Maree	CLNR
Nolan, Kathleen	PRYR
Reardon, Kathy	E10:00
Roy, Yvonne	E10:00
Smith, Neil	E10:00
Stephens, Patricia	CLNR

ASE = Altar Society @ Eltham;
C = Commentator;
CLKR = PowerPoint Clicker @ SFX;
CLNR = Cleaner @ SFX; R = Reader;
E = Eucharistic Minister; H = Hospitality;
LoW-01 = Liturgy of the Word with
Communion @ SFX;
PRSE = Pilgrim Rosary Statue @ Eltham;
M = Music; W = Minister of the Word



Congratulations to all who celebrate their sacraments this weekend:

Saturday, 15th August, 2026

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 12:00pm

Kairan Honey Eve	Baptism
Chloe Bell Grinter	Baptism
Leo Monte Grinter	Baptism
Maxwell Gregory Pinney	Baptism
Roy Alexander Pinney	Baptism
Riko Beau Rangasamy	Baptism

St Francis Xavier, Montmorency, 6:00pm

Ace Drohan	First Eucharist
Alexander Lorenzin	First Eucharist
Reid Masenhelder	First Eucharist
Charlotte Stead	First Eucharist

Sunday, 16th August, 2026

Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham, 10:00am

Isla O'Connor First Eucharist

Our Lady Help of Christians, Eltham, 12:00pm

Zac Farchione	Baptism
Emilia Lorraine Maria Tercelli	Baptism
Sophia Eliana Tercelli	Baptism
Ruby Catherine Wilksch	Baptism

Supporting the persecuted Help rebuild a Cathedral in the Philippines

In 2017, Christians in the city of Marawi in the southern Philippines faced brutal persecution from Islamist militants. More than 800 people were killed and thousands of families were displaced. During the five months of violence, the Cathedral of St Mary was bombed, desecrated and destroyed.

Nine years on, there is a growing desire for healing and reconciliation. The poor and faithful people of Marawi have asked for our help to rebuild their beloved cathedral so they can once again gather, pray, and be witnesses of Christ in this Muslim-majority region.

To learn more or provide your support, please scan the QR code or visit:
aidtochurch.org/monthlyproject

Thanks to generous supporters, every contribution during August will be doubled.



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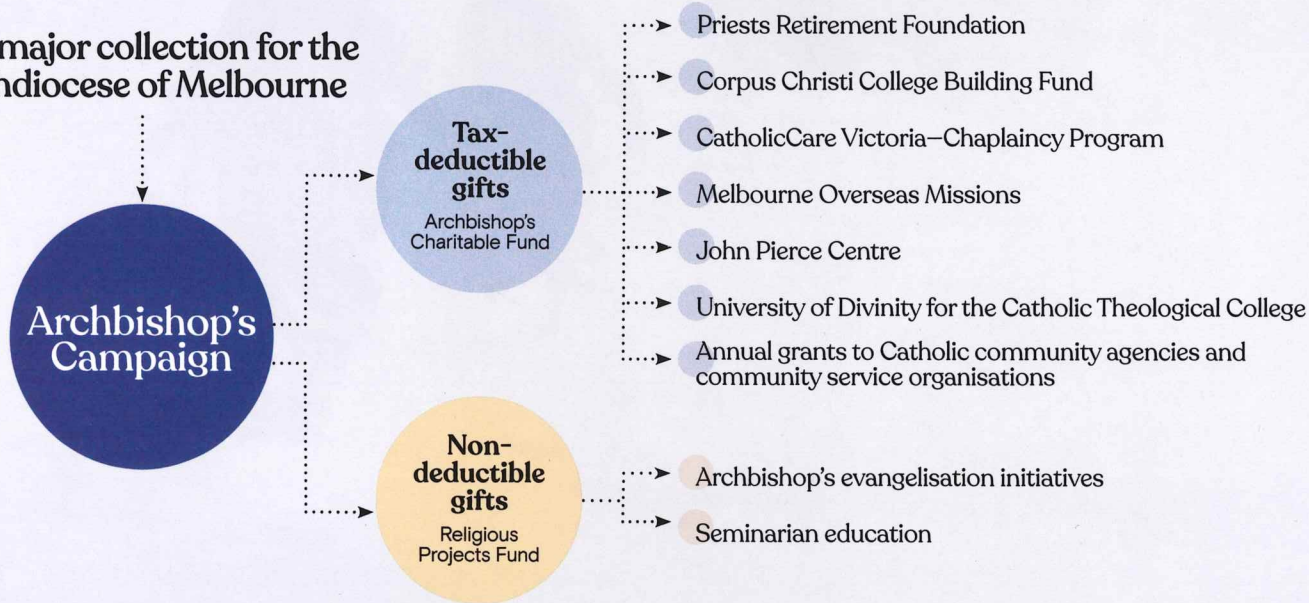
THE ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN 2026

Your contribution to this annual campaign goes towards a number of good works in the Church, including the ongoing care and support of our retired priests, the formation of seminarians at Corpus Christi College and various local charities.

Please give generously.



One major collection for the
Archdiocese of Melbourne



We are God's instruments: Deacon Dominic Lawes

Now in his seventh year of study at Corpus Christi College, Deacon Dominic Lawes says he can't wait to be ordained and begin serving the people of God in Melbourne. The deacon says his pastoral placement at St Catherine of Siena Parish in Caroline Springs this year has been the 'fulfilment of the deepest desires that God has implanted in me.'

'God uses all of us as instrument[s], especially deacons and priests,' he says. During his pastoral placement, Deacon Dominic says he's enjoyed preaching about Christ and supporting the community in their faith. 'That's what I've been called to.'

This year's theme resonates deeply



with the deacon. 'You've got the storm clouds in the distance, and you've got Jesus right there ... The storm clouds will come for everyone, and we should recognise them.' What matters, however, is keeping your eye on Jesus. 'God will take care of it if you really seek him.'

Having experienced his own doubts, Deacon Dominic finds strength in focusing on Jesus and his calling. 'I just think, "Lord help me to remember what this is all about. It's about you; it's about your Church, your people, your mission. I can only do my best, and he'll take care of the rest."'

Fr Brian Glasheen: 'Still doing my best to serve the Lord'

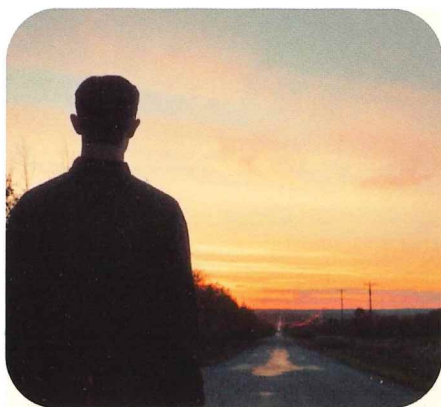
Fr Brian Glasheen says he's grateful for the last 55 years of walking alongside the people of God in the Archdiocese of Melbourne.

'I think God gave me the gift of loving people,' he says. 'As the priest, you don't have to say a lot. [You've] just got to be with them on the journey ... not only in times of sadness and tragedy, but [also] when they celebrate.'

Even in retirement, he's still doing his best to serve the Lord, he says. 'I'm still doing funerals, weddings and supply on weekends.' This includes celebrating Mass at the VMCH Bundoora Aged Care Residence once a month, and concelebrating Masses around Melbourne, including at his old parish of St Bernard's Bacchus Marsh, where he served for 30 years.



Looking back, Fr Brian says he's glad he became a priest. 'I read somewhere that the disciples would be repaid a hundredfold. Well, I've been repaid a thousandfold! There have been many blessings and many successes, and it's been a privilege to be a worker in the vineyard.'



CatholicCare Chaplaincy: Offering compassion, dignity and hope

Catholic Care Victoria's chaplaincy program walks alongside men, women and young people in Victoria's prisons and youth justice centres, offering compassion, dignity and hope through listening, presence and spiritual care.

'When we meet people in prison, it's often at the hardest point of

their lives,' says Trish, a chaplain with CatholicCare. 'Our role is to walk alongside people in these moments. It is to be present, listen and offer compassion.'

For young people in youth justice, a sense of disconnection can be especially hard for them, shares Deacon George Piech Meat. 'Many are carrying fear, shame, grief or uncertainty about their future.' He says chaplains can share 'what they are going through in their lives' and 'be part of taking that cross with them'.

Chaplains offer a listening ear, pray with people, connect them to other supports and services, and, when appropriate, help with their return to society. Trish says, 'Our chaplains support people at moments when hope can feel out of reach, reminding them they are still seen, still valued and not forgotten.'

The Bay Leaf Community Kitchen: Serving families with love and dignity

The Bay Leaf Community Kitchen has grown from a small food van into a thriving community service that now supports more than 150 families each week in the greater Geelong area. The organisation is one of the various recipients of the annual grants program available through the Archbishop's Campaign.

Co-founded by Martin Rowan and Andrew Costa, the idea for Bay Leaf emerged from a shared desire to help those in need in a more personal and compassionate way. It's this philosophy that guides the kitchen's referral-only service, where volunteers prioritise meaningful human connection alongside practical support. 'Anyone that comes in experiences the joy, peace and the love that we've got to offer,' says Martin. Looking ahead, the team hopes to continue growing while staying true to its core mission: creating a welcoming community where people feel valued, supported and cared for. 'We are extremely grateful for all donors to the Bay Leaf Community Kitchen,' says Martin. 'I think giving is the greatest thing you can do, whether it be monetary or with our volunteers.'



Salt, light and leaven in the Holy Land

The role of the small Christian minority in Israel and Palestine is not to live apart but to show how coexistence, forgiveness and reconciliation are possible / **by David Neuhaus**

“Conquest” and **“leaven”** are particularly evocative images when reflecting on our Christian vocation in Palestine/Israel and the choices before us as we try to navigate a conflict that stretches back decades. These two images sketch out very different approaches to the conflict: a choice between taking sides with one warring camp against the other, or fathoming our specifically Christian way of living in the middle of the conflict and witnessing to the possibility of a different reality.

In his recent pastoral letter, Jerusalem’s Latin Patriarch, Pierbattista Pizzaballa, wrote: “The conflict is not something to be overcome, but rather the very place in which our Church is called to carry out its specific mission as a community of believers in Christ.” Conquest is the conventional way to construct empires – the kingdoms of this world. Victory is gained by domination and the elimination of opposition. Holding on to power an constantly making use of it is the guarantee of victory. The system that is put into place, be it discrimination, occupation, ethnic cleansing or genocide, distinguishes clearly between victor and vanquished.

This model of kingdom has dominated the history of the world. It is a model that has often been followed by Christendom too, at least from the time that Christianity became the religion of empire in the fourth century. The vanquished were those Christians who refused “orthodoxy”, as well as Jews, later Muslims, and all others who did not accept Christian faith.

Today, conquest characterises Israel’s domination of Palestine, manifested in the regime of discrimination imposed on the Palestinian citizens of Israel, in the brutal military occupation that ravages the Palestinian territories conquered by Israel during the 1967 War, and in the devastating destruction that has unfolded in the Gaza Strip since October 2023. Dreams and ideologies of conquest, as well as exercises in conquest, also dominate many forms of Palestinian imagination and resistance to Israeli force. These reached a peak in the horrific massacres in southern Israel on 7 October 2023.

Many Christians feel the need to choose one side or the other, and stand by the ideologies of conquest and the dehumanising practices that devolve from them.

However, Jesus of Nazareth suggests a



Palestinian Christians cast their votes in an election in Bethlehem on the West Bank

different model: one evoked by comparing the kingdom of heaven to leaven. In one of his parables, Jesus taught: “The kingdom of heaven is like leaven, which a woman took, and hid in three measures of meal, till the whole was leavened” (Matt 13:33).

Unlike conquest, leaven suggests transformation through integration rather than domination. Leaven, barely visible, becomes one with the elements into which it is kneaded. The change produced is gradual and organic, brought about through the symbiotic relationship between the leaven and the other elements in the mix. The distinction between the leaven and the rest dissolves, and transformation spreads as the leaven is absorbed into the dough and penetrates every part.

The Church in Palestine/Israel is called to be this leaven. Through her institutions, schools, hospitals, homes for the elderly and the handicapped, social assistance and reconstruction projects, the Church serves society as a whole, foreseeing a kingdom in which all are respected and in which all participate.

“Christians in the Holy Land are not a third party, nor a neutral buffer between Israelis and Palestinians, nor a separate body from their non-Christian brethren,” noted Patriarch Pizzaballa in his pastoral letter. “They are, rather, salt, light and leaven within the societies to which they rightfully belong... Christians share the history, language, wounds and aspirations of their peoples. They are not called to enclose themselves in a protected enclave, nor to flee, but to live their vocation to the full: to be part and parcel of society, sharing its fortunes, and helping to ferment it from within a vision of humanity – and society – rooted in the Gospel ... that shows how co-existence, forgiveness, and reconciliation are

possible. For everyone.”

Christians, though few in number, are called to integrate into, permeate and transform society – by taking their rightful place in the midst of their fellow compatriots, whether Palestinians or Israelis, and their neighbours and friends, whether Muslims or Jews. Seeking neither isolation nor separation, they are called to serve, intercede for and act for the benefit of all.

As they do so, they promote the values of equality, justice and peace: the values of the kingdom of heaven. Barely visible, they represent the living, irreversible process that takes time, hard work and infinite perseverance and resilience. Strengthened by their faith, they endure without giving in to despair. The Justice and Peace Commission of the Catholic Church in the Holy Land declared in 2024: “The experience of Easter obliges us to proclaim: the Risen Lord has triumphed over death and evil and we are witnesses to this ... The resurrection is not our response to violence; it is our very identity as Christians, called to preach hope when hope seems impossible, to witness to life when our day-to-day reality seems to promise only death. This hope, in our smallness, in mustard seeds, leaven in bread, translates into our stubborn insistence on continuing to imagine a better common future and then setting out the work of living it now.”

Being leaven is a programme of action. It means resisting the temptation to stay safe: emigrating from the land in the face of despair, withdrawing from society as a reaction to fear, or building alliances in the hope of being victorious. Our guide was not victorious but rather died on a cross. Our witness must be like his. The strength that sustains us is the faith that we have in a God who is always faithful. It is that faith that allows us to imagine a future different from our present. It obliges us to proclaim that it need not be like this. It pushes us to affirm that it has not always been like this. We carry a memory of a different past that opens up to a new future, calling out the lie of those who use conquest to eliminate the past and suffocate the future. As the Bishops of the Holy Land affirmed in 2016: “We promote a vision according to which everyone in this Holy Land has full equality, the equality befitting all men and women created equal in God’s own image and likeness. We believe that equality, whatever political solutions might be adopted, is a fundamental condition for a just and lasting peace. We have lived together in this land in the past, why should we not live together in the future too?”

David Neuhaus SJ is the former superior of the Jesuit community at the Pontifical Biblical Institute, Jerusalem. The son of German Jews, he was born in South Africa; while living in Israel, he became a Catholic and, eventually a Jesuit priest.

Prayers of the Faithful for 16 August 2026 - Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Leader: As far back as 70AD Paul explicitly argued that all peoples, gentiles as well as Jews, are to be part of the Christian journey, engaging in openness and inclusion.

Lord, you call us to make your house a house of prayer for **all** people.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Christ opened the mission to the Gentiles drawing them from disbelief to mercy in Christ. God never takes back His gifts.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

The Canaanite woman, fearless in her dialogue with Jesus, was prepared to stand her ground despite being a foreigner. Lord, give us that courage to speak our truth and to trust in your guidance.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We pray for good leadership: which puts integrity before political gain and reaches out to the most in need.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We hold Pope Leo as a beacon of truth, embracing all nations and their people with warmth, sincerity and courage.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For all those who do battle every day with hardships, and those coping with illness, especially those named on our bulletin, as well as those who feel defeated by their circumstances, may they all find a true neighbour who offers compassion and support.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For those who have died recently, especially *Iole Cusmano & Brian Hanlon* and for those whose anniversaries occur at this time, including *Thomas Caulfield, Watty Gatt, Geoffrey Harris, Kathleen Joss, Aileen Patricia Moriarty and Alan Radcliffe*: may the God of love and compassion welcome them home.

Let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, hear our prayer.

Leader: Merciful God, you know the yearnings of all humanity, welcome the prayers of those who believe in you, and listen to the intentions of those who petition you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Children's Liturgy

The Canaanite woman persisted because of her strong belief that Jesus would cure her daughter. Use the words below to find out what Jesus said.



_____, you have

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____ your _____

be _____.

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A MATES' NIGHT IN

FOR THE ONJ CENTRE!

PARTY FOR A PURPOSE

Join us for drinks, raffles & good vibes while raising funds for the Olivia Newton-John Cancer Wellness & Research Centre.

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SILENT AUCTION

RAFFLES

GOOD VIBES GUARANTEED!



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SATURDAY
15TH AUGUST

7PM - LATE

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Melbourne Synod 2026

Who attends the Synod?

Attendance at the Synod is governed by Canon 463 and includes the following:

- Coadjutor and Auxiliary Bishops
- Vicars General, Vicars Episcopal, Vicars Judicial
- Canons of the Cathedral church
- Members of the Council of Priests
- Rectors of Major Seminaries
- Vicars Forane
- Elected lay members

The following documents will be helpful reference documents for the Diocesan Synod:

Diocesan Synods <https://bit.ly/4wVLdJP>

Code of Canon Law in Relation to Diocesan Synods <https://bit.ly/4wXaaEL>



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Melbourne Catholic Digest Finding our voices A God-given gift

Our voices are a God-given gift, a means not only of expressing ourselves but of honouring our Creator. Each of us can give glory to God in the words we speak or sing, pray or proclaim, and by seeking to give a voice to those who might struggle to be heard.



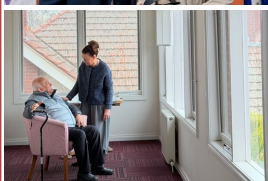
This week, we hear how 16-year-old country music singer Georgianna Lynch found her remarkable voice, how a chance encounter on the streets of Tamworth led to her own viral moment, and how her family and faith continue to inspire and sustain her.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/georgianna-lynch-finding-her-voice>



When Kay Hartanto, creator of online ministry Peter's Net, first arrived in Melbourne from Indonesia as a student, she was quiet and shy, and drifting away from the Church. Meeting university chaplain Sr Delma Lamb FMA changed everything. As part of our Better Together series, they share how Sr Delma helped Kay to discover both her voice and a deep love for Jesus.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/sr-delma-lamb-fma-and-kay-hartanto>



We also speak with nurse Deslee Mortensen about her work caring for and speaking up for our retired priests. 'We are all ferocious advocates for our clergy, she says of the important work done by the clergy care team. 'We need them to be cared for in the way we expect them to be cared for,' she says.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/ferocious-advocates-for-our-clergy-deslee-mortensen-on-caring-for-retired-priests>



MackKa Moments: the little videos that spread the message of St Mary MacKillop - Last week, Australia celebrated the feast day of St Mary of the Cross MacKillop on 8 August, and Sr Rita Malavisi RSJ marked six years of her remarkable video series, MacKa Moments - about the life of our first saint. <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/macka-moments-the-little-videos-that-spread-the-message-of-st-mary-mackillop>



What about me? How individual voices will be heard at the Melbourne Synod - 'How will my voice be heard at the synod?' It's not an uncommon questions, writes Cathy Jenkins, who outlines some of the ways individuals can contribute to the Melbourne Synod. 'Yet the deeper question may not simply be whether *my* voice is heard, but whether I am listening for the voice of the Spirit,' she says. 'In a synodal Church, our task is not only to speak but also to listen with openness, humility and faith.'

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/what-about-me-how-individual-voices-will-be-heard-at-the-melbourne-synod>

<https://melbournecatholic.org/events>

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