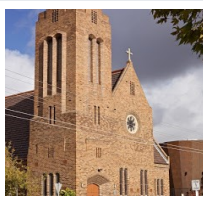


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 Friday 11am (Mass & Exposition); Tuesday 7.30pm (Mass & Novena)
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Chin - Burmese: Sunday 2.30pm; *Tongan:* TBC
Vietnamese: Saturday Vigil 7pm, Sunday 12.30pm
Confessions: Saturday 9.30am



MASS INTENTIONS 16-22 August 2026

Sat 5.30pm Parish Intention
Sun 9.00am Nguyen Thi Dat RIP
10.30am Parish Intention
5.30pm *Pro Populo*
Mon 9.00am Catherine Cefai RIP
Tues 7.30pm Fr Bernard Murphy PP RIP
Wed 9.00am Birthday Prayers -Susan
Thur 9.00am Parish Intention
Fri 11.00am Fr James Egan PP 1949-56 RIP
Sat 9.00am Parish Intention

Child Safety Reminders: *Please ensure you know where your child is if not beside you.*

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Our parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and the vulnerable.

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Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Fridays 12pm - 3pm

Your invitation to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Week 4	5.30 pm	9.00 am	10.30 am	5.30 pm
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A Foreigner's Faith: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Most of us are the foreigners, the non-Israelites, about whom today's First Reading prophesies.

Coming to worship the God of Israel, we stand in the line of faith epitomised by the Canaanite woman in today's Gospel. Calling to Jesus as Lord and Son of David, this foreigner shows her great faith in God's covenant with Israel.

Jesus tests her faith three times. He refuses to answer her cry. Then, He tells her His mission is only to Israelites. Finally, He uses "dog," an epithet used to disparage non-Israelites. Yet she persists, believing that He alone offers salvation.

In this family drama, we see fulfilled Isaiah's prophecy and the promise we sing of in today's Psalm. In Jesus, God makes known among all the nations His way and His salvation.

At the start of salvation history, God called Abraham. He chose his offspring, Israel, from all the nations on the face of the earth to build His covenant kingdom.

In God's plan, Abraham was to be the father of many nations. Israel was to be the firstborn of a worldwide family of God, made up of all who believe what the Canaanite professes - that Jesus is Lord.

Jesus came first to restore the kingdom to Israel. But His ultimate mission was the reconciliation of the world, as Paul declares in today's Second Reading.

In the Mass we join all peoples in doing Him homage. As Isaiah foretold, we come to His holy mountain, the heavenly Jerusalem, to offer sacrifice at His altar. With the Canaanite, we take our place at the Master's table to be fed as His children.



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