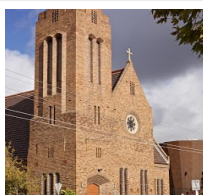


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Weekday Masses: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 9am;
 Friday 11am (Mass & Exposition); Tuesday 7.30pm (Mass & Novena)
Sunday Masses: *English:* Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 9am, 10.30am, 5.30pm
Chin - Burmese: Sunday 2.30pm; *Tongan:* TBC
Vietnamese: Saturday Vigil 7pm, Sunday 12.30pm
Confessions: Saturday 9.30am



MASS INTENTIONS 9-15 August 2026

Sat 5.30pm Giuseppe Mesiti RIP
 Sun 9.00am Thach Um RIP
 10.30am Parish Intention
 5.30pm *Pro Populo*
 Mon 9.00am Parish Intention
 Tues 7.30pm Parish Intention
 Wed 9.00am Jarrad Portelli RIP & Angelo Mamo RIP
 Thur 9.00am Giovanna D'Agostino RIP
 Fri 11.00am Thanksgiving
 Sat 9.00am **The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
 Johnny Borg RIP

ADORATION
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament



Fridays 12pm - 3pm
Your invitation to come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Child Safety Reminders: *Please ensure you know where your child is if not beside you.*
Our parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and the vulnerable.

Legion of Mary Half-Day Retreat - Saturday 15 August, 9am - 1pm in the Church. All welcome.

Week 3	5.30 pm	9.00 am	10.30 am	5.30 pm
Lectors	Mary Rapa	Blaz Karakasic	Danielle Pereira	Dong Nguyen
Extraordinary Ministers	Geraldine Williams	Lucy Sgro	Anita Mastroianni	Filipino Choir
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Weekly Counting	John Francis & Vickie Blampied			

THE 2026 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the campaign envelopes or via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

SHAPE THE FUTURE: BE COUNTED AS CATHOLIC Australia's national Census will be on 11 August 2026. Catholics are encouraged to mark **"Catholic"** in the question on religion. Census data supports Church pastoral planning and contributes to government decision making on health, education, infrastructure, and social services. 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.

Sinking Fear: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

How do we find God in the storms and struggles of our lives, in the trials we encounter in trying to do His will? God commands Elijah in today's First Reading to stand on the mountain and await His passing by. And in the Gospel, Jesus makes the disciples set out across the waters to meet Him. In each case, the Lord makes Himself present amid frightening tumult—heavy winds and high waves, fire and earthquakes. Elijah hides his face. Perhaps he remembers Moses, who met God on the same mountain, also amid fire, thunder, and smoke. God told Moses no one could see His face and live, and He sheltered Moses in the hollow of a rock, as He shelters Elijah in a cave. The disciples, likewise, are too terrified to look on the face of God. Today's Gospel is a revelation of Jesus' divine identity. Only God treads across the crest of the sea and rules the raging waters. And the words of assurance that Jesus speaks—"It is I"—are those God used to identify Himself to Moses. Even Peter is too overcome by fear to imitate his Lord. His fears, Jesus tells him, are a sign of his lack of faith. And so it often is with us. Our fears make us doubt, make it hard to see His glory dwelling in our midst. Yet, we should know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that His salvation is near to those who hope in Him. By faith we should know, as Paul asserts in today's Second Reading, that we are heirs to the promises made to His children, Israel. We must trust that He whispers to us in the trials of our lives—that He who has called us to walk along the way of His steps—save us whenever we begin to sink.



Vocations come from families, communities and parishes.

Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. This Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

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