

OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
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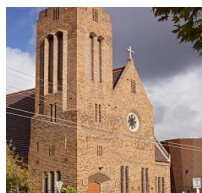
Office Hours:

Weekday Masses:

Sunday Masses:

Confessions:

Tuesday morning, Wednesday & Friday 10am -3.00pm
 Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 9am;
 Friday 11am (Mass & Exposition); Tuesday 7.30pm (Mass & Novena)
English: Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 9am, 10.30am, 5.30pm
Chin - Burmese: Sunday 2.30pm; *Tongan:* TBC
Vietnamese: Saturday Vigil 7pm, Sunday 12.30pm
 Saturday 9.30am



MASS INTENTIONS 13 - 19 September 2026

Sat 5.30pm Prayers for good health
Sun 9.00am *Pro Populo*
10.30am Anne & Ken Cooke RIP
5.30pm Sam Strangis RIP
Mon 9.00am Jensine Aranas Valera RIP
 Frederico Valera Jr RIP
 Sucella & Steven Merin RIP
 Antonio & Robert Coscolluela RIP
Tues 7.30pm Parish Intention & **Farewell Mass**
Wed 9.00am Silvester RIP, Valenty RIP
Thur 9.00am Raffaele RIP
Fri 11.00am Parish Intention
Sat 9.00am William Martin RIP



Fr. Peter Ba Chinh Hoang came to us as Assistant Priest in 2024. He leaves after 2 years for a new mission in a large country parish. The Vicar General explained that he will be a needed and welcome Assistant Priest in the beautiful Macedon Ranges and towns of Lancefield, Romsey, Woodend, Mount Macedon, Riddells Creek, and Gisborne. Fr. John Healy, the Parish Priest **needs help urgently** and commencing 16/09 Fr Hoang will be their new Assistant Priest. **Farewell Mass: Tuesday (15/09) 7.30pm. Everyone welcome!**

Child Safety Reminders: Please ensure you know where your child is if not beside you. Parents please accompany your child if they need to leave the church building. Our parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and the vulnerable. **Safeguarding Coordinator:** James - vanhle000@gmail.com

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
Data Projector	Connie Sposato	Antoinette Spiteri	Robert Turczyniak/ Chin Choir	Angie Ramat / Choir
Weekly Counting	John Francis & Vickie Blampied			

The Debt We Owe: Scott Hahn Reflects on the 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mercy and forgiveness should be at the heart of the Christian life.

Yet, as today's First Reading wisely reminds us, often we cherish our wrath, nourish our anger, and refuse mercy to those who have done us wrong. Jesus, too, strikes close to home in today's Gospel with His realistic portrayal of the wicked servant who won't forgive a fellow servant's debt, even though his own slate has just been wiped clean by their master.

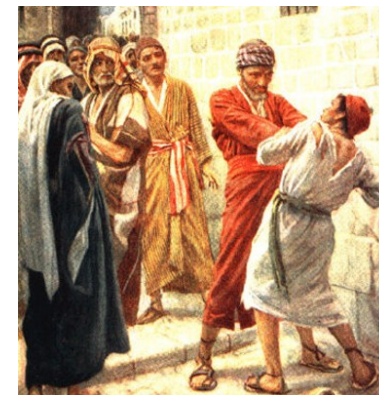
It can't be this way in the kingdom, the Church. In the Old Testament, seven is frequently a number associated with mercy and the forgiveness of sins. The just man sins seven times daily; there is a sevenfold sprinkling of blood for atonement of sins. But Jesus tells Peter today that we must forgive not seven times, but seventy times seven times. That means: every time.

We are to be merciful as our Father in heaven is merciful. But why? Why does Jesus repeatedly warn that we can't expect forgiveness for our trespasses unless we're willing to forgive others their trespasses against us?

Because, as Paul reminds us in today's Second Reading, we are the Lord's. Each of us has been purchased by the blood of Christ shed for us on the Cross. As we sing in today's Psalm, though we deserved to die for our sins, He doesn't deal with us according to our crimes. The mercy and forgiveness we show to others should be the heartfelt expression of our gratitude for the mercy and forgiveness shown to us.

This is why we should remember our last days, set our enmities aside, and stop judging others. We know that one day we will stand before the judgment seat and give account for what we've done with the new life given to us by Christ.

So we forgive each other from the heart, overlook each other's faults, and await the crown of His kindness and compassion.



ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION on Ministry of PERMANENT DEACONS

Tuesday 22 September 2026 The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged from 30 into their 50's, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. Attendance will be by invitation via Zoom.

Email Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

ST BERNADETTE'S PARISH - 70TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION MASS -
 Sunday 27 September 2026 at 10.30am. 59C Westmoreland Rd North Sunshine

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RESTORATION PROJECT FOR OUR LADY'S CENTENARY 2027

DONATIONS for the Stations of the Cross are still most welcome.

