

PARISH CALENDAR

31st January:	9.00am Men Alive
2nd February:	2.30pm Social Committee
6th February:	9.00am Mary's Makers * 11.30am Adoration * 12.00pm 1st Friday Mass
10th February:	5.30pm P.P.C. Meeting
14th/15th February:	G'day weekend
17th February:	5.00pm Liturgy Meeting
18th February:	5.00 Bereavement Meeting
18th February:	12.00pm and 6.00pm Ash Wednesday Masses
24th February:	5:30pm Ladies Drinks
28th February:	9.30am Ladies Breakfast Tickets available from 1st February

Could all Groups please send through their 2026 calendar dates for the diary. Thank you

Zephaniah's Song of Joy.

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion, Israel, shout aloud!
Rejoice, exult with all your heart, daughter of Jerusalem!
The Lord has repealed your sentence; driven your enemies away.
The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst; you have no more evil to fear. ... The Lord your God is in your midst, a victorious warrior.
He will exult with joy over you,
he will renew you by his love; he will dance with shouts of joy for you as on a day of festival.

Zeph 3:14-17. Third Sunday of Advent Year C



Pope Leo XIV on the Beatitudes

The Beatitudes bring with them a new interpretation of reality. They are both the path and the message of Jesus the Teacher. At first glance, it seems impossible to declare as blessed those who are poor, or those who hunger and thirst for justice, the persecuted or the peacemakers. Yet, that which seems inconceivable in the world's thinking is filled with meaning and light when brought into contact with the Kingdom of God.

Homily on All Saints Day, 1 Nov 2025.

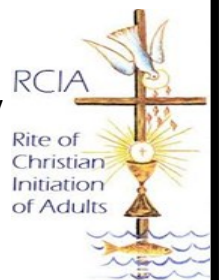
On the Lighter Side

In jest we hear of the eleventh commandment or the wise women from the East visiting Bethlehem. Now comes the ninth Beatitude: "Blessed are we who can laugh at ourselves; we shall never cease to be amused."

We Pray for Our Catechumens

This Sunday, during our **9:30 a.m. Mass**, we warmly welcome and pray for our catechumens:

Scott Milburn, Olivia Aitken, Karra Boardman, and Tracey Munn, as they celebrate the **Rite of Acceptance**.



This important step marks the beginning of their formal journey in the Catholic faith. Through this rite, they publicly declare their desire to follow Christ and become members of the Church, and our parish community promises to support them with prayer, guidance, and encouragement.

Let us keep them in our prayers as they take this significant step in their faith journey. May God bless them with wisdom, courage, and joy as they continue to grow in His love.

RCIA Coordinator.



Starts on the 31st January at 9.00am. All men from the Parish are welcome.

Catholic Education Sandhurst Limited
provides our Diocesan theme for 2026:
'Seek Peace and Pursue it.'



To 'seek peace and pursue it' means to actively and deliberately chase after inner calm, harmony, and reconciliation, rather than passively waiting for it. This indicates that peace isn't accidental but requires focused effort. It's a call to action, not just a wish; it is about making peace a deliberate goal in your life and interactions.

We continue to pray for peace in our homes, families, community and greater world.

"...For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one
and destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility..."
— Ephesians 2

Ladies' Breakfast

28TH FEBRUARY 2026
9:30AM – SATURDAY
ST. MARY'S PARISH CENTRE

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Join us in celebrating 140 years of
shared history between St Mary's
Parish and St Joseph's College, as
we honour the women who
journeyed in faith and the legacy of
the Brigidine Sisters.

ROSTERS THIS WEEK

31st January & 1st February 2026

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Tania Dixon, Kristy Serpell, Natasha Tauro

9.30am: Margaret Hart, Barb Green, Rob Morris

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6.00pm: Volunteers

9.30am: Trish Marchetti, Julie Moyle

Prayers of the Faithful: Mary Atkins

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 31st

Josie Drakatos, Effie Xodo, Mel Slattery

Setting up the Church: 31st Carol Purdon

Setting up the Church: 1st Rachel McAsey

Baptism Preparation: Bec Lloyd

Counters: 3rd Eileen Pineo, Lois Williams

Hospital Visiting: 2nd Karla Chisholm

Gardening: Michael Delahunty, Damien Byrne, Fr Des

ROSTERS NEXT WEEK

7th & 8th February 2026

Commentators/Lectors:

6.00pm: Rose Quinn, Tania Dixon, Chris Lee

9.30am: Cecilia Merrigan, Claire Hogan, Rachel McAsey

Ministers of the Eucharist:

6.00pm:

9.30am: Rob Morris, Adrian Costello

Prayers of the Faithful: Terry McKitterick

St Anne's Church Cleaners: 7th

Elaine Roberts, Tania Dixon, Holly Morris

Setting up the Church: 7th Rose Quinn

Setting up the Church: 8th Kenn Liwanag

Baptism Preparation: Bec Lloyd

Counters: 10th Brendan, Andrew, Peter

Hospital Visiting: 9th Carmel Mackenzie

Gardening: Michael Delahunty, Damien Byrne, Fr Des

YOUR PRAYERS PLEASE

Sick: Patricia Vogeale, Bruno Barbera, Monica Beckwith, Dan Carey, Howard Clark Jnr, Pat Davey, Chloris Dignan, Caroline Farley, Fred Molluso, Murray Perrett, Meredith Ryan (Maddick), Maureen McKenner, Lenny Reid, Alistair Corman, Elizabeth Kyne (Weekly), Meaghan Broom (Byrne), Maurice O'Connor, Antonia Molluso, Carmel Murphy, Judy Cooling (Dwyer), Dominga Cabantac, John & Elaine Farley, Margaret McMahon, Veronica Brown

Anniversaries: Joshua Cooper, Christine Backway, Simone Slaughter, Russell Evans, Margaret McCann, Ron Spedding, Des Nolan, Lance Vagg, Fr Matthew O'Hagan, Pat McCurry, Daisy and Ned Sutton.

Recently Deceased: William Haidy

***If you have an addition to our overall prayer list or require someone to be removed from our sick list please email admin.*

First Reading*Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13***A reading from the prophet Zephaniah**

Seek the Lord all you, the humble of the earth,
 who obey his commands.
 Seek integrity, seek humility:
 you may perhaps find shelter
 on the day of the anger of the Lord.
 In your midst I will leave
 a humble and lowly people,
 and those who are left in Israel will seek refuge in the
 name of the Lord.
 They will do no wrong,
 will tell no lies;
 and the perjured tongue will no longer
 be found in their mouths.
 But they will be able to graze and rest
 with no one to disturb them.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Ps 145:7-10*

**R. Happy the poor in spirit;
 the kingdom of heaven is theirs!**

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
 who is just to those who are oppressed.
 It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
 the Lord, who sets prisoners free. **R.**

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
 who raises up those who are bowed down,
 the Lord, who protects the stranger
 and upholds the widow and orphan. **R.**

It is the Lord who loves the just
 but thwarts the path of the wicked.
 The Lord will reign for ever,
 Zion's God, from age to age. **R.**

Next Week: 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

7th & 8th February 2026

1st Reading: Isaiah 58:7-10
Responsorial Psalm: 111:4-9
2nd Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-5
Gospel: Matthew 5:13-16

Second Reading*1 Corinthians 1:26–31***A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians**

Take yourselves, brothers, at the time when you were
 called: how many of you were wise in the ordinary sense
 of the word, how many were influential people, or came
 from noble families? No, it was to shame the wise that
 God chose what is foolish by human reckoning, and to
 shame what is strong that he chose what is weak by
 human reckoning; those whom the world thinks
 common and contemptible are the ones that God has
 chosen - those who are nothing at all to show those who
 are everything. The human race has nothing to boast
 about to God, but you, God has made members of Christ
 Jesus and by God's doing he has become our wisdom,
 and our virtue, and our holiness, and our freedom. As
 scripture says: if anyone wants to boast, let him boast
 about the Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Matthew 5:12*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice and be glad;
 Your reward will be great in heaven.

Alleluia!

Gospel*Matthew 5:1-12***A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat
 down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to
 speak. This is what he taught them: 'How happy are the
 poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their
 heritage.
 Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted.
 Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right:
 they shall be satisfied.
 Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them.
 Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God.
 Happy the peacemakers:
 they shall be called sons of God.
 Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right:
 theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
 'Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute
 you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my
 account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be
 great in heaven.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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