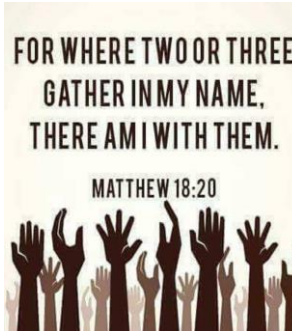


23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

06 September, 2026



Readings: Sunday 06 September 2026

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9
Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:15-20

Readings: Sunday 13 October 2026

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:30-28:7
Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9
Gospel Reading: Matthew 18:21-35

Love is a word often used with reckless abandon, yet for the Christian believer to love is a duty to seek the good of the other, even at the cost of our own comfort or without counting the cost. Today's readings remind the faithful Christian of this fundamental dimension of the Christian life and how we are called to put this into practice.

A message from the Director of the Safeguarding Unit - (6 - 13 September is National Child Protection Week) National Child Protection Week is an important opportunity for us all to renew our commitment to creating safe, welcoming and respectful environments where every child and young person is valued, heard and protected.

Safeguarding is a shared responsibility and a shared mission, which at its core is central to Catholic teachings. It is reflected not only in our policies and procedures, but in the everyday actions of our parishes, ministries, and communities. It is demonstrated in how we listen to children, respond to concerns, and ensure that their safety, wellbeing and inherent dignity remain at the heart of all we do.

This Child Protection Week, we invite everyone across our Archdiocese to reflect on how we can each contribute to making our Church a safer place for children and young people, and work to centre their voice in the conversation.

I would also like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank everyone across our parishes who contribute to this important work. To our parish safeguarding representatives, clergy, staff, volunteers and community members; thank you for the time, care and commitment you give to strengthening safeguarding and helping create safe environments for children and young people.

Together, we can help create communities where every child feels safe, respected and supported.
Rachael Averbukh, Director of Safeguarding Unit

Please save this date!

Farewell Mass for Archpriest Michael will be at **10.30am on Sunday October 11th, 2026.** (No 8.30am Mass on this day). **Please bring a plate to share.** If you would like to make a donation to Archpriest Michael's farewell presentation on Sunday October 11th, please place your donation in an envelope with the word 'Michael' on the front. You can then place it in any collection basket during this month. Thank you.

The Parish Council Members.

Catholic Mission sincerely thanks the parish community of Mary Help of Christians for your generous support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. As the Pope's Mission Agency, Catholic Mission is privileged to work with and strengthen the local Church in more than **160 countries** and over **1,100 dioceses**. Your contribution of **\$1,000.45** has been gratefully received and will help bring education, dignity and hope to children and families in **Kampira, Malawi**, through the construction of a new primary school and the ongoing mission of the local Church. Your generosity is far more than a financial gift. It is a tangible expression of this year's World Mission theme, **"One in Christ, United in Mission,"** reminding our sisters and brothers in Malawi that they are not forgotten. **Thank you for walking in mission with the Church in Malawi.**

St. Mary MacKillop's Daily thoughts....

Have courage and patience and God will help you in all things.

15.8.1899



Liturgy Roster - 13 September 2026

Mass Times	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00 pm	Stephanie Tulilo	Olive Chadowski
8.30 am	Margaret Nicoli	Volunteer
10.30am	Lisa Zammit	Noella Misquitta
Linen Roster September	Counting this week: Team 2: 06.09.2026	Counting next week: Team 3: 13.09.2026
Maryanne Bartolo	Leticia Mauricio Raquel Arquesa Connie Manguiat	Shaun Crosbie Margaret Bond John Shaw

Another article from Australian Catholic University featuring Fr Deonildo de Andrade is available on line on this link [Blessed beyond words](https://www.impact.acu.edu.au/Study-and-learning/Blessed-beyond-words) or type in your browser the link below:
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We have just one weekend remaining for 2026 - don't miss this opportunity to nurture your most precious relationship. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend: November 6-8th, 2026, St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm. Information/Bookings: Please phone Mercy & James 0409 183 676 or Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: www.e.org.au

You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." - Ezekiel 33:7

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

Recently Deceased

Sr. Helen Reed

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Adelina Butkovic; George & Loreta Calleja; Charlie Azzopardi; Joseph Ang; Eustaquia Superio; Ernesto Aguilar; Moses Pantalleresco; Nazzareno Bartolo; James Bartolo; Joe Cauchi; Charlie Cauchi; Joseph Cauchi; Sam Gerada; Emanuel Muscat; Anthony Ciantar; Carmelo Meilak; Riccardo & Laurie Sammut

Prayers for the Sick:

Trish Aitken; Maura McCabe; Anne Playnsek; Alfred & Jane Farrugia

Thanksgiving Envelopes - your next set of envelopes are ready for collection from the Narthex. Please take some time to find your envelope. You will notice that some envelopes have attached to them a larger envelope containing **Child Safeguarding Documents for parishioners who are volunteers.**

If you are not a Thanksgiving contributor but are a volunteer (new or existing) please look for your **Safeguarding Envelope** situated with the Thanksgiving envelopes, on the righthand side, in alphabetical order.

If you have a communion pyx that belongs to the church, would you kindly return it asap. Thank you

The next anointing Mass will be at 9.15am on Saturday, September 12th, 2026.

There are six Rose Bushes and some Wall Plaques in the Memorial Garden, if you would like to order one. Please contact Alex Genovese on 0409 699 009 for all enquiries.

Prayer Service of Lament - 15 September 2026

at St. Patrick's Cathedral Grounds, East Melbourne: 4pm.

Emergency Earthquake Appeal - Colombia. Help provide emergency relief, restore vital community services, and bring hope to children and families as they recover. Salesian Missions Australia. Please see posters on Narthex Notice Board with QR code for donations.

St. Joseph by the Sea, Williamstown - Please see flyers on the Narthex Notice Board, regarding upcoming retreats during September; October & November, 2026.



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Child Safety Officer: Mr Gavin Deller 0431 184 014
Principal: Mrs Sonia Riccardi 9398 4842
Mass Times: Saturday Vigil 6pm
Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am
Weekday Mass: Tuesday 5pm;
Wed to Sat 9.15am
(or as advertised in the Parish Bulletin and Parish Website)
Reconciliation: Saturday at 9.45am or by request
Anointing of the Sick and Elderly: Once per quarter at Mass or by request
Rosary: After the 9.15 a.m. Mass, Wednesday to Saturday
Marriages & Baptisms: by appointment

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