

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

9 August 2026



Readings: Sunday 9 August 2026

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14: 22-33

Readings: Sunday 16 August 2026

First Reading:

Second Reading:

Gospel Reading:

In the midst of all that unsettles and weighs upon us, God draws near, not with force, but with a quiet and faithful presence. This week we are invited to listen again, to trust again, and to find courage in the One who comes to us where we are.

Parish Gardens - Over recent weeks you may have noticed work on the gardens at the front of the Church has stopped. The final stages including planting is ready to go, we are just waiting for the removal of the tree and stump. Once this has occurred, the garden will be completed.

In other news, the Memorial Garden refurbishment is almost complete, we are just waiting on the replacement guttering to be installed. There are a limited number of roses in the garden that can be dedicated to loved ones remaining. The cost of the dedication is \$200.00. This cost includes the cost of the rose and a dedication plaque.

Please note that ashes cannot be spread or stored in the Memorial Garden.

For more information about securing a dedication rose, please collect an information sheet and order request form from the Narthex or contact Ms Alexandra Genovese on 0409 699 009

Safeguarding Practices - Our Parish continues to be a leader in developing safeguarding procedures as directed by the findings of the Royal Commission.

There are requirements that are placed on volunteers within the Parish as a result of those findings. Office staff and Father Michael are following up with people for things that are needed to be completed. Please help us to remain compliant by completing the tasks as quickly as possible. If you are unsure about how to go about completing your requirements, please contact the Parish Office and they will arrange a member of the Safeguarding Committee to assist you.

Please save these dates!

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.**

Timorese Mass to remember the SANTA CRUZ Massacre in 1991. Will be at **10.30am on Sunday November 15th, 2026.** (a shared lunch will follow).

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Shape the Future: Be Counted as Catholic this Census. When completing the 2026 Census Form, Catholics are encouraged to mark "Catholic" in the question on Religion.

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

May God bless you all. With all the love in my heart I pray that God may do this.

25.7.99



Liturgy Roster – 16 August 2026

Mass Times	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00 pm	Francis Arquesa	Olive Chadowski
8.30 am	Margaret Nicoli	Brian Dalton
10.30am	Anna Watson	Jessica Saliba
Linen Roster August	Counting this week: Team 3: 09.08.2026	Counting this week: Team 4: 16.08.2026
Mary Dimech	Shaun Crosbie Margaret Bond John Shaw	Brian Dalton Joe Farrugia Joe Yacono

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"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus." - MATTHEW 14:29

When you hear Jesus calling, do you responded immediately and trust that He knows what He's doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of his presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Nielo Bulan; Henry & Angeles Rignonan; Henry Krol; George & Loretta Calleja; Gareth Jones

Prayers for the Sick:

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

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

COMBINED PARISHES YOUTH GATHERING

Our Combined Parishes Youth Gathering meet on the first Saturday of each month after the 6:00pm Mass from 7:00pm—8:30pm, at St Mary's Church, Williamstown Parish Centre, 116 Cecil Street Williamstown. We invite all Youth aged 13-19 years to come and join us for fun evenings with food/snacks, faith topic discussion, and games. A registration form to be signed by parents and attendees is required and can be requested from williamstown@cam.org.au.

Saints of Italy (2nd - 16th October 2026)

Fr Franco Filipetto from St. Mary's Parish in Warrick, invites you on a 14-day pilgrimage to Milan, Padua, Florence, Assisi, San Giovanni Rotondo, and Rome, walking in the footsteps of the saints. All-inclusive price: \$9,990 (20+ pilgrims).

Footsteps of St Paul (5th -19th October 2026)

Fr Sebastian A.M from St. Mary's Parish, Dandenong invites you on a 15-day pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey, visiting Athens, Corinth, Meteora, Thessaloniki, Philippi, Gallipoli, Ephesus, Istanbul and Cappadocia. All-inclusive price: \$9,790 (20+ pilgrims).

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St. Mary MacKillop's Daily Thoughts...

When a duty is clear to me, it must be done at any cost.
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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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