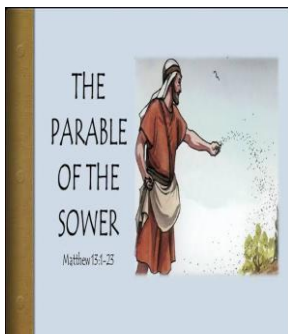


16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

19 July 2026



Readings: Sunday 19 July 2026

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:24-43

Readings: Sunday 26 July 2026

First Reading: 1 Kings 3:5, 7-12

Second Reading: Romans 8:28-30

Gospel Reading: Matthew 13:44-52

This week, we are called to pay attention to God's merciful love, gentle compassion, and all-knowing wisdom. Trusting that God knows our hearts, minds and actions better than we do ourselves, leads to a harvest of plenty at the end of time.

Thank you to all parishioners who contributed towards the annual St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal last weekend. The amount collected was \$1,347.55 which is an amazing response from our parish. You can still return your envelope with your donation this weekend. Envelopes are available on the table in the Narthex.

Next weekend - **25/26 July, 2026** the traditional **Peter's Pence** collection will take place. This is a concrete way to support the Holy Father in his mission of service to the universal Church. **Peter's Pence** is a gesture of communion and participation in the Pope's mission to proclaim the Gospel, promote peace, and spread Christian charity. Please find below information for the Peter's Pence. More information is available on the official website **ObolodiSanPietro.va**

- Make a **donation** direct through secure digital channels on the website.
- Make a donation to Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne by using:
Account Name: RCTC – Main Account
BSB: 083 091
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Reference: PP-2026

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

When I want something very much I thank God beforehand for I feel God will certainly grant what He has been thanked for. 3.5.1874

Please save these three dates!

Farewell Mass for Fr. Deonildo will be at **10.30am on Sunday August 9th, 2026.** (No 8.30am Mass on this day). Please bring a plate to share

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).

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

Melbourne Synod 2026 – Theme Paper Release

The Synod theme papers are an important step in our journey of listening and discernment as we prepare for the Melbourne Synod. The papers aim to foster a spirit of hope and imagination—trusting that, as we walk together, God is calling us into a future marked by faithfulness, renewal, and deeper communion. The suggested reflection process is a 'Conversation in the Spirit' or a Spiritual Conversation. This method is based in prayer and allows people to come together to both speak and to listen. Different from a discussion, it is an attentive listening process that aims to discern where the Holy Spirit is leading us. At the conclusion of each theme paper, there are prompt questions for reflection. Responses to these prompt questions can be provided via the QR code which is at the end of each paper.



Liturgy Roster - 26 July 2026

Mass Times	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Anthony Adewale	Olive Chadowski
8.30am	Margaret Nicoli	Cath Cuthbert
10.30am	Clara Abate	Paul Bugeja
Linen Roster July	Counting this week: Team 5: 19.07.2026	Counting next week: Team 1: 26.07.2026
Phi Lu	Leticia Mauricio Maria Hughes Sarah Petronio	Betty Fitzgerald Bill & Maureen Fogarty

A Defibrillator is now located in the Sacristy

Tap & Go Machine is now available in the Narthex for anyone wishing to make a donation to the church by credit/debit or Eftpos. Thank You

2027 Fees for our 3 student priests at the Seminary in Timor Leste:

If you would like to contribute to the 2027 seminary fees for Eusebio Maderia, Tarcisio Abi, and Amorino Amaral (their photographs and biographies are still on the wall outside the parish office) please place your donation in an envelope marked **TIMOR** and put your envelope in a Sunday collection basket. Or, if you prefer, you are welcome to give your envelope to Fr. Deonildo, or to me. The current exchange rate means we will need about \$1,200 (Aust) per student for the 2027 academic year in Timor Leste. As it was earlier this year, our donation will be hand delivered (in August) to the Rector of the Seminary in Dili. Thank you for your kind assistance.

Archpriest Michael

A prayer request - You might know of a young person in the parish, in your family or an acquaintance whom you think would make a good priest or religious. Why not pray for them by name on a regular basis? Carry them with you 'spiritually' to Mass on Sunday and place them on the altar at the offertory. Sometimes the Lord uses us as his instruments to encourage vocations.

Wisdom

God's strength is revealed through mercy, justice and patience, teaching compassion while always offering sinners the hope of repentance together.

Recent Death

Charlie Grima; James Robertson; John O'Regan;
Georgina Dimoulas

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Amabile Rica; Phyllis Ricca; George & Loretta Calleja; Chris Olszweski; Angeles & Henry Rigonan; Sofie Grzonek; Vittorina Nicolini; Guglielmo Bugna; Renato Mondini; Moses Pantalleresco; John James Robertson; Ellen Anthony; Leslie Bransdon; Anthony Ablea; Giuse Tran Phong; Paul Ellul

Prayers for the Sick:

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

Novena Of Pope St. John Paul to commemorate 40th Anniversary of his visit to St Leo the Great, Altona North.

All Welcome.

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for full details.

Novena Day 6 28.7.26 7pm Fr. Tadeus Rostworowski
Novena Day 7 28.8.26 7pm Fr Edwin Agius MSSP
Novena Day 8 28.9.26 7pm Fr Paul Tru
Novena Day 9 28.10.26 7pm Archpriest Michael Kalka
Feast Day - 28.11.26 5pm Archbishop Peter Comensoli

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - Matthew 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!



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Sunday 8.30am & 10.30am
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Wed to Sat 9.15am
(or as advertised in the Parish Bulletin and Parish Website)
Reconciliation: Saturday at 9.45am or by request
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