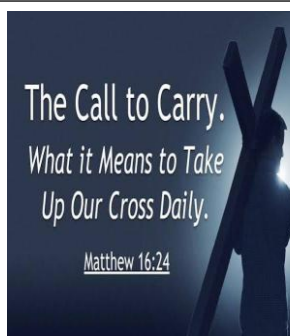


22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Year A

30th August, 2026



Readings: Sunday 30 August 2026

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7-9
Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36
Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-27

Readings: Sunday 06 September 2026

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

Introduction – Social Justice Sunday In a world shaped by competing voices and uneven realities, we are called to see more clearly the way of Christ. On this Social Justice Sunday, we are invited to recognise that faith is not only personal, but lived in relationship, expressed in justice, compassion, and a willingness to stand in truth for the good of others.

Please note: Weekend Masses will be as normal (but with visiting priests).

Funeral Masses will be announced.

Weekday Mass this week is on - Wednesday September 2nd at 9.15am

Thank you to all the parishioners who kindly donated to the Archbishop's Campaign, Special Collection last weekend. If you missed out, please take a brochure from the Narthex which contains more information. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donation and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes which are available on the Narthex Table and bring the envelope with you the following weekend and place it in either of the collection plates during Mass.

An Article featuring Fr. Deo is available on line on Melbourne Catholic. If you would like to view the article, please click on this site [Transforming classrooms in Timor-Leste with... | Melbourne Catholic](#) or type the title in your search browser.

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Please save these dates!

- 1. 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.

- 2. 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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WORLD YOUTH DAY SEOUL 2027. The young Church of Melbourne is going to World Youth Day! From 3-8 August 2027, young Catholics from around the world will gather in Seoul, South Korea, with Pope Leo XVI for this international celebration of faith, friendship and the universal Church. The theme is 'Take courage! I have overcome the world.' (John 16:33). The Archdiocese of Melbourne is offering three pilgrimage options to Seoul, giving young people the opportunity to encounter Christ, experience the vibrant universal Church and make life-long memories. Find out more and register your interest



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

**I beg that he will guard
and comfort you all.**

21.08.1867



Liturgy Roster - 6 September 2026

Mass Times	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00 pm	Volunteer	Mary Bartolo
8.30 am	Asimita Banda	Brian Dalton
10.30am	Robyn Powell	Jessica Saliba
Linen Roster August	Counting this week: Team 1: 30.08.2026	Counting next week: Team 2: 06.09.2026
Maryanne Bartolo	Bill & Maureen Fogarty.	Leticia Mauricio Raquel Arquesa Conee Manguiat



Caritas Australia's Women for the World Appeal - Safe childbirth shouldn't depend on luck. But in Papua New Guinea, many women still face pregnancy and childbirth without access to the care, equipment and support they need. Health centres are often under-resourced, and distance, cost and extreme weather can make reaching care a challenge. By supporting Caritas Australia's Women for the World appeal, you can help upgrade rural health centers, giving women a safer chance to bring new life into the world. Your gift today can help support safer pregnancies, safer births and healthier futures for mothers and babies. Learn more or donate today at www.caritas.org.au/wftw

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" - Matthew 16:26

St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

Recently Deceased

Emmanuela Agius

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

George Rocco; Alex Martin; Frank Jumpertz;
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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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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