

*Twenty Ninth
Sunday in
Ordinary time
Year C*

19 October 2025



Readings: Sunday 19 October 2025

First Reading: Exodus 17:8-13

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 3:14 – 4:2

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:1-8

Readings: Sunday 26 October 2025

First Reading: Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

Second Reading: 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Gospel Reading: Luke 18:9-14

This weekend we celebrate **World Mission Sunday (18/19 October)**. We invite parishioners to continue to pray for the **mothers and children of rural Zambia**. We remember in a special way the **mothers who walk for days in labour** to give birth in makeshift shelters, and the **children who walk over 10 kilometres** to access education. Your prayers are a profound act of solidarity, carrying hope and compassion across the miles. **Pope Leo has released a short video message** inviting the global Church to stand in solidarity with communities in need. A special collection will be taken after each Mass this weekend. We apologise for the short notice.

 **WATCH OR DOWNLOAD THE VIDEO:**

View online: [YouTube link](#) [Pope Leo XIV Delivers His First Video Message for World Mission Sunday | Catholic Mission](#)

Christian Meditation takes place every Thursday evening at 7pm. If you would like to be part of this group, please phone Lucy at the Parish Office on 93982964.
MARANATHA

Once again, I ask that Parishioners consider making a donation directly into our new **'MHOC Church Roof Repairs' account: BSB 083 347 a/c 444 803 007**. This dedicated account is held at the National Australia Bank and will only be used to make the required loan repayments for the Church roof repairs and the new Church office. **Alternatively, you are welcome to place your donation in an envelope marked 'roof repairs' with your name on the envelope (optional)**. Thank you to all those who have made donations. The current balance owing on our roof repair account is \$9,683.53. *Archpriest Michael Kalka.*

St. Mary MacKillops Daily thoughts...

"With God on our side what need we fear".

Save the Date: At our 10.30am Mass on Sunday November 9th, the Timorese community will have their annual remembrance prayers for all who died in the Sant Cruz Massacre of 1991. That Mass will be led by Father Deonildo and will be in Tetum (Timorese). After Mass, the Timorese community will have a shared lunch in the hall.

So, I will need volunteers to help with the set-up of the hall and Church at 10am on Saturday November 8th.

Archpriest Michael

Lectors and Special Ministers – could you please ensure that you tick your name off the Liturgy Roster (situated on the table in the Narthex) on your arrival. This will help to make the Sacristan's (especially at the 10.30am Mass) job easier, if they know you have arrived.

LITURGICAL PRESENTATION FOR SUNDAY MASS - Volunteers are needed to

operate the church laptop in order to run the liturgical presentation at weekend Masses. Currently the 10:30am Mass is in urgent need, but volunteers from other Masses are very welcome. The plan is to form a group of volunteers, create together a roster, and have back up on-hand, should the rostered person be unavailable. Training or a refresher course will be provided until you are confident to do it on your own. All members will receive the presentation (slides) days beforehand via our WhatsApp group, so you can preview and be prepared should you need to replace someone unavailable. If you could help, please contact Phiphi on 0421 212 129 or Lucy on 9398 2964.

Liturgy Roster - 26 October, 2025

	Lectors	Special Ministers
6.00pm	Francis Arquesa	Mary Bartolo
8.30am	Jessica Duffy	Brian Dalton
10.30am	Anna Watson	Paul Bugeja
Linen Roster October	Counting this week: Team 1: 19.10.2025	Counting next week: Team 2: 26.10.2025
Lisa Kukuka	Betty Fitzgerald Bill Fogarty Maureen Fogarty	Leticia Mauricio Raquel Arquesa Conee Manguiat



The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the new laws would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for nurses, doctors and other medical practitioners who conscientiously object. In response, the Bishops of Victoria have written a pastoral letter asking that we contact our local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against these laws.

You can read the letter online and find out more by scanning the QR code or via: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill.



"I tell you that he will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?" Luke 18:8

Where would Jesus find faith in today's world? Faith is present wherever there are acts of good stewards.

Recently Deceased:

The Funeral Mass for Annamaria (Arna) Culinas-Donohue will be at 11am on Thursday, 23 October, 2025. There will be no 9.15am Mass on that day

Anniversaries & Remembrances:

Giovanni Berlin Griener; Greg Cuthbert; Patrick Foy; Victor Gerada; Giovanna McKercher; Joseph, Paul & Rose Mizzi; Saliva & Carmena Vella; Peter Hanh Tray
All those who died in the Westgate Bridge collapse in 1970

Prayers for the Sick:

Genna Angelowitch; Maura McCabe; Trish Aitken

For some years, the "**Lifeboat Foundation**" has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse with basic living costs, counselling, vehicle expenses – and just simply listening, believing and caring. The Foundation has been greatly assisted by donations of **unwanted cars** e.g., from deceased estates, or people relinquishing licence etc., either to give to victims who need them, or selling them to raise funds.

You could help this important work (a) by identifying people who might **donate an unwanted motor vehicle**, and (b) **identifying someone to assist** in the administration of Lifeboat's "Car Donation Project" e.g. speaking to potential donors of vehicles – it's not complicated nor over-demanding of time.

If you can assist or would like more information about the "Lifeboat Foundation" and/or the "Car Donation Project", contact **Fr. Kevin Dillon** – frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360.



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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
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(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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