MASSES THIS WEEK

Monday 14th—Sunday 20th July

Monday 14th: No Mass

Tuesday 15th: Mass 5pm

Wednesday 16th: Mass 9am **Thursday 17th:** Mass 9am

Friday 18th: Mass 9am

Saturday 19th: Mass 5pm

Reconciliation 3.30-4.30

Sunday 20th: Mass 9am

ROSTERS

12/13 JULY

Cleaning 14-18 R & K Ison 5.00PM MASS

Welcomer K Conway Commentator: S Ebejer Reader:: J Mackay **Eucharistic Ministers** K Lovering Computer Screen

9.00 AM MASS:

J O'Sullivan

Welcomer L May Commentator B Basevi Reader: J Whiteford **Eucharistic Ministers** K Corbin D Herring Computer Screen D May

MORNING TEA:

J Barroman/G Berryman

COUNTERS M & C Lowe

19/20 JULY

Cleaning 21-25 Favetta/O'Neill/ Nugent

5.00PM MASS

Welcomer B Oerder Commentator M Weatherall Reader: S Ebeier Eucharistic Ministers L Mylott Computer Screen M O'Neill

9.00 AM MASS:

Welcomer M Britt Commentator N Beatty Reader: B Basevi Eucharistic Ministers V & C Burns Computer Screen T Jones

MORNING TEA:

COUNTERS

G Norris/J O'Sullivan

Masses in Aged Care Facilities

- Second Wed of month Mass 10.30am The Glen
- Third Wed of month Mass 2pm The Manor
- Fourth Wed of month Mass 2pm Maranatha

CLAIM THE DATE:

Gathering invitation: Tuesday August 5th 9.30-3pm in the Church Meeting Room

Sr Virginia Bourke rsj returns to speak to us about Celebrating Mary MacKillop and Fr Tennison Woods—their life and influence on Australian Spirituality.

Cost = \$2 donation, so we can present a gift to Sister (parish will pay for petrol cost) Morning tea provided

BYO Pot Luck lunch to share **Bookings Essential by Tuesday July 29th**

Marie: 0405 028 057 All Welcome—Encourage a friend to join us at this special Gathering

FRIDAY AUGUST 8TH, 2025 The Feast Day of St Mary **MacKillop of the Cross**

There will be a Mass at 9am followed by a cuppa and short reflection in the Church Meeting Room. Facilitated by Marie Weatherall. All Welcome

PASTORAL CARE ONE DAY INTRODUCTORY COURSE

9am-4pm Saturday August 16th in the Church Meeting Room

If you have never trained for Pastoral Care or are interested in Pastoral Care Ministry, this is the course for you! This course will only go ahead if we have at least 4 participants. BOOKING ESSENTIAL by Monday August 11 Marie: 0405 028 057

BAPTISMS IN THE PARISH

The weekend we welcome Lucia Quodling into our faith community through the waters of baptism.

May God's love and blessings be upon them on this baptism day and always.

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REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

The Neighbourliness of **Global Citizens**

The lawyer asked a self-serving question: 'Who is my neighbour?' He could then set the limits, the boundaries of those close enough to merit his concern. Jesus replies with a story to show that the better question is: 'To whom should I be neighbourly?' The answer is: To any person who is wounded in any way – physically, psychologically, socially, economically. And we have to do so overcoming the labelling, even bigotry, which can conveniently put a person outside the range of our concern. When we act like the Samaritan, we deserve the title 'Catholic' which means universal. Pope Francis said that

Christ is constantly inviting us, as he invited Thomas, to touch His wounds which are to be found in the wounded of our own time. We could pause for a moment to thank God that we live in an age of

technology which can enable us to be truly Catholic global citizens practising Mercy Without Borders.

'Do this and you will live.'

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be added to it if dates are provided.

Sykes, Lillian Burkinshaw, Lynette Arundel

The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven, may the faith you have given us in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother, and the flame of charity enkindled in our hearts by the Holy Spirit, reawaken in us the blessed hope for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel.

May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos, in the sure expectation

of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, Pilgrims of Hope, a yearning for the treasures of heaven.

May that same grace spread

the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed,

be glory and praise for ever. Amen.

Remembering the Sick:

Sr Maria Goretti, Travis Roth, Piper Roth, Maya Roth, Kristy Crosby, Jeanette Clarke, Chris

Nixon, Kevin Totterell, Dawn Robinson, Maria de Rocco, Myrna Glenn, Norma Dean, Ann

Suzanne Hughes, Sr Marie McAlister, Peter O'Neill, Fr John Walter, Fr Kevin Murphy, Allan

Evendon, Judy Betts, Anica Bautovic, Angela Mylott, those in hospital and nursing homes

Death Anniversaries: are listed in the Memorial Book at the front of the Church and names can

We pray for the recently deceased in the Parish Community: Eva Cabardo Arado, Sem

Anthony Cabardo, Judy Spruce, Zora Domitrovic, Rod Sanders, Colin Platt, Indy Roth, Pope Francis, Kelvin Jones, Margaret Priest, Linda Vogel, Geoffrey Bopping, Ivan Backo, Jean

McSmith, David Wick, Joe Quigley, Margaret Silversides, Patricia Totterdell, David Cowley, Joanne Rogers, Gerald Lewis, Josephine Beckhaus, Cyril Noyeaux, Frank Simic, Sr Paulinus

Croker, Marion O'Grady, Patricia Suhl, Neil Leonard, Letitia Baz, Trent Fisk, Kevin Carew, Margaret Kelly, Arthur Hurrell, Vicki Lukasik, Paul Skinner, Suzanne Melton, James Quirk,

Giovanni Menon, Tony Puconja, Hazel Nolan, Else McGahey, Richard Smart, Patrick Dunn,

Laurence Foran, Lynton Ryan, Jacki Harding, Keith Cooke, Sarah Good, Robert Mitchell, Joyce

Hurrell, Archbishop Francis Carroll, Ruth O'Malley, Julie Morgan, Suzanne Houssard, Nancy

Bowditch, Sheree Jackson, Brendan Blyton, Wendy & Pat Roberts, Mark O'Neill, Karen

Marie McLoughlin, Antionette Doyle, Christine Norman, Anne Gatehouse, Tony Vogel,

Rogers, Rita Condon, Ben Copland, Vince Burns, Patrick Burns, Carolyn Burns, John

Lanzon, Victor Edith, Jan Simpson, Allan Odlum, Luke Ward, Andrew Morton, Ken

Dillon, James Lee, Trish Hamilton, Jim Banks, Dennis Sheather, Mary Henderson, Diane

Pope Leo Monthly **Prayer Intentions** July

For formation in Discernment

Let us pray that we might again learn how to discern, to know how to choose paths of life, and reject everything that leads us away from Christ and the Gospel.



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LITURGY OF THE WORD Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C First Reading

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy

Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you. Moses said to the people: 'Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 'For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, "Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, "Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?" No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.'

The Word of the Lord R. Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm Ps 68:14. 17. 30-31. 33-34. 36-37. R. see v.33

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and vou will live.

- 1. This is my prayer to you, my prayer for your favour In your great love, answer me, O God, with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; in your compassion, turn towards me.
- 2. As for me in my poverty and pain let your help, O God, lift me up. I will praise God's name with a song; I will glorify him with thanksgiving.
- 3. The poor when they see it will be glad and God-seeking hearts will revive; for the Lord listens to the needy and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
- 4. For God will bring help to Zion and rebuild the cities of Judah. The sons of his servants shall inherit it; those who love his name shall dwell

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

Second Reading Colossians 1:15-20 A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignties, Powers – all things were created through him and for him. Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head. As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way; because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The Word of the Lord R. Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

See John 6:63. 68 Alleluia, alleluia!

Your words, Lord, are spirit and life; you have the words of everlasting life. Alleluia!

Gospel *Luke 10:25-37*

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, 'Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' He said to him, 'What is written in the Law? What do you read there?' He replied, 'You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.' 'You have answered right,' said Jesus, 'do this and life is yours.' But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, 'And who is my neighbour?' Jesus replied, 'A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved

compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. "Look after him," he said, "and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have." Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into the brigands' hands?' 'The one who took pity on him,' he replied. Jesus said to him, 'Go and do the same yourself.'

The Gospel of the Lord

R. Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

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9 August | Archbishop's St **Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage**

Join us for the Archbishop's St Mary MacKillop Pilgrimage on 9th August 2025 at Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden. This special church has been designated for the Jubilee Year of Hope.

Location Our Lady Star of the Sea Church, Eden (a designated church for the Jubilee Year of Hope)

- Pilgrimage walk starts at 11.00 am from Eden Sports Ground Reconciliation available during the walk
- Mass at 12.00 pm
 - Visit Mary Mackillop Hall
- Please arrange your own transport

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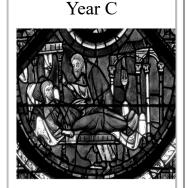


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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY in **ORDINARY TIME**



CHURCH EVENTS

Choir Practice Second & Fourth Mondays 1pm

Cenacle Prayer 9.30 am Fridays after Mass

"Good News" Wednesdays after Mass to discuss reading for the following Sunday. CMR

Wrap with Love Wednesday 30th 1-3pm CMR

> Craft Group 10am Thursdays Church **Meeting Room**

ADORATION TUESDAYS @ 4pm

COFFEE CLUB Thursdays after 9am Mass Venue: Corrigans Cove am

Those lying in the ditch!

As we look around our world today we are confronted by dehumanizing suffering in distant places, around the world, within our own nation Australia and our local community. We are constantly invited to embrace compassion or the capacity 'to suffer with another' as the definitive characteristic of our discipleship.



Today as we listen to the parable of the Good Samaritan [Luke 10:25-37] let us focus our attention on the incapacitated person in the ditch and ask ourselves the question: Are we able to encounter those who are suffering?

For the first Century Jew living under political occupation, 'neighbour' is a term that transcends all boundaries and loving our neighbour makes significant demands on everyone who can manage a 'safe passage to Jericho' while some in our community cannot even climb out of the ditch. I see this so often when interviewing companions who come to St Vincent de Paul for assistance. Like the woman with 4 children at risk of homelessness, while a man with a child in High School are both living rough. For such people 'in the ditch' in our community options are so limited.

As Christians it is our responsibility to name the signs of the time, understand their causes and come up with effective responses. One approach to compassion is the see-judge-act praxis of Catholic Social Teaching. As Margaret O'Connor states: 'Compassion does not just alleviate suffering – it must transform it.' ['Compassion' 2009, page 2]

"This suffering of those 'in the ditch' reduces their ability to exercise freedom, to feel affection to hope, to love God." [Wendy Farley 'Tragic Vision, Devine Compassion', 1990 page 53-54]. Such suffering holds a particular power over people – it strips them of their personal identity, stunts their capabilities to care for themselves and those they love, blinds them to alternative visions of the future. It traps them in a demoralizing and exhausting race against meaningless and death.

The Samaritan heeding only his compassion treats the victim as he would like to be treated himself. It is no longer a question of defining one neighbour in relationship to one self as the centre of everything but to find one's own position by starting from the 'other'. This is the way the Gospel turns things around. 'Go and do the same yourself' and become a transforming neighbour.

Marie Weatherall

We acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land, the Walbunja people of the Yuin Nation. We pay our respects to their elders, past, present and emerging