

Twenty-ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 18 October 2026.

PRESIDER

Dear Sisters and brothers, today we celebrate the 100th World Mission Sunday with the theme, given by Pope Leo, “One in Christ, United in Mission.”

READER

We pray for everyone entrusted with secular or spiritual authority. May they exercise that authority with integrity, justice and love. We pray especially for Pope Leo, that he may recover fully from his recent lung surgery. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the many and varied communities of Christian believers. May today’s World Mission Sunday encourage us to be ‘one in Christ and united in mission’ and that we will support missionaries through our prayer and practical support (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the leaders of states where the death penalty still stands. May they move to abolish it without delay. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for Australia’s children. May this year’s National Children’s Week (24 October – 1 November) highlight their right to use their own language, celebrate their culture and practise their religion. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for all who are struggling to cope with the cost of living. May all sectors of society join forces to work for a fair and inclusive economy. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for tertiary students preparing for end-of-course exams and discerning their future career. May they find their way to satisfying and beneficial work. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently, especially, Jane Faulder, Marjorie Veronica Izzard and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time. May their faith, hope and love flourish for ever in the house of God. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

PRESIDER: (prayer of Pope Leo in his Message for Mission Sunday)

Holy Father, make us one in Christ, rooted in his love that unites and renews. May all members of the Church be united in mission, docile to the Holy Spirit, courageous in bearing witness to the Gospel, proclaiming and daily embodying your faithful love for all creatures. Through Christ our Lord.

Amen.