

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 2 August 2026.

PRESIDER

Dear friends, Jesus displayed God's new world by healing the sick and feeding the hungry. With compassion like his, let us pray for all in need.

READER

We pray for all members of the Church; that we may reach out to those in need of physical and spiritual nourishment. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who feel overwhelmed by life's trials, that with Paul the apostle they will believe that nothing can come between them and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for all who dwell under the Southern Cross, that St Mary MacKillop's (8 August) loving service of the poor will inspire a new commitment of care across the land. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We give thanks and pray for the priests who have celebrated Mass with us over the last four months. Bless them always, with your loving presence and peace. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for the homeless in our cities and towns, that National Homelessness Week (3-9 August) will prompt real action by the whole community, not just words and good intentions. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for our local faith community, that this week's feast of Jesus' Transfiguration will renew our experience of God's transforming grace. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

We pray for those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time, that by the power of love they will triumph over death for ever. (Pause) Let us pray to the Lord.

PRESIDER

Gracious God, you grant the desires of all who live. Free our hearts to love all that you have made. We ask this through Christ our Lord.