

Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time Year A, 30 August 2026.

PRESIDER

Dear Sisters and brothers, across Australia, our Church marks it's annual Social Justice Sunday with the theme: Living the Gospel in Times of Social Division.

READER

We pray for the Australia Bishops, who in communion with Pope Leo, proclaim a gospel of inclusion, leading us to overcome social and racial division, that we will take their message to heart in our daily lives. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the human family. May this week's World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation (1 September) inspire nations to turn swords into ploughshares. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for a culture of encounter through which, in meeting each other, we may grow in understanding of different nationalities, faiths and traditions, celebrating our diversity. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for people in the Himalayas, who have lost their lives and for those affected by the flash flooding. May they be given hope through the generosity and care of the local and global community. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for the many peoples made homeless and hungry by wars who are ignored by the world. May their pleas for help be heard and answered. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

We pray for those who have died recently especially George Patterson, Robert Ermini and Umberto Ceccarelli; and those whose anniversary of death occurs around this time especially Ron McLeod and Anne Taylor-Brown. May they be blessed with the fullness of life in the new and heavenly Jerusalem. (Pause for silent prayer) Lord, hear us.

PRESIDER

Father, you created every person in your image and call us to live as one human family. In a world marked by division, fear and misunderstanding, fill our hearts with the self-giving love of Christ. Teach us to see one another not as strangers or opponents, but as sisters and brothers, worthy of dignity, respect and compassion. Through Christ our Lord.

