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THE DOMINICAN

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A
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COMMITMENT TO DO GOD'S WILL

St DOMINIC'S PARISH CHURCH – Mass Times

We are currently live-streaming Mass
 from St Dominic's Church
 at **11.00am on Sundays**, and
 at **noon on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays**.

These can be accessed from our website
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*The Parish office will be closed till further notice.
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PARISH CALENDAR: 27th Sept—4th Oct 2020

Sun 27th **26th Sunday in Ordinary Time**
 Tue 29th **Sts Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**
9:45am Exercise classes—online
 Wed 30th **St Jerome**
2:00pm PPC meeting—online
7:30-pm To Live Life to the Full—Webinar
 Thu 1st **St Therese o the Child Jesus**
9:30am Exercise classes—online
 Fri 2nd **The Holy Guardian Angels**
 Sun 4th **27th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's gospel passage begins a series of confrontations between Jesus and his opponents. Jesus has entered Jerusalem where he has annoyed the religious leaders by driving out the merchants and money changers. The elders and chief priests have come to question Jesus: "By what authority are you doing these things? And who gave you this authority?". Jesus' parable was a challenge to them. He was constantly confronted by the pious who seemed to epitomize a Yes to God by their strict observance of religious and ritualistic rules. Yet, Jesus criticized them for their lack of compassion for those oppressed by their strict interpretation of religious rules and observances. He accused them of putting burdens on the shoulders of others while being unwilling to lift a finger to help them. So, Jesus called the Pharisees and scribes hypocrites. They seemed to give a Yes to God, but in their attitude and actions, they were saying No to what God asked of them.



Did the first son eventually accomplish the task his father asked of him? What Jesus is praising isn't a measurable record of great achievement, but a willingness to respond to an invitation to serve. Perhaps our desire to serve is what God wishes and that desire and our efforts, leave plenty of room for God to step in and fill the gaps.

Jesus was so willing to serve God that he did not cling to any status he could have claimed for himself. He not only became flesh, but in his obedience, accepted death on a cross. Jesus is the model for us who gives our Yes to God. Our attitude must be the same as Christ's: among us there is to be no competition. Humbly we are not to put our interests first but, like Christ, to be a firm and lived-out Yes to God. That means, we turn ourselves over to God in service to one another.

Apparently the good people didn't see any need to respond to Jesus' invitation to change their lives and follow him. But, according to what he says today, sinners did just that, "tax collectors and prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God before you. Let our desire to renew our commitment to being disciples of Jesus, not just in words, but in actions.

When we look over our recent past and notice the trend our lives have taken, with thoughts and deeds that speak of our being lukewarm disciples, we want the second chance this parable offers us. We want to be able to change our minds, repent and do the good things we know we are called to do, and do them with the wholehearted Yes the gospel requires of us.

Fr Peter Toan Nguyen OP, PP

ST DOMINIC'S IS A CHILD SAFE PARISH

*At St Dominic's we hold the care, safety and wellbeing of children and young people
 as a central and fundamental responsibility of our parish.*

PASTORAL SERVICES

PRAYERS WRITERS: 4 Oct Marianne Zabukosek

COLLECTION STATISTICS

Ave	Thanksgiving	Dom Priests	Loose
July	\$2,156.00	\$81.60	\$ 0.00

DOMINICARE Dominicare has been part of the parish for decades and is chance for people to help out a fellow parishioner with little tasks like lifts, shopping, nursing home visits and even changing light bulbs. In this time of social distancing and home isolation for older members of our Parish Community we want to stress that you should feel free to make contact with us. If you are in need of help, we will do our best to find someone to help out. Leave us a message on 0481 296547 or call the Parish office at 9912 6870 ext. 3. Please also call if you would like to help out.

PARISH AND PRIESTS CONTRIBUTIONS

Parishioners who normally contribute to the Parish Stewardship with envelopes and others who wish to contribute to the Parish may do so by either bank transfer (EFT) or by setting up a credit card direct debit. If you wish to use EFT please contact the Parish Office by phone or by email and you will be sent the Parish's bank details. If you wish to set up a credit card direct debit, you should contact the Parish Office and you will be sent a form to be completed. Any questions please ring 9912 6870 or email secretary@stdominics.org.au

If you wish to contribute to the Priests as well you can do it by EFT (ring the Parish Office) or sending an email to bursar@op.org.au.

NEW PARISHIONERS

are very welcome at St Dominic's. You are invited to complete the Membership Form available on our website www.stdominics.org.au/forms.html. Completed form can be returned to the Parish Office by email at secretary@stdominics.org.au or dropped into the Parish green letterbox, which is situated in the front of the Church.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE RECENTLY DECEASED:

Sr M. Anastasia Brogi PDDM, Sr M. Evelina Rivera PDDM

For those whose anniversaries occur at this time:

Fernando Britto, Terry Grandy

THE SICK OF OUR PARISH: Mandy, Ilena Wilson, Shirley Kennedy, Alina Kobylanski, Barbara Dunstan, Sarah Cumming, Yvette van den Driesen, Patricia McInnes, Kathleen Conlan, Martin Blake, Grace Dunn, Michael Taveira, Grazyna Van Egmond, Victoria D'Astoli, Ken Petersen, Patricia Mooney, Joe Markham, Albert Mahoney, Sr Julie Thomas CSB, Ann Stewart, John Meehan, Baby Gracie Bresolin, Janet Hudin, John Carroll, Fr Karl Emerick OP, Joy Patrick, Annette Fleming, Arden Nelson, Bill Fleming **and those visited by St. Vincent de Paul Society this week.**

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat	26 th Sept	7:45am	Barry Hickey
Sun	27 th Sept	9:45am 11:00am	For the People of the Parish Carmel & Eddie Leydon
Mon	28 th Sept	7:00am 12:00pm	Dominican Vocation Langtry family
Tue	29 th Sept	7:00am	Fernando Britto
Wed	30 th Sept	7:00am 12:00pm	Marjorie June Whelan Terry Grandy
Fri	2 nd Oct	7:00am	Deceased Dominicans

If you want to have a Mass offered,
please call the office at 9912 6870 ext 3.



Our PERPETUAL REMEMBRANCE BOOK

for the month of September /October
is available on our website

www.stdominics.org.au/remembring-our-dead.html

to remind us to pray for those mentioned



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Closed till further notice

Enquiries: Librarian 9836 2632,
or email: stdomslibrary@op.org.au
<https://opau.follettdestiny.com>



"Pray, hope and don't worry. Worry is useless.
God is merciful and will hear your prayer." -
St. Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

We are slowly
getting out of Coronavirus!
Remember that Jesus is our sure
support in our lives
and let us trust in him.

Trust in him and
he will protect you,
In his loving mercy,
you will find peace in him
and he will give you protection.
Br Oliver



Hymn: Shelter Me by Michael Joncas | Recorded by Spiritu during the time of COVID-19

Facebook: St. Dominic's Youth Camberwell – SDYC

Instagram: [sdyc_](https://www.instagram.com/sdyc_)

EXERCISE CLASSES have resumed but in a different way. As the Parish centre is closed Amanda is conducting her classes online through Zoom. You are more than welcome to join the chair-based classes on Tuesdays at 9.45am or the active adults classes on Thursdays at 9.30am. If you wish to join one of these classes or both of them please call **Amanda at 0410 685 224 or acubit@bigpond.net.au** and she will send you the invitation. What you need is a computer/tablet, a towel, drink bottle, a chair preferably without arm rests, a cushion a couple of weights (two cans of soup or equivalent or milk cartons filled with liquid or half full depending on your strength). All are welcome.

WEEKLY PARISH RESOURCES We currently send the Dominican and other parish information by weekly email, as well as place them on our website. Please let us know of anyone who would like to go on our mailing list. We deliver hard copies to those without internet access. Again, please let us know if you or anyone else would like these delivered to your mailbox. Contact the parish office at 9912 6870 or via email secretary@stdominics.org.au.

26th SUNDAY YEAR A — A Reflection



In today's second reading Paul instructs the Christians at Philippi, living as they were in a Roman colony that had the reputation for the ambitious pursuit of personal honour, to reject such an attitude. Rather he writes, "there must be no competition among you but

everyone [is] to be self-effacing so that nobody thinks of their own interests first."

Paul continues, pointing out that in conducting themselves as he proposes, their attitude will be the same as Christ's: Though divine, he "emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave," and then in his death, "he was humbler yet, even to accepting death on a cross."

One commentator sees Paul's directive in terms of ranking responsibilities over rights: "Christians should seek to vindicate their rights when this is required to fulfil their responsibilities" otherwise the Christian will be concerned with "voluntarily forgoing their rights and [seeking to] generously fulfil their duties."

We have an example of this in Paul's dealings with the Christians at Corinth. By right they owed him financial support but he did not demand this, surely because he desired that the Corinthians receive the gospel as a gift, primarily from the Lord, but also from him as the Lord's instrument. On the other hand, he did not hesitate to appeal to his rights as a Roman citizen when doing so would promote the Gospel. Thus he insisted on his right to be tried in Rome before the emperor. Paul's attention was on his responsibility to witness as best he could to the Gospel.

In conclusion, we can reflect on Paul's description of love in 1st Corinthians that has been identified both as a portrayal of Jesus and of those who belong to him through faith and the sacraments: "Love does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful."

Fr David Willis OP

REMEMBERING, WORKING AND PRAYING FOR MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES



On this 106th World Day of Migrants and Refugees, we remember, pray for, and commit to working to change the horrible reality of many in 'our own backyard'. We acknowledge and

give thanks for the many parish communities across the state, along with those working within our Catholic social services and other organisations and community groups, who are making considerable efforts to assist people seeking asylum, refugees, and other migrants who hold temporary visas—many remain in harsh circumstances in detention centres, and the majority of the 115,000 living in the Australian community have been deemed ineligible for any federal government support payments during COVID-19, making many at risk of homelessness and despair. In his message for World Day for Migrants and Refugees, Pope Francis tells us, "You have to know in order to understand" and "It is necessary to be close, in order to serve". Only when different elements of the community work together — individuals, parishes, schools, universities and organisations — can we effectively advocate for systemic change and provide for people's immediate necessities and other spiritual and social needs. We encourage you to read more, [here](#).

JUSTICE & PEACE GROUP NOTES

The Season of Creation

The month started with a Season of Creation. Then we see two, key dates : 21/9 is the International Day of Peace and 26/9 is the International Day for the Total Elimination of Nuclear Weapons. The irony speaks for itself. However as the Season of Creation leadership states:

"As followers of Christ from around the globe, we share a common role as caretakers of God's creation. We rejoice in [the] opportunity to care for our common home and the sisters and brothers who share it."

Season of Creation website

St Dominic's East Camberwell Parish

Invites you to a webinar on



'Mental health is not simply the absence of illnesses but having the capacity and opportunity to thrive – that is, to participate in the fullness of life to which Jesus invites us (Jn 10:10). We are a unity of body, mind and spirit.' (from 'To Live Life to the Full', the [2020 Social Justice Statement](#) from the Catholic Bishops of Australia).

A webinar
to explore mental health in Australia today,
and what parish communities can do in response

7.30 – 9.00pm Wednesday 30 September 2020

Speakers include:



Bishop Terry Brady, Social Justice leader



Dr Caroline Johnson, General Practitioner



Trish Mowbray OAM, disability and mental health advocate

with discussion time for all.

Mental Health is a major issue in our community, exacerbated by increased pressure on all of us in the coronavirus era. The Bishops' statement is a resource we can draw on, and challenges to us to do something.

For whom: St Dominic's parishioners and anyone with an interest in local faith community responses to mental illness in our midst

Register online at <https://www.trybooking.com/BLKPG>

Registration closes on 28 September

Enquiries: Manuela Brambilla 9912 6870 ext. 3
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ECUMENICAL JOURNEY AT ST DOMINIC'S

We pray for our fellow Christians



Christ prayed in his farewell discourse that 'all may be one' (John 17:21). As part of our commitment to ecumenism at St Dominic's, we are a member of the [Canterbury Council of Churches](#). We pray in particular this month of September for the community at St Dunstan's Anglican Church in Wattle Valley Road and their Vicar the Revd Roberta Hamilton.

PROPER OF THE MASS: 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm

Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I know them, and they follow me. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

Today's Readings

(26thOrd, Year A) Ezekiel 18:25-28; Psalm 24; Philippians 2:1-11; Matthew 21:28-32

Next Week's Readings

(27thOrd, Year A) Isaiah 5:1-7; Psalm 79; Philippians 4:6-9; Matthew 21:33-43

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