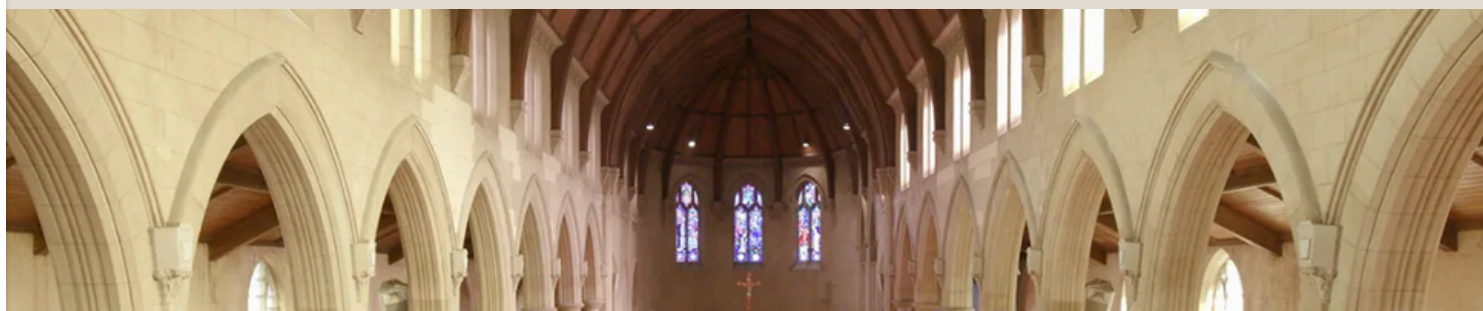


TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



ON MENTAL HEALTH

We, 'rational, social animals', are made in the image of God, are loved individually by Him, and each have dignity and worth. Even when we fall away from God's purpose for us - becoming irrational, antisocial and seemingly godless - this remains true. Our minds are supposed to be strong and whole, and wholly directed towards God; his limitless love for us is the sure foundation of our healing from both sin and injury. Our love towards our neighbour ought to be similarly limitless, so that we might bring the benefits of belonging to the Body of Christ to each other.

Our fallen nature causes us to distort things that are in place for a good purpose. The same anxiety and fear that can keep us alive when being chased by a bear might cause us to become irrational if experienced when sitting on a quiet park bench! This same woundedness causes us to fall in other ways; to judge others without knowing their hearts, to withhold the forgiveness that will guarantee our own forgiveness, or to think we can attain salvation in isolation from our neighbour. All of these paths harm our own mental health, and the wellbeing of others. God created us, and has shown us how we can be well. We must love one another.

Those experiencing mental illness often suffer abandonment, isolation and rejection, such that at the moment when support is most needed, it is not there...but God does not abandon us. He is with us, in whatever state of mind we are in. There is nothing in human experience that he cannot heal, no feeling of brokenness that cannot be restored to health. He knows our hearts, and sees our worth, even when the injustices inflicted by those around us reduces us to pain and disbelief. When we grow more like God, looking past the faults and failings and illnesses and frailty of each other and seeing

Christ there, we cannot leave our brothers and sisters without help, no matter how inconvenient or ugly or distressing, or incomprehensible their particular state of mind is.

In a truly Christian society, everyone's physical, psychological, social and spiritual needs would be met; the factors that most commonly contribute to poor mental health would not exist. There would be just access for all to nutrition and shelter and meaningful employment, and education and safety and the possibility of growing into the best version of ourselves - the version that God calls us to be. Such a society would not discard any soul for being 'useless' or unwanted or unplanned, or unprofitable, or elderly, or sick, or 'crazy'.

Our minds are broken when what we truly need is not provided - when the truth we seek is withheld; when those who should guide us instead inflict suffering; when we are not patiently shown the way to holiness and led to the joy of the knowledge of our Redemption.

Our hearts and minds begin to be healed of psychological and spiritual wounds when we forgive those who inflicted them. We are really healing ourselves through this forgiveness, by participating in God's mercy and allowing the Holy Spirit to work within us, cooperating through generosity and charity and humility.

Could we not minister to each other as the good that is missing - be the hands and eyes and heart of Christ for each other? We can do that even when feeling useless through our own infirmity, by praying for each other; by making this unseen work of mercy our apostolate.

Only say the word, Lord, and we shall be healed.

Helena Ekins-Daukes
- Justice and Peace Group

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Saturday and Public Holidays, 9am

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Saturday 4pm - 5pm

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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.



Parish's Collection



PARISH DIARY	PARISH ACTIVITIES & MASS INTENTIONS 20 - 27 September
SAT 20 9am 6pm	Saturday of the twenty-fifth week Mass: Mavis & Winnie Castelino (anniv.) Mass: Peter Qui Nguyen (anniv.)
SUN 21 8am 9.30am 10.30 11am 6pm 7pm	Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mass: Aloysius Castelino (anniv.) Mass: People of the Parish TA Welcoming the Stranger talk Mass: Edward Stokes (anniv.) Mass: Dec. of Rodrigues & Dias families TA Young Adults Group meets
MON 22 9am 12pm 6pm	Monday of the twenty-fifth week DR: Counters (social cuppa this week) Mass: George Dalint (anniv.) Mass: Dominican Vocations
TUES 23 12pm 5.15pm 6pm	St Pius of Pietrelcina (Padre Pio) The office is closed today. Library closed. Mass: Intention available DR: Christian Meditation Mass: Dollarosa D'Souza (anniv.)
WED 24 12pm 4pm 6pm 7.15pm	Wednesday of the twenty-fifth week Mass: Cornelius O'Connor (anniv.) CH: St Catherine of Siena's Holy Hour Mass: Frances & Wijitha Perera (50th) TA: Fellowship Meeting
THU 25 9.30am 12pm 6pm	Thursday of the twenty-fifth week The office is closed today DR: Legion of Mary Mass: Intention available Mass: John Pereira (anniv.)
FRI 26 10am 10.45am 12pm 6pm	Friday of the twenty-fifth week TA Exercise group CH: Divine Mercy Group - Rosary & Adoration Mass: Intention available Mass: Deceased Dominicans
SAT 27 9am 6pm	St Vincent de Paul Mass: Intention available Mass: Intention available

CHANGED OFFICE HOURS

Many thanks to Helena for volunteering in the office this past fortnight! Carlo and Christine will assist with urgent matters this week. Office hours: 21 - 25 September:
10am - 3pm Mon, Wed, Fri only.

WE REMEMBER TO PRAY FOR the recently deceased, and for those whose anniversaries occur around this time: Mavis and Winnie Castelino, Peter Qui Nguyen, Aloysius Castelino, Edward Stokes, George Dalint, Dollorosa D'Souza, Cornelius O'Connor, John Pereira, and deceased members of Rodrigues and Dias families. We pray for abandoned, needy and Holy Souls in Purgatory. We pray also for the sick of our parish, and those experiencing a long term illness or injury. May the Lord restore them to good health again. We also pray for those who were visited this week by members of the SVdP Society, and for our Golden Anniversary couple, the Pereras.

WELCOMING THE STRANGER - TALK TODAY (21 Sept)

10.30am in the Parish Centre after the 9:30 Mass
Celebrating the 111th World Day of Migrants and Refugees by "Countering Misinformation about refugees and migrants"

Sr Aileen Crowe fmm, with 25 years experience advocating for refugees, will present on this topic and help us understand how misinformation works and what we can do about it.

Pope Francis before his passing chose the theme "Migrants, Missionaries of Hope" for this day.

Come along, enjoy morning tea, have your questions answered and see what we can learn. - Peter Charles (WTS chair)

CHRISTIAN MEDITATION (23 Sept)

Christian Meditation will be held on Tuesdays 5.15-6pm in the Dominic Room. A brief recorded talk by Laurence Freeman OSB or the late John Main OSB, followed by some music and 20 minutes of silent meditation. No experience with meditation is required. Enquiries: Geraldine 0419899082.

ST CATHERINE OF SIENA'S HOLY HOUR (24 Sept)

St Catherine of Siena's Holy Hour for the Church is on every Wednesday at 4-5pm. Composes of Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Holy Rosary for the Church and other intentions followed by Benediction. Please come & join this special and important hour of prayer in front of Our Lord.

FELLOWSHIP GROUP (24 Sept)

The Fellowship Group meets at 7.15pm - all are welcome.

LEGION OF MARY (25 Sept)

Parishioners and interested others are warmly invited to meetings of a new praesidium of the Legion of Mary.

The weekly meetings on Thursday mornings at 10am include the rosary and other prayers, an allocation from the spiritual director, and planning works of members.

Enquiries: Val 0418 108 218.

DIVINE MERCY HOLY HOUR (26 Sept)

Fridays at 10.45am. All are welcome to join us for the Rosary, Chaplet, Litany for the week, with prayers, Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction.

HANDEL'S MESSIAH - 14 DECEMBER @2PM

Please join the Hallelujah Chorus! Everyone is welcome. Rehearsals will be held on Sunday 7th December 2-3pm and Thursday 11th at 6.45pm, directed by visiting conductor, Veikko Kiiver. To sign up, please purchase your ticket/s online and select the option to join the chorus at checkout.
www.trybooking.com/DAZNT



CHILDREN'S LITURGY - TERM 4 DATES

St Dominic's Parish welcomes children from Kinder to Year 5 to join Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW), at the 9:30am Mass during school term. Term 4's CLOW sessions will be on: 12th, 19th & 26th October
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd & 30th November.
7th & 14th December.

ST DOMINIC'S PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

St Dominic's Primary School will be featured in MACS Media's 'weather crosses' on the morning of Tuesday 25th November (Week 8, Term 4). This is great news for the School, creating community engagement and a continued celebration and recognition of St Dominic's School's Centenary!



St Dominic's Young Adults

Spiritual warfare: Discernment

- Talk by Fr Paul Rowse OP
Free dinner provided
- Sunday 28 September
7pm (after 6pm Mass)
in the Parish Centre
8:30pm finish
- All 18 - 30 year olds are welcome



Please scan the QR code to RSVP and join our contact list

Donations are gladly accepted at our events



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EMERGENCY ACCOMMODATION

Emergency accommodation is being sought for a mother and her two teenage children, after usual channels have been tried. Please contact Fr Paul with any information:
parish.priest@stdominics.org.au

BUS TRIP TO DANDENONG BOTANICAL GARDENS

We leave on 15 October at 9.30am in front of Dominic's Church. We travel to Mt. Dandenong Botanical Gardens for morning tea. You are then free to Walk around the gardens or take the Gardens bus for those who are not up to walking. We then board the bus to Mt. Dandenong Hotel for a two-course meal. After lunch there will be time to browse the shopping in Sassafras. We should arrive back at St Dominic's around 4.30pm. Enquire: Lyn Croswell, lyncroswell@bigpond.com



DOMINICAN STUDIUM LIBRARY

The Library is closed for the academic break from Tues 23 Sep & will reopen Tues 7 Oct.
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WHAT DO YOU THINK?

We're in the process of having an artist design us a new parish logo. This is his latest version. What do you think? Please let the parish office know!



MENTAL HEALTH LITURGY (28 Sept)

The annual Canterbury Council of Churches mental health liturgy will be held at St Dunstan's Church, Wattle Valley Road, on Sunday 28 September at 7pm. The speaker will be Assoc. Prof. Caroline Johnston, a long-time educator, researcher and mental health advocate. All are welcome to this important ecumenical event.

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MARCH FOR THE BABIES

Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Sat. 11th Oct - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St & Wellington Pde, Melbourne. Wear pink and blue for the Babies! This is the 17th annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008. www.marchforthebabies.com

PROPER OF THE MASS: TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Entrance Antiphon: I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord. Should they cry to me in any distress,
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord forever.

Responsorial Psalm: Praise the Lord who lifts up the poor.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich
out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon: You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm
in keeping your statutes.

Readings: Amos 8:4-7. Psalm 112: 1-2, 408. 1 Timothy 2: 1-8. Luke 16:1-13

Next week's readings: Amos 6:1, 4-7. Psalm 145: 6-10. 1 Timothy 6: 11-16. Luke 16:19-31

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