

# ST JOSEPH'S ✠ ST MONICA'S SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL

CLUSTER OF PARISHES

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We gather, pray, and celebrate on the traditional land  
of the Dja Dja Wurrung people.

## SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Our parishes are committed to child safety. All children and young people who come to our parishes have a right to feel and be safe. The welfare of the children and young people in our care will always be our first priority and we have a zero tolerance of child abuse.

## TWENTY FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME YEAR A: 17TH SEPTEMBER 2023

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**POPE JOHN PAUL II FORGIVES HIS ASSAILANT, 1981**

## PRIESTS RETIREMENT FOUNDATION ANNUAL APPEAL

For retired Priests of Sandhurst. We have 13 retired Priests.

Fundraising assists the provision of housing, annual recurrent and everyday expenses and for hospital and major medical expenses for all priests.

The Foundation relies on the generosity of the priests and people of the Diocese.

A special collection will be taken on the weekend 16/17 September and is the major fundraiser of the year. This day is an opportunity to thank God for their ministry and dedication; and to pray for our priests, active and retired.

Donations over \$2 are tax deductible. Those requiring receipts of donations over \$10 are asked to use the envelopes provided. Thank you.

## MASS NOTIFICATION

The next **anointing Mass** will be Wednesday 20th September at 12 noon.

Please Note: There will not be an 8am Mass at the Cathedral on that day.

**MARIAN FESTIVAL AT SACRED HEART CATHEDRAL,**

**15<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER 2023**

Please join us on October 15<sup>th</sup> at the Annual Marian Festival at Sacred Heart Cathedral to honour the Blessed Virgin Mary and entrust our diocese, our nation and the world to the protection of her Immaculate Heart.

The Festival will be led by Bishop Leslie Tomlinson, beginning with Mass at 11am and continuing with devotions throughout the afternoon. For more information go to

[www.bendigofatima.com](http://www.bendigofatima.com) or call Wilma on 03 5439 6283



**CARITAS AUSTRALIA'S EMERGENCY APPEALS – MOROCCO / LIBYA**

Caritas Australia is helping in responding to the devastating earthquake in Morocco and floods in Libya. Thousands of people have died and others have been injured. Communities need shelter, food, water and medical assistance.

Please support **Caritas Australia's emergency appeals** at [www.caritas.org.au](http://www.caritas.org.au)



God with us in light and darkest days –  
We pray for all impacted by earthquake, flood or other disaster: survivors, displaced people, loved ones, lost ones.

Where there's life, let there be rescue.  
Where there's need, let there be care.  
Where there's loss, let there be consolation.

We pray for all on the ground, responding with urgency:  
emergency workers, medics, people donating food and blood.

Where there's fear, let there be hope.  
Where there's confusion, let there be clarity.  
Where there's weariness, let there be rest.

As we pray for people directly affected, we pray also for ourselves:  
aware, far-off, watching on.

Where there's compassion, let there be action.  
Where there's love, let there be solidarity.  
Where there's concern, let there be generosity.  
God with us in light and darkest days – hear our prayer. Amen.

**SHC SOCIAL LUNCHEON**

The next luncheon will be at the West Bendigo Stadium (Inglis St. Entrance) on Thursday September 21st (third Thursday) at 12.noon. All Cluster Parishioners are welcome.  
Phone Marcia on 5447 0485 to reserve a seat.

**DEMENTIA AWARENESS MONTH:**

September is Dementia Awareness Month. Dementia symptoms, including memory loss, are caused by diminished brain function, often because of an accumulation of protein in the brain. Many people continue to live well after their diagnosis, but often feel isolated because of the stigma and discrimination. The theme for Dementia Action Week (Sept. 18-24) is "A little support makes a big difference". To find more about small, practical ways in which you can make a difference, visit <https://discrimination.dementia.org.au/>

Dementia impacts people in different ways. Help keep the world open for people living with dementia, not just during the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, but every day. [discrimination.dementia.org.au](http://discrimination.dementia.org.au)

Mary Pianta. Disability Contact Coordinator. Diocese of Sandhurst.

### **CATHOLIC WOMEN'S LEAGUE RETREAT**

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

The CWL will conduct a Retreat at St Liborius, Eaglehawk, on Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> September, commencing with Mass at 10.00am. The program will continue with prayers and talks, finishing at approximately 3.00pm.

Please bring your own lunch – tea and coffee will be provided.

This day of reflection is open to all women, not just CWL members and we look forward to welcoming visitors to our parish. For any further information, please contact Margaret Watson, 0423 022 087.

### **IN THE FOOTSTEPS OF MARY MACKILLOP**

The Sisters of Saint Joseph have prepared an Australian Pilgrimage, "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop" commencing in Melbourne on 17 October, journeying through Victoria and South Australia, and ending at Mary MacKillop Place, North Sydney on 28 October 2023. During the pilgrimage we visit many places associated with Mary MacKillop's life and ministry. See brochure on parish table.

### **CATHEDRAL VISITORS**

Our beautiful Cathedral continues to attract a steady stream of visitors, apart from those who worship here.

Over the past twelve months we have welcomed some 23,700 visitors.

Our volunteer guardians make this possible. These visitors came from 62 different nationalities.

We need more volunteer guardians to keep the Cathedral open.

**If you are interested in becoming a guardian, please contact the Parish Office.**

	<b>CATHEDRAL— 24TH SEPTEMBER 2023</b>		<b>ST MONICA'S— 23RD/24TH SEPTEMBER 2023</b>		<b>ST JOSEPH'S 23RD SEPT</b>
	<b>8.30AM</b>	<b>11.00AM</b>	<b>SAT 6PM</b>	<b>SUNDAY 9AM</b>	<b>SAT 6PM</b>
<b>COMMENTATOR</b>			Volunteer please	B White	C Williams
<b>READER 1</b>	J Parker	K Whitehouse	P Spurling	C Friswell	M Goggin
<b>READER 2</b>	K Dullard	A Stark			
<b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTER</b>	<b>M Murphy</b>	<b>F Russell</b>	P Adams	J Harrison	C Williams
	M Lomas	J Russell			
<b>OFFERTORY</b>	R Wuor, R Walukow	Volunteers Please	Volunteer Please	B & R Buchanan	
<b>ALTAR SOCIETY</b>	Sept 23rd/30th Team 3 (Names on roster)		Sept 23rd/24th — M Friswell, S Wiegard		

#### **PLEASE PRAY FOR ALL IN OUR PARISHES WHO ARE SICK OR UNDERGOING MEDICAL PROCEDURES AND TREATMENTS**

Pam Wright, Tess Dockter, Gary Muller, Carmel Moon, Mary Mooney, Roma O'Shannessy, Gerald Kavanagh, Glenda Waddington, Mathew Craine, John Mangan, Bruno Zausa, Hall Family, Matthew Turner, Theresa Cain, Judy Gaffee, Maureen O'Keefe, Elaine Kelly, Rose Capicchiano, Audrey Drechsler, John Whelan, Kath Munari, April Twyford, Ben Castles, Kay Ross, Audrey Hope, Brendan Drechsler, Pat Fitzpatrick, Pat Bonham, Cath Polinelli, Irene O'Dea.

**RECENTLY DECEASED: KEVIN SMITH, MARY BUDGE.**

#### **ANNIVERSARIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE DIED**

Fr Robert (Bob) Burtonclay, Fr Brian Connell, Fr Robert Smith, Sr Mary Curthoys, Pearl Adams, Enzo Tinucci — June Meade, Patrick Moloney, Vincent McDermott, Robert McKenzie, Irma Pavletich, Olwyn Beare, Aileen Kelly, Phillis Rosevear, Elaine Graham, Donecio Guidrez — Keith Graham, Cornelia Janssen, Catherine Goss, Norman Chandler, John Semmens, Joseph Perez.

## READINGS OF THE DAY

### **FIRST READING**

**Sirach 27:30 – 28:7**

#### **A reading from the book of Ecclesiasticus**

Resentment and anger, these are foul things, and both are found with the sinner.

He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord, who keeps strict account of sin.

Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.

If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord?

Showing no pity for a man like himself, can he then plead for his own sins?

Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment; who will forgive him his sins?

Remember the last things, and stop hating, remember dissolution and death, and live by the commandments.

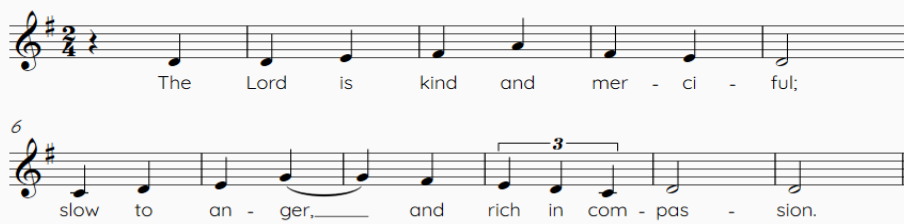
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your neighbour ill-will; remember the covenant of the Most High, and overlook the offence.

### **RESPONSORIAL PSALM**

**Ps 102:1-4.9-12 R v. 8**

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C. Alexander Peloquin (1918-1997)



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### **SECOND READING**

**Romans 14:7-9**

#### **A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans**

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others; if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This explains why Christ both died and came to life, it was so that he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

**John 13:34**

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment:

love one another as I have loved you.

Alleluia

### **GOSPEL**

**Matthew 18:21-35**

#### **A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew**

Peter went up to Jesus and said, 'Lord, how often must I forgive my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?' Jesus answered, 'Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven times.

'And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thousand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the servant threw himself down at his master's feet. "Give me time," he said "and I will pay the whole sum." And the servant's master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. "Pay what you owe me", he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and implored him, saying, "Give me time and I will pay you." But the other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and they went to their master and reported the whole affair to him. Then the master sent for him. "You wicked servant," he said. "I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow servant just as I had pity on you?" And in his anger the master handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt. And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless you each forgive your brother from your heart.'

**NEXT SUNDAYS READINGS: 1st Reading: Is 55:6-9 2nd Reading: Phil 1:20-24,27 Gospel: Mt 20:1-16**

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