

PARISH BULLETIN

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time — 30th August 2026 (Year A)

"GET BEHIND ME SATAN! YOU ARE AN OBSTACLE TO ME." MATTHEW 16:23

Reflect today on Peter's words: "God forbid, Lord!" and Jesus' reply: "Get behind me, Satan!" In this exchange, Jesus is also speaking to each of us, saying, "Never run from the Cross!" We must never flee from a selfless and sacrificial embrace of suffering, even when that suffering is unjust. God can and will transform all freely embraced suffering into a means of His eternal glory and our sanctification. With our Lord, reject the evil one's false empathy. Reject the lie that suffering is meaningless. Choose instead to lay down your life in love with Christ, and in doing so, you will rise with Him, victorious over every sin and diabolical lie, overcoming even the sufferings of this life through your free and faithful embrace.

Proper of the Mass

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:7–9

Response: My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Romans 12:1–2

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:21–27

Feasts of the week ahead

Thursday — Gregory the Great, pope and doctor (540 – 604)

A Roman prefect who became a monk, as pope he unified the liturgy and compiled the Gregorian chant named after him. He wrote many works on morals and dogma, and sent missionaries to Christianise the English people.

Saturday — Teresa of Calcutta (1910 – 1997)

Born in Albania, she founded the Missionaries of Charity and dedicated her life to caring for the poorest of the poor in India. The order now has over 500 missions in more than 100 countries.

Return of Parish Consultation Forms, and thank you

Thank you to all who have so far participated in our Parish Consultation. We have received many completed forms from individuals, families and groups. **For those who took forms home you should return them this weekend**, but if you need an extension, please let one of the Parish Pastoral Council members know.

Thank you again to everyone for helping make this a positive and constructive process.

Carlton (Consultation Coordinator — on behalf of St Michael's PPC)

Children's liturgy

The next children's liturgy will be held at the 8.30am Mass **next Sunday 6 September**.

Mass and Prayer Times

Monday 5.30pm Mass with Confession immediately after Mass (Benediction & Adoration afterwards first Monday every month)

Thursday 7.00am Mass

Friday 9.00am with Confession before Mass and Adoration after Mass.
Second Friday of every month is **Anointing Mass**.

Saturday 9.00–10.00 am Adoration with Rosary and Divine Mercy

Saturday (vigil Mass) 5.00pm and **Sunday** 8.30am Mass

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We pray for: Michelle Muir, Margaret Lawson, June Meecham, Patrick King, David Carr, Don Morrison, Keiren Calder, Susie and Tom, Fr Aidan Carvill, Jan Lidstone, Sharon Bell, Ian Tyson, Peter Shafton, Yvonne Auer, Luke Barden, Killian Maguire, Kathleen Isepy and Fr Pat Doran.

Prayers for the recently deceased.

We pray for all who have died including Fr Michael Mullane and Mary Mullane, Stephen Anning, Patricia David (Dinah), Kathleen Mitchell, Tracy Kelly, Alan Williams, Rose Graham, Phoebe Semple, Romilia Ventura, Delma Schmidt, Trevour Pettersen, and Veronica Robertson, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

SPECIAL PARISH CELEBRATION — VIGIL OF ST MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

On the evening of Monday 28 September, our parish will celebrate the feast of St Michael and we plan to make this a significant event in our annual spiritual calendar. The program for the feast day celebration will comprise:

- 5.30pm — talk on the importance of St Michael in our lives
- 6.30pm — feast day vigil mass
- After Mass — sausage sizzle

Please note the small change to the regular Monday evening mass time. Please invite family and friends to help make this a remarkable celebration.

World Priests Day 2026 — presented by Worldwide Marriage Encounter

This event celebrates and affirms the men who commit their lives to the Lord and the Church via the sacrament of Holy Orders.

Join us for dinner and music with keynote speaker Fr Peter Dillon on Friday 11 September from 5pm at Little King Function Room, 31–33 O'Keefe Street, Buranda.

Cost $65 per person. For more information email vinceandcathywwme@gmail.com

DONATE FOODSTUFFS FOR VINNIES HOMELESS SUPPORT

Dear Parishioners, for the next 2 weekends 8–9 September and 15–16 September St Vinnies, St Michael's are seeking donations toward providing breakfast for the homeless at Emmanuel City Mission.

We have it on good authority the following items would be much appreciated and put to good use: Instant coffee, tea bags, milo, hot chocolate mix, Up & Go, cereals such as Corn Flakes, Vita Brits, Weet-Bix, Nutri-Grain. Some biscuits to have with a cuppa for morning tea would also be well received.

Please do not provide any food that requires heating.

Donations can be left in the large black plastic container at the back of the church. Thank you for your generosity.



Annual Catholic Campaign

It's not too late to donate to the Annual Catholic Campaign in support of the Priests Foundation, Holy Spirit Seminary, Centacare, the Mary MacKillop Bursary Fund and the annual Grants Program. Return your envelope from last week, or take one from the pews. Alternatively, go to catholiccampaign.com.au

