PARISH BULLETIN

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time — 25th October 2026 (Year A)

"TEACHER, WHICH COMMANDMENT IN THE LAW IS THE GREATEST?" MATTHEW 22:36

Reflect today on the inseparable bond between love of God and love of neighbour, and the eternal nature of these commandments. Does your life bear witness to these two great commands? Does your daily prayer arise from and lead to this twofold love? Hallow God's name not only with your lips, but also with your heart, soul, and mind. Allow that love to overflow to all people — especially those hardest to love — so that you show them the dignity and charity due to your neighbour, in anticipation of expressing that love forever in Heaven.

Proper of today's Mass

First Reading: Exodus 22: 20–26

Response: I love you, Lord, my strength.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1: 5–10

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22: 34–40

Feasts of the week

Wednesday — Simon and Jude, apostles

Simon — not to be confused with Simon who became Peter — is mainly known as "the Zealot", because he belonged to the Jewish party of the "Zealous of the Law".

Jude, also called Thaddeus, became the author of a short epistle in the New Testament. They preached in Mesopotamia and Persia, where they were martyred.

Special day this week

Tuesday — 40th Anniversary of World Day of Prayer for Peace in Assisi

On 27 October 1986, Saint Pope John Paul II invited 160 faith leaders from around the world to gather in Assisi, Italy to pray for peace. This event was a turning point in the history of interreligious dialogue and has become a lasting symbol of the Catholic Church's commitment to promoting social justice, moral wellbeing, peace and freedom for the benefit of all humanity. May we continue to pray for peace.

Children's liturgy

The next children's liturgy will be held at the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 1 November.

Fr Tony returning from leave for All Saints Day

Fr Tony is returning from leave next Saturday, just in time to celebrate the vigil Mass for the Feast of All Saints that evening, 5.00 pm on Saturday 31 October.

Mass and Prayer Times

Monday 5.30pm Mass **(during this month of October this will be replaced by Liturgy of the Word with Holy Communion followed by Adoration)**

Thursday 7.00am Mass **(Not held during October due to Fr Tony's absence)**

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
First Saturday every month; Communion service and morning tea

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

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We pray for: Andy Walton, Patsy Gandini, Michelle Muir, Margaret Lawson, June Meacham, 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 Ed Bond, Joy Girvan, Fr Michael Mullane and Mary Mullane, Stephen Anning, Patricia David (Dinah), Kathleen Mitchell, Tracy Kelly, Alan Williams, Rose Graham, Phoebe Semple, Romilia Ventura, and Delma Schmidt, and all whose anniversaries occur around this time.

FIRST COMMUNION — SUNDAY 15 NOVEMBER

Our First Communion program is in preparation and the sacrament will be celebrated at the 8.30am Mass on Sunday 15 November. Please pray for all our candidates — Hayden, Margot, Edie, Darcy, Fleur, Josef and Michael.

SPECIAL PRAYERS PLEASE- Please pray for the repose of the soul of longtime parishioner Ed Bond, who passed away earlier this week, and for the comfort and consolation of Judy and all the extended Bond family.

Ed's funeral Mass will be held at St Michael's on Thursday 5 November at 11 am.

Thanks for your ongoing support

Thank you to those who contribute regularly to the parish and broader church through planned giving envelopes, direct debit and the tap-and-go, enabling the church to continue its various works.

Finance Update — As at September 2026

Collections up to the end of September 2026 are detailed below.

	Total year to date	Monthly average 2026
Plate collection	33,540	3,726
Direct debit	13,545	1,505
Tap N Go	6,187	687
TOTAL	**53,272**	**5,919**

Book of Remembrance

Next Sunday, 1 November is All Saints Day, beginning the month of remembrance and prayer for the departed. Please think and pray about those you wish to add to our Book of Remembrance during November. Pray always for the Holy Souls in Purgatory.

ASHGROVE DANCE STUDIO PRESENTS — BROADWAY RHYTHM

Our hall tenant Ashgrove Dance Studio, is presenting an end-of-year spectacular this December, with three great shows in one. The opening performance is Carmen Suite, an adaptation of Bizet's famous opera, followed by a reimagining of the Wizard of Oz. After interval the final show will be Broadway Rhythm, inspired by the classics of the famed entertainment precinct. It's sparkle, style, sequins and excitement for all theatre lovers at heart.

The Spectacular is on Friday 4 December at 6.00pm, and Saturday 5 December at 1.00pm and 6.00pm, at the Draney Theatre, Marist College Ashgrove. For tickets, visit www.trybooking.com/dmcum

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