

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME - 25th & 26th July 2026 Year A



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Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give thee my heart and soul

Entrance Antiphon: *God in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house;
he himself gives might and strength to his people.*

1st Reading: **1 Kings 3:5, 7-12**
<You have asked for wisdom.>

Responsorial Psalm: *Lord, I love your commands.*

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| 1. My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold. R. | 2. Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight. R. |
| 3. That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways. R. | 4. Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple. R. |

2nd Reading: **Romans 8:28-30**
<He predestined us to become true images of his Son.>

Gospel Acclamation: *Alleluia, alleluia!*
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Gospel: **Matthew 13:44-52**
<He sells everything he owns and buys the field.>

Communion Antiphon: *Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.*

Recent Deaths:

Anniversaries: Terence Francis, John Flynn, Maria Vollebergh, Alfred Rodrigo

Prayers for the Sick: Mary Walsh, Mike Kenny, Margaret Kneebone, Francesco De Nardo, Barry O'Neill, Edward Cassar, David Bruce, Adrian Wain, Florence Parker, Emma Bebe, David Spry, Trish Vaughan, Geoff Goctord, Bernadette Brady, Nat O'Grady, Marqie Miller, Celeste Chadwick, Margaret Kneebone, Rosemary Stipanov, Prue & Geoff Croxford, Bob Lambert, Jacqueline and Ariel.

Mass Intentions: The Saturday 5:00pm Mass is offered for Terence Francis whose anniversary occurs at this time. The Sunday 8:30am Mass is offered for Dilshan who is recovering from major surgery and for Alfred Rodrigo whose anniversary occurs at this time.

HOLY FAMILY PARISH

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Parish Office Hours:

Monday to Friday:

9:00am – 2:00pm

Parish Secretaries

Natalie Sillato

Janet Cullinan

Susan Haladjian (Finance)

Principal Holy Family School

Julie David

9807 3300

Weekend Masses

Saturday: 5:00pm

Sunday: 8:30am

10:00am

Weekday Masses

(Subject to change for special celebrations)

Monday: NO MASS

Tuesday: 7:00pm

Wednesday: 9:15am

Thursday: 9:15am

Friday: 9:15am

Korean Mass

Sunday 1:30pm

Thursday 7:30pm

Indonesian Mass & Adoration

First Friday of each Month 6:30pm

Filipino Mass

Fourth Sunday of each Month. 11:30am

Confession: Tuesday 7:30pm (*during Adoration*) and Friday 9:45am

Baptism Sundays at 11:30am*

* Please email the Parish Office for Preparation and Scheduling of Baptism

Weddings: By appointment with the Parish Priest

Hall Hire – Contact Shirley Ng

Shirley.Ng@cam.org.au

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

Tuesday 7:30pm – 8:00pm

Wednesday After 9:15 Mass (30 mins)

Communion to Sick

Contact the Parish Office – 9807 9494

Community Care Coordinator

Veronica Nicoll 0433 314 697

Holy Family Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and human dignity of children, young people and adults.

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Dear Parishioners,

One of the great joys of the past month has been seeing the excitement surrounding the FIFA World Cup. Whether you stayed up late, woke up early, or carefully avoided hearing the score until you could watch the replay, it certainly brought people together. Congratulations to Spain on becoming the 2026 World Cup champions. As always, there could only be one winner!

The winning goal came from Ferran Torres, who is open about his Catholic faith. After the match, he gave glory to God, saying, "*God gave me the strength to continue and, in the end, God gives to those who deserve it.*" He has often spoken about carrying a cross and an image of the Blessed Virgin Mary with him, saying that his faith gives him strength and support.

Although Argentina fell just short, many Catholics would know that Lionel Messi is also a man of faith. Throughout his career, he has spoken of his devotion to the Blessed Virgin Mary, frequently makes the Sign of the Cross before matches, points to heaven after scoring, and has made pilgrimages in thanksgiving. It is always encouraging to see elite athletes who are not afraid to acknowledge that their talents are gifts from God.

Closer to home, last Wednesday we celebrated the Feast of St Mary Magdalen. Thank you to everyone who joined us for the morning tea following the 9.30 am Mass. It was wonderful to see parishioners from Holy Family and St Mary Magdalen mixing, chatting and getting to know one another. As we continue to grow as partner parishes, opportunities like these remind us that we are one family of faith. I think we should make these gatherings a more regular occurrence.

On Thursday evening, our new and current altar servers enjoyed a social night of laser tag and bowling. I was there too – and, judging by the number of times I was "eliminated", I seemed to be everyone's favourite target! It was a great evening filled with plenty of laughter. Beyond the fun, these gatherings are important because they help our young people build friendships and learn to work together. That teamwork naturally carries over into their ministry at the altar, where they serve with confidence, reverence and joy.

Last Friday, I had the privilege of blessing the new St Teresa Library at Avila College. It is a beautiful new learning space, and I congratulate the staff and students on this wonderful addition to the school. May it be a place where young minds grow not only in knowledge but also in wisdom, inspired by the example of St Teresa, who reminds us that every gift and every opportunity can be used for the glory of God.

As we continue through these winter months, let us keep encouraging one another in faith, friendship and service. God bless you all, and I look forward to seeing you this weekend.

Warm regards,

Fr Justel

NEXT WEEKEND'S MINISTRY ROSTER 1st & 2nd August 2026

Readers

Eucharistic Ministers

Welcome

Power Point

Morning Tea

5:00pm	Kevin Luxford Annshy Thayaparan	Glenn Simon Ingrid Hale	Noelle Sullivan	Kathryn Lye	
8:30am	David Freeman Carmel Dunne	Carmela Marino John Fazzino	Norbert Easton		
10:00am	Sashi Jeyarajah Serena Yau	Joe Bonnici Jesse Bernardo	Daryl Cramer	HR Choir	Samantha Morrison

Mass Times - 17th Week in Ordinary Time

Tuesday 28 th July	7:00pm Mass 7:30pm Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Confession
Wednesday 29 th July	10:00am Mass St Mary Magdalen
Thursday 30 th July	10:00am Mass St Mary Magdalen
Friday 31 st July	9:15am Mass 9:45am Confession
Saturday 1 st August	5:00pm Mass
Sunday 2 nd August	8:30am Mass
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	10:00am Mass

**NATIONAL CENSUS
11th AUGUST 2026**

With Australia's next national Census to be held on 11th August 2026, Catholics are encouraged to identify their religious affiliation to ensure accurate representation. The Census data informs government and Church planning, helping parishes, schools and Catholic services understand community needs and allocate resources effectively.



WORKING BEE

Thank you!

Thank you to all volunteers who attended the working bee this weekend.

Your support is very much appreciated.



Emmanuel

YOUTH GROUP

Years 9 - 12

Fortnightly Fridays 7:30-9:30pm

Games, prayer, talks, snacks

Location: Holy Family Parish, Mount Waverley

Next date: Friday 31st July

COMBINED CATHOLIC PARISHES RAFFLE - COMING SOON!

Hello wonderful volunteers!

It's that time of year again — we're gearing up for the Raffle, and I'm looking for some helping hands to assist with this year's launch.

We're planning to kick things off across all Masses on the weekend of **8th August 2026**

If you're available to help, please let me know which Mass times you'd prefer to assist at, and how often you're able to volunteer.

Otherwise, you might find yourself allocated more than you bargained for! 😊

New volunteers are very welcome, and I promise it's not a hard job to do!

If you're not able to help this year, no worries at all — just let me know so I don't follow up unnecessarily.

Thanks so much in advance — I really appreciate your support and look forward to hearing from you!

Email Rosy - rlinden03@gmail.com or 0418 516 902

WE ARE Called VOCATIONS EXPO

ACU Campus Ministry and Vocations Melbourne invite you to come and explore what life looks like in Catholic Religious Orders, Diocesan Priesthood, and Married life. Hear from speakers who will share what answering a call looks like, what challenges lie ahead and the many joys you find along the way.

SATURDAY 1 AUGUST
9AM-1PM
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LEVEL 7, ST TERESA OF KOLKATA BUILDING,
ACU MELBOURNE



with Archbishop Peter Comensoli



Free event
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Campus Ministry  ACU

Catholic Archdiocese (CAM) Positions

- Formation Specialist – Content Development and Delivery, East Melbourne
- Community Engagement Officer – Catholic Development Fund (CDF), East Melbourne

Parish Positions

- Parish Secretary, St Gabriel's Reservoir, Permanent Part Time, 15 Hours per week.
- Parish Administration Assistant, St Francis Xavier and St John's Parish Frankston, 15 Hours per week.

Further details of the above positions can be found on the Archdiocese website at:

[Job vacancies](#) | [Melbourne Catholic](#)

Learning to live like Jesus + God's Knights



Dominic Savio
July 19, 2026



Living Out Our Faith
July 26 & August 2



A Lesson On Prayer
August 9 & August 16



The Mass: A Life Giving Prayer
August 23, August 30 & September 6



Francis of Assisi
September 13



During 10am Sunday Mass



Kids 4 to 10 years old

PLAYGROUP

FROM TODDLERS TO KINDERGARTEN

Friday
9:30am - 10:30am
17 & 31 July
14 & 28 August, 11 Sept




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