



RESURRECTION CATHOLIC PARISH

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33RD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

16TH NOVEMBER, 2025

Resurrection Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults

ATTENTION: ALL PARISHIONERS INVOLVED IN HOME COMMUNION VISITS

In addition to our three appointed Special Ministers of Communion, we are aware that several parishioners are generously taking the Blessed Sacrament to sick or disabled relatives and friends who are unable to attend Mass. This ministry is deeply valued and appreciated.



However, due to the growing number of individuals involved, archdiocesan guidelines require us to maintain accurate records. If you are currently making home visits even occasionally we kindly ask that you provide your name and contact details, along with the names of those receiving Communion, to me or the Parish Office.

There are also important protocols regarding the reverent handling of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as specific prayers to be offered during these visits, which we will share with all those involved.

We also want to ensure that both ministers and recipients are aware of the support available through the Parish.

Thank you for your cooperation and for your continued service in this meaningful ministry. Fr Gerard

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

- Sunday 23rd November - **Christ the King** at St Patrick's Cathedral Prayers at 2pm followed by Holy Mass celebrated by Cardinal Mykola Bychok & Archbishop Peter Commensoli.
- Friday 5th December - **Healing Mass** 6.30am - 7pm Praise, Worship and Reconciliation. Healing Mass at 7pm
- Monday 8th December - **Devotion to the Immaculate Conception** from 12pm to 1pm in the school staff room.
- Thursday 11th December at 12 noon - **WOW Group Christmas Lunch** Watergardens Hotel -Buffet Lunch \$5 per person deposit is required. RSVP Margaret by 25/11 0402 823 630
- Saturday 20th December **Mass of Anointing** at 10am followed by light refreshments.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAM 2026 – INFORMATION SESSIONS

Families wishing to participate in our **2026 Sacramental Program** are warmly invited to attend one of the upcoming information sessions in February:

Saturday 7th or 14th after 6pm Mass **or** Sunday 8th or 15th after 10.30am Mass.

St Vinnies Christmas Appeal

If you're able to contribute, we kindly ask for donations of:

Christmas hampers for families (you're welcome to create your own)

Books, puzzles, toys and activity sets for children to be handed to the parish office.

Your kindness can bring comfort and joy to those who need it most this Christmas. Thank you for your continued support.

God Bless you all from St Vinnies team

We pray for Fr Francis Moloney and all those who have died recently.

We pray for Cynthia Paul, George Camilleri, Tuan Nguyen, Pepito Carandang, clare Duarte, Afonso Lim, Lucio Vong, Lourenca Mira Kozaris, Bertha Berger, Marie Berger, Alfredo Gilbuena, Juanita Colaco, Paul Grech, Maria Dolores Grech, Nadege Hennequin, Maryse Hennequin, Ray de Gabriele, Yolande Lubin and all those whose anniversaries occur around this time.

We pray for Nadine Talevski and all those who are sick.

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land on which we stand. We pay our respects to the Elders, past and present.



A Pastoral Letter to the Catholics of Victoria on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

Dear sisters and brothers in Christ,

In the next few weeks, the Victorian Parliament will be asked to debate a Bill that would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for medical practitioners who conscientiously object to euthanasia and assisted suicide.

We are writing today to ask you to contact your local Members of Parliament and urge them to vote against this Bill.

As the late Pope Francis reminded us, *“euthanasia is often presented falsely as a form of compassion. Yet ‘compassion’ ... does not involve the intentional ending of a life, but rather the willingness to share the burdens of those facing the end stages of our earthly pilgrimage.”*¹

The Government’s Bill seeks to remove many of the limited protections offered by Victoria’s so-called ‘voluntary assisted dying’ (VAD) laws. The changes would, for the first time, allow medical practitioners to raise euthanasia and assisted suicide with patients who have never asked about it – patients who may be at their most vulnerable. The changes would also force medical practitioners who conscientiously object to euthanasia and assisted suicide to provide patients with information about euthanasia and assisted suicide – as determined by the Government.

As Pope Francis explained, *“our religious convictions offer a more profound understanding of illness, suffering and death, seeing these as part of the mystery of divine providence and, for the Christian tradition, a means towards sanctification. At the same time, the compassionate actions and respect shown by dedicated medical personnel and caregivers have often created the possibility for those at the end of their lives to find spiritual comfort, hope and reconciliation with God, family members and friends.”*²

As Catholics, we stand united in this conviction with many people of good will from other Christian communities and from other religions. Earlier this year, a group of religious leaders from Christian, Muslim, Hindu and Sikh communities united in calling on the Victorian Government to abandon its proposed changes to VAD laws. As the leaders made clear, *“we do not believe euthanasia or assisted suicide can ever be made safe – since they involve acts that are unsafe in their very essence.”*

Instead of attempting to expand euthanasia and assisted suicide, we urge Members of Parliament to continue expanding access to good palliative care to all Victorians, particularly for those in the regions.

¹ Holy See, *Message of the Holy Father to the participants in the Symposium “Towards a Narrative of Hope: an International Interfaith Symposium on Palliative Care”*, 22 May 2024, press.vatican.va/content/salastampa/en/bollettino/pubblico/2024/05/22/240522a.html
² Ibid

Palliative care provides holistic care to people living with terminal illness or who are close to death. It maximises comfort and support, seeking to address psychological, social, emotional, cultural and spiritual needs as well as attending to distress and relieving pain. We are fortunate to have high-quality palliative care in Australia, with testimony from palliative care physicians making clear that it is extremely rare for pain to be unrelievable in this day and age.

The late Pope also offered particular words of encouragement that we repeat today to those dedicated nurses, doctors, carers and other health professionals who support patients at the end of their lives, *"your service is important – I would even say essential – in helping the sick and dying realize that they are not isolated or alone, that their lives are not a burden, but that they always remain inherently valuable in the eyes of God (cf. Psalm 116:15) and united to us by the bonds of communion."*³

You can find your local state parliamentarians here: <https://findelectorate.parliament.vic.gov.au>

The Australian Bishops have published a document to guide priests, chaplains and pastoral workers who are asked to provide pastoral support to Catholics who are considering euthanasia, *To Witness and to Accompany with Christian Hope*. You can find a copy of this document here: www.bit.ly/WitnessandAccompany

A copy of the joint letter and submission by faith leaders to Victorian parliamentarians can be found here: www.bit.ly/EuthanasiaBill. It provides further information about the changes canvassed by the Government.

Signed by the Bishops of Victoria



St Sebastian Seniors Association

Christmas Party

Saturday, 6th December
6.30 pm to 12 noon

Luxor Reception, 503 Sydenham Road, Sydenham
Cost: \$55 Members – \$70 Non Members
RSVP Monica 0413 539 046 or Allan 0411 500 842
by 26th November

22nd & 23rd November 2025
The Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

	6 P M	9.00 A M	10.30 A M
MASS OVERSEERS	Michelle Mercieca	Kathy Wale	Marissa Medilo
HOSPITALITY	Rachael Bonavia	Margaret Vella Mario Vella	Angelita Ramat Maria Lagura Brian Briffa
DATA PROJECTOR	Marlene Axiak	Christian Dizon	Calvin Alderson
PROCLAIMERS 1 st Response 2 nd Intercessions	Mirjana Dutkowsky Marlene Axiak Mirjana Dutkowsky Marlene Axiak	Elizabeth Michaelson Colleen Wolfe Elizabeth Michaelson Colleen Wolfe	Sacreana Ulugia Saena Atalina Ulugia Saena Sacreana Ulugia Saena Atalina Ulugia Saena
COLLECTORS	Noel Oliver Joseph Caruana Harley Cassar Jimmy Attard Charlie Grech	Frank Grech Mario Vella Virgilio Romerona Edwin Rebustillo Carmel Vassallo	Isidro Asuncion Graeme Fraser Brian Briffa Marta Molina Teddy Bernardo Tilo Matagi Yvonne Utoasega Paul Bossini
SPECIAL MINISTERS OF COMMUNION	Fr Gerard Keith Doris Oliver Gina Snudden Phu Thang Le	Fr Gerard Keith Rosemarie Balfour Vilinda Rebustillo Nadia Young	Fr Gerard Keith Dolly Zipagan Marian Bernardo Teddy Bernardo Aurora Asuncion
SACRISTY DUTY	Melanie Apap	Michael Donnelly	Cecilia Navarro
COFFEE MAKERS	Need Volunteer Need Volunteer	Leon D' Souza Rosemarie Balfour	Jacqueline Yuan Wes Yuan
COFFEE CLEAN UP	Need Volunteer Need Volunteer	Imelda Dizon Rosita Perez	Paul Bossini Michael Utoasega Brendon Wates

Next Week's Readings — 30th November 2025
First Sunday of Advent



Reading 1:

Isaiah 2:1-5

Reading 2:

Romans 13:11-14

Responsorial Psalm:

Psalm 122: 1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9

Gospel:

Matthew 24:37-44