

**OUR LADY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION PARISH
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 Parish Office Hours: Mon, Tues & Wednes 10am - 4.00pm; Fri 10am -3.00pm.
Sunday Masses: *English* - Saturday 5.30pm, Sunday 9am, 10.30am, 5.30pm
Mass in other languages: *Chin - Burmese* Sundays 2.30pm; *Tongan* TBC
Vietnamese Saturday Vigil 7pm, Sunday 12.30pm, Friday 7pm
Mass Times: Monday, Wednesday, Thursday & Saturday 9am; Friday 11am; Tuesday 7.30pm
Confessions: Saturdays 9.30am (*English or Vietnamese*) **Novena:** Tuesday 8.00pm

*Eight weeks on the **Catholic Faith***
 You are invited to join us for a short video presentation and discussion about the church and the sacraments. Wednesdays @ 7pm - 8.30pm in the Church. *All Welcome!*



MASS INTENTIONS 22-29 July
Sat 5.30pm Special Intention
Sun 9.00am John & Angela Spiteri RIP
 10.30am Sheila & Ben La Rive RIP
 5.30pm *Pro Populo*
Mon 9.00am Parish Intention
Tues 7.30pm Parish Intention
Wed 9.00am Parish Intention
Thur 9.00am Chris Basadur RIP
 Rex Pascal RIP
 Norman Bell RIP
Fri 11.00am Parish Intention
Sat 9.00am Parish Intention

“Come to me all you who labour and carry a heavy burden.”
Matthew 11:28-30
You are invited to come and spend some quiet time with Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament: Fridays 12noon until 3pm.



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Fr Brendan Lane - 50 yrs a Priest: 27 AUG 2023. Celebration Mass 10.30am St. Mary’s, Dandenong
RSVP by 11 Aug - Tel: 97 91 46 11

Week 5: Jul 29/30	5.30 pm	9.00 am	10.30 am	5.30 pm
Lectors	Mary Stanek	P Josan	Jannelli Campana	Melizza Boongaling
Extraordinary Ministers	Mary Rapa	Kieran Sheridan	Luisa Amati	Celine Rivera
Data Projector	Connie Sposato	Antoinette Spiteri	Emmanuel Campana	Eleazar

Of Wheat and Weeds:

Scott Hahn Reflects on the 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Readings: *Wis 12:13, 16-19; Ps 86:5-6, 9-10, 15-16; Rom 8:26-27; Matt 13:24-43*

God is always teaching His people, as we hear in today’s First Reading.
 And what does He want us to know? **That He has care for all of us; that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.**



This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in today’s Gospel. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching.
The kingdom’s growth is hidden like the working of yeast in bread; it’s improbable, unexpected, as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Again, this week’s readings sound a note of questioning:
 Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good?
 Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom?
Because, as we sing in today’s Psalm,
God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us — evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience God is teaching us that above all He desires repentance and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don’t know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today’s Second Reading. But first, we must turn and call upon Him. We must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives.

So, we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat and sin. **For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad. But the harvest draws near. Let’s work so that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.**

PROPAGATION OF THE FAITH APPEAL
 -Leaving collection for the Catholic Missions at all Masses this weekend

Child Safety Reminders & Important notice for Parents
 •Please accompany your child if they need to leave the building.
 •Please ensure you know where your child is if not beside you.
Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children and vulnerable people.