

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: Fr Brian Egan, Joseph Sheahan, Isabelle O’Sullivan, Bruce McOuat

Anniversaries: Jacqui Groves, Bernie Long, Gina Alteri, Brian Wan, Fr Ted Jerram, Anthony da Silva

Sick: Beula Reddy, Ken Metcalf, Joan Travers, Tom Brennan, Yvette Henderson, Anunciata Alteri, Sr Deidre Brown CJ, Celine Williams, Julia Audino, Alberto Audino, Liam Brady, Lachie Glasfurd, John Audino, Peter Foss, Pat Docherty, Abigail Fells, Cate, Anne Hutchins, Anne Jennings, James Wambow, Veronica Kong, Jason, Helen Hawkes, Paddy Walker, Baron Grantley, Sr Veronica OSB, Danielle Hewitt

FIVE POWERFUL MOMENTS OF FAITH AT THE FIFA WORLD CUP

By Francesca Pollio Fenton, EWTN News

The 2026 FIFA World Cup began on 11 June making history as the first World Cup jointly hosted by the United States, Canada, and Mexico. It is one of the most-watched sporting events with roughly 5 billion people tuning in to the tournament that brings together soccer’s best athletes from around the world.

Despite only being a little over a week into the soccer tournament, the name of Jesus has already been made known many times from several of the athletes and teams as they compete on this global stage.

Here are five powerful moments of faith we’ve seen at the World Cup so far:

1. Croatian team shares the importance of their Catholic faith: Ahead of Croatia’s first match against England, two members of the team took part in a press conference where they discussed the role their Catholic faith plays in their lives. Correspondent Mark Irons asked Kristijan Jakić and Igor Matanović what Catholicism means to the team and if prayer and faith is important to them in their own lives. “I think faith is very important in my life. When you pray to God, it’s like a feeling that someone is listening to you, and that gives me a lot of strength,” Matanović said. Jakić added: “We are a country in which we are Catholics and in which faith means the path in our lives. I think faith represents the entire national team. Faith simply means everything in our lives.”

2. Players from Curaçao and Germany join in prayer after competing against one another: The national team from the country of Curaçao, a Caribbean island with a population of 150,000, made history by qualifying for the World Cup for the first time. By qualifying, the island nation set a Guinness World Record as the smallest country by population to ever reach the global men’s tournament. Despite losing to Germany in their first match 7-1, the players and coaches were visibly emotional realising the achievement the team had accomplished. In a moment of gratitude, several of the athletes joined on the pitch for a moment of prayer. They were then joined by German players Jonathan Tah and Felix Nmecha — both outspoken Christians. In a postgame interview, Nmecha said: “During the game, we are opponents, but after the game we are all Christians and we are brothers... In our faith, we all believe Jesus is glorified through the game and that’s why we came together and simply prayed together.”

3. Lionel Messi thanks God after making history: Argentina went up against Algeria on 16 June in Kansas City where over 69,000 fans watched history unfold at the feet of the famous Argentinian player Lionel Messi. During the 3-0 victory against Algeria, Messi recorded the first FIFA World Cup hat trick — when a single player scores three goals during one game — of his career. Additionally, Messi made history by tying former German soccer player Miroslav Klose’s record for most men’s World Cup goals scored at 16. After the game, Messi, a devout Catholic, said: “I can’t ask for more than what I received. As I’ve said many times, thank God that he has given me so much and everything that comes now is a blessing.”

4. Team USA shares a moment of prayer after historic win against Paraguay: On 12 June, the men from the United States started their World Cup journey on a positive note with a 4-1 victory over Paraguay. After the game, defender Mark McKenzie led the team in a moment of prayer on the field. Leading into the tournament, several of the U.S. players were vocal about their faith. Star winger Christian Pulisic is known for leading several of his teammates in a Bible study he calls “Bible Time” and has discussed the important role reading Scripture plays in his daily life. Goalkeeper Matt Freese recently spoke to Sports Spectrum’s “What’s Up” podcast and discussed how his faith and career are intertwined. “God’s given me so many opportunities within this game and within my career. I still have a role to play in that. I still have to do my part and take that opportunity and do something with it,” Freese said. He also shared that he’s a listener of Father Mike Schmitz’s “Bible in a Year” podcast. “Right now I’m listening to ‘Bible in a Year’ by Father Mike Schmitz. It’s been fantastic and it kind of makes me able to — even when I’m on the road or even if it’s a busy stretch — make sure I’m spending some time every day, hopefully every day, [with Scripture],” he said.

5. Felix Nmecha honours Jesus in post-goal celebration: German midfielder Felix Nmecha honoured Jesus by making a powerful gesture after scoring the first goal in Germany’s 7-1 victory against Curaçao on 14 June. After scoring the goal, Nmecha knelt down on one knee and made the gesture of taking off a crown from his head, placed it on the ground, and then pointed up to the sky. This “crown down” gesture, as it has been called, symbolises every gift, every victory, and every moment of glory belongs to Christ. In a postgame interview, Nmecha said: “It was an incredible blessing to score my first goal for Germany and for it to be so fast. All the glory I give to God, because he is the one who has given me this talent and the opportunity to be here living this dream.”

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WEEKLY HYMNS

9am & 5pm, Sunday 28 June

Lyrics are available on the Parish website by using the QR code (right), or by visiting stjosephssubiaco.org.au/lyrics. Hymn books are also available at Church entrances. Please return them at the conclusion of Mass.

Mass	Entrance	Offertory	Communion	Recessional
Sun 9am	Sing to the Mountains (305)	We Remember	Make Me a Channel of Your Peace (227) Give Thanks (124)	City of God (70)
Sun 5pm		The Summons (335)	How Great is Our God (169) The Servant Song (331)	New People, New Life (240)



ST JOSEPH’S UPCOMING EVENTS			
Young Family Group 30 August	Faith Formation for Little Tots 26 July	Youth Group 21 August	Seniors Morning Tea 2 July

ST VINCENT DE PAUL SUBIACO WINTER APPEAL

SVDP Subiaco Conference has launched their **Winter Appeal** for those struggling financially this winter. **Most urgently needed items:**

- UHT full cream milk
- Cereals
- Coffee
- Pasta sauce
- Spreads (jam, vegemite, honey)
- Canned tomatoes
- Canned vegetables
- Tea
- Biscuits
- Toiletries

For those who prefer to make a **financial contribution**, envelopes are available at the back of the church or can be made directly via EFT using the account details below.

Account name: St Vincent de Paul Society (WA)

BSB: 086 006

Reference: 56750 Subiaco

Account #: 289 266 992

*This reference is **essential** so funds are credited to Subiaco SVDP*

Thank you for your generosity and for supporting those in our community who are doing it tough this winter.

COMPASSIONATE CONNECTOR PROGRAM INFORMATION SESSION

10am, Thursday 9 July, Parish Upper Room

The Parish is currently exploring the **Compassionate Connector Program** for implementation alongside current Parish initiatives.

Compassionate Connectors support people within the Parish living with chronic or life-changing illnesses, their carers, those who are alone or grieving, those who are dying, and those who are caring for dying family members or friends by helping them map and grow their care networks. These Connectors assist individuals to identify social and practical support and to engage family, friends, community members and local services for help. All Compassionate Connectors receive training and are supported by a Coordinator who matches Connectors with persons in need based on skills and interests.

Anyone interested in assisting with the program or wanting to find out more is invited to join us for an **Information Session** to be held in the **Parish Upper Room at 10am on Thursday 9 July**. Attendees who express their interest at the information session will be invited to take up the Compassionate Connector training at a later date. Look forward to seeing you there.

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS: FAITH FORMATION FOR LITTLE TOTS

If you are interested in joining our Faith Formation for Little Tots team to conduct and/or assist with our 8.45am term time sessions please contact Elaine Eng in the Parish Office on 9381 0400 or elaine.eng@stjosephssubiaco.org.au.

MASS TIMES (Subject to change - refer to Parish Diary for latest information)	
Tuesday	5.30pm
Wednesday, Thursday & Friday	9am
Saturday Reconciliation	4.30pm
Saturday Vigil	5pm
Sunday	9am & 5pm

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	Account Name:	St Joseph’s Presbytery Subiaco
	BSB:	086 006
	Account #:	887 970 525
	Reference:	Name

	Second Collection EFT Details	
	Account Name:	St Joseph’s Church Subiaco
	BSB:	086 006
	Account #:	564 990 302
	Reference:	Name

PARISH DIARY			
Sunday 28 June	9.45am 10.30am	Thirteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Baptism: <i>Scarlett Tratnick</i> Baptism: <i>Harriet Florence Casey-Sinclair & William Daniel Keed</i>	<i>Monsignor Kevin</i> <i>Monsignor Kevin</i>
Monday 29 June	10am	Sts Peter & Paul, Apostles, Solemnity Upper Room: <i>CEWA</i>	
Tuesday 30 June	6pm	Tuesday, Week 13 of Ordinary Time Optional: First Martyrs of Holy Roman Church Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i>	
Wednesday 1 July	9.30am 5.30pm	Wednesday, Week 13 of Ordinary Time Upper Room: <i>Ladies’ Prayer Group</i> Upper Room: <i>Centering Prayer</i>	
Thursday 2 July	9am 9.30am	Thursday, Week 13 of Ordinary Time Church: <i>Anointing Mass</i> Upper Room: <i>Seniors’ Morning Tea</i>	
Friday 3 July		St Thomas, Apostle, Feast	
Saturday 4 July	11am	Saturday, Week 13 of Ordinary Time Optional: St Elizabeth of Portugal Wedding Rehearsal: <i>Casey Thompson & Callum Barton</i>	<i>Fr Garner Vergara</i>

MONSIGNOR KEVIN
<i>Joseph Sheahan Funeral @ Karrakatta</i>