

Parish of Saint Joseph, Subiaco

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

5 July 2026

Let us remember in our prayers ...

Recently deceased: Isabelle O’Sullivan, Bruce McQuat, Brian Fitzgerald, Br Terry Orrell FMS, Margaret Panossian

Anniversaries: Brian Wan, Fr Ted Jerram, Anthony da Silva, Fr Austin Cooper OMI, Patricia Saunders

Sick: Beula Reddy, Ken Metcalf, Joan Travers, Tom Brennan, Yvette Henderson, Sr Deidre Brown CJ, Julia Audino, Alberto Audino, Liam Brady, Lachie Glasfurd, John Audino, Pat Docherty, Abigail Fells, Cate, Anne Hutchins, Veronica Kong, Jason, Helen Hawkes, Paddy Walker, Sr Veronica OSB, Danielle Hewitt

A PERSONAL REFLECTION: WHY SUNDAY CHURCH?

By Dr Amelia Toffoli EdD (Long-time parishioner)

“You go to church every Sunday?” “Most Sundays,” I reply.

The surprise is immediate. Then comes the explanation, as if it settles everything: I am Italian. I am Catholic. I taught in Catholic schools and spent years as a Catholic principal. But that is not the whole story. Yes, culture is part of it. Yet I know in Italy today, many churches stand empty, filling only for life’s milestones — births, marriages, and deaths. Even these are changing: ceremonies often overshadowed by celebrations, fashion, and the afterparty, rather than the sacraments themselves. Tourists drift through, admiring architecture, tracing stories in stained glass, perhaps lighting a candle before moving on. I have also seen another side. Headlines mocking clergy, stories of power abused, and caricatures displayed openly — even in places where families gather for something as simple as gelato. A history that too often excludes women from leadership, even while revering a figure who is both virgin and mother. At times, it feels contradictory, even troubling. And yet, decades ago, I chose to stay. Not blindly, but deliberately — to challenge, to question, and to contribute from within, with as much nuance and compassion as I could offer.

Why? Because my experience of church gave me something beyond ritual. It introduced me to community: a gathering of imperfect people striving, however unevenly, toward something better. It taught values that resonated deeply—mercy, justice, compassion for those who are poor, sick, or marginalised. As the child of Italian immigrants, it gave me a sense of belonging. I was part of something larger than myself. I could imagine a bigger world. Of course, it was not always easy.

There was fasting before early Sunday Mass. Fish every Friday during Lent. Latin prayers I did not fully understand yet could recite and still remember: *Tantum ergo sacramentum*. In school, we memorised the catechism with precision. *Who made the world? God made the world*. It was rote learning, repeated until it lived somewhere deep within us.

At home, devotion was ever present. My mother’s rosary was never far from her hands. I remember, at seven years old, feeling quite the expert. A friend had new rosary beads that needed blessing before they could be used. Our formidable teacher instructed us to find Fr Brown. We searched, but he was nowhere. “No problem,” I said confidently. “I know where we can find holy water. We can bless them ourselves.” So, we did. Proud of our initiative, we returned to class only to receive the sting of the cane for our ‘sacrilege’. Some might call that moment traumatic. For me, it was formative. I learnt the rules — but I also learnt something else: to listen to my conscience, even when it sits uneasily within the structures around me. Later, as an educator, I found meaning in teaching religious education through that lens—trauma-informed, thoughtful, and grounded in a message of hope. The “Good News”, as we called it, was not about fear or obedience, but about possibility in a broken world. That message has stayed with me.

So now, once a week, for about an hour, I sit in the third row beside a tall column, near a 97-year-old who always greets me with a smile. Around us are hundreds of others — my community. The rhythm is familiar: the music, the readings, the Eucharist, the quiet exchanges of peace. There is something deeply grounding in the repetition — in the acknowledgement of failure, the offering of forgiveness, and the invitation to begin again.

We pray for a better world. We bless one another. We recommit, however imperfectly, to lives shaped by mercy.

And that is why I still come.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY OF MT CARMEL

10am, Thursday 16 July, Carmelite Monastery, 100 Adelma Road, Dalkeith

The Carmelite Sisters invite you to attend Mass with Celebrant, Bishop Nelson Po. Light refreshments will follow. All welcome.

POP-UP CHURCH MUSIC WORKSHOPS

11.30am & 12.30pm, Saturday 11 July, St Brigid’s Church, Northbridge

Singers are invited to experience the wonders of church music with Jacinta Jakovcevic and Sholto Foss. No experience is necessary.

11.30am – 12.30pm: Workshop 1: Children’s Choral

12.30pm – 1.15pm: Workshop 2: Cantors? Can do!!

Focusing on children aged 6-15 learning parts,

An informative session about the cantor’s role in Catholic liturgy with historical

repertoire of great Church choral works.

insights, leading to practical application. Bring along a piece and have a go!

Registration fee for each workshop: \$15. To register or for more information contact Jacinta: jacinta111@icloud.com

THE FINAL GALA

6pm, Tuesday 7 July, Cyril Tyler Performing Arts Centre, Perth Modern School

Presented by the Australian Classical Gala, bookings are now open for an unforgettable evening of dance and music at the Closing Night Performance & Awards Evening. Tickets are \$22 available at trybooking.com/DMIHO.

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WEEKLY HYMNS

9am & 5pm, Sunday 5 July

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	
Sat 5pm	I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say (182)	Populum Humilem Psalm 17: 28, 32	Gustate et Videte Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All (197)	Hail, Queen of Heaven (147)	
Sun 9am	Rejoice the Lord is King (292)	In Bread we Bring You Lord	Come to Me, all Who Labour (74) Love is His Word (225)	Joyful, Joyful We Adore You (200)	
Sun 5pm	Come As You Are (68)	Come to Me, all Who Labour (74)	The Power of Your Love (330) Peace is Flowing Like a River (277)	Though the Mountains May Fall (344)	

ST JOSEPH’S UPCOMING EVENTS			
Young Family Group 30 August	Faith Formation for Little Tots 26 July	Youth Group 21 August	Seniors’ Morning Tea 3 September

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

Account #: 289 266 992

Reference: 56750 Subiaco

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.

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

PARISH CONTACT DETAILS

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PARISH BANK ACCOUNT DETAILS

First Collection EFT Details	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				MONSIGNOR KEVIN
Sunday 5 July	9.45am 12.15pm	Fourteenth Sunday of Ordinary Time Baptism: <i>Rose French</i> Baptism: <i>Lauren McLellan</i>	Monsignor Kevin <i>Fr Oscar Aguilera</i>	
Monday 6 July		Monday, Week 14 of Ordinary Time <i>Optional: St Maria Goretti, Virgin, Martyr</i>		
Tuesday 7 July	2pm 6pm	Tuesday, Week 14 of Ordinary Time <i>Optional: St Peter To Rot, Martyr</i> Upper Room: <i>St Joseph’s Ladies Book Club</i> Upper Room: <i>St Vincent de Paul Meeting</i>		
Wednesday 8 July	11.30am 5.30pm	Wednesday, Week 14 of Ordinary Time Upper Room: <i>Private Function</i> Upper Room: <i>Centering Prayer</i>		
Thursday 9 July	10am	Thursday, Week 14 of Ordinary Time <i>Optional: St Augustine Zhao Rong, Priest, & Companions, Martyrs</i> Upper Room: <i>Compassionate Connectors Information Session</i>		
Friday 10 July	3pm	Friday, Week 14 of Ordinary Time Requiem Mass: <i>Brian Fitzgerald</i>	Monsignor Kevin	
Saturday 11 July		St Benedict, Abbot, Memorial		