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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year A,

9th August 2026

Entrance Procession

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

First Reading: 1 Kings 19:9, 11-13

Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord God.

A reading from the first book of the Kings.

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. And when Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

The word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm: Ps 84:9-14

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.
His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. **R.**

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

Second Reading: Romans 9:1-5

I would willingly be condemned if it could help my people.

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans.

What I want to say is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ - it is the truth - my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

The word of the Lord.

Gospel Acclamation: Ps 129:5

Alleluia, alleluia!

I hope in the Lord,

I trust in his word.

Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord', he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Communion Antiphon

O Jerusalem, glorify the Lord,
who gives you your fill of finest wheat.

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Parish Office Hours:
Tues -Thurs: 9.30am-2.30pm
Fri: 9.30am-12.00pm

Parish Masses & Services:

Weekend Mass Times:

Saturday Vigil: 6pm
Sunday: 8am & 10.00am

Weekday Mass Times:

Tuesday: 9.00am
Wednesday: 7.30am
Thursday: 9.00am
Friday: 9.00am
Saturday: 7.30am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Thursday (during Holy Hour) 5.15pm - 5.45pm.
Saturday 5.00pm - 5.45pm

Holy Hour and Exposition: Thursdays, 5.00pm - 6.00pm. Begins with Vespers (evening prayer of the Church) and finishes with Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

First Friday Devotions:

Confessions: 6.00pm-6.45pm
Holy Mass: 7.00pm

Infant Baptism:

Baptisms held every third Sunday of the month at 11.30am. Please book with the Parish Secretary.

Sacrament of Marriage:

Please give at least 6 months' notice.
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Sacramental Programs Information and Enrolment:

For information on our sacramental programs for children - Reconciliation, Holy Communion & Confirmation. Please email stbernadettevsp@hotmail.com

Parish Prayer Groups:

Rosary:

1st & 3rd Mon of the Month: 7.55am
Tues, Thurs & Fri: 8.25am
Wed & Sat: After 7.30am Mass
Sun: After 10am Mass

Legion of Mary: Fridays 9.45am

Parish Notice Board

The Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Mass times: The vigil Mass will be said on Friday at 6:00 p.m. and the Mass for the day will be said on Saturday at 7:30 a.m. and 9:00 a.m. Please note that the vigil Mass on Saturday evening is the Mass of the Sunday and not the Mass of the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

- ❖ **Sacrament of Confirmation:** The rite of Confirmation will be celebrated on Thursday, 22 October. To be a candidate for the Sacrament your child needs to be in year 7 or above and have been baptised in the Roman Catholic Church. For those interested in having their child accepted as a candidate for Confirmation, please speak with Fr. Andrew for further information and for an enrolment form.
- ❖ **Planned giving envelopes:** are available on the back pew of the church (placed in alphabetical order). If you would no longer like to donate through the envelope system or you would like to change the way you give through EFT or credit card please advise the Parish Secretary via phone or email. Thank you for your continued support & generosity to the parish.
- ❖ **Vigil Mass choir:** Singers are needed for the Saturday Vigil Mass choir. Parishioners are warmly invited to join one of our adult choirs, which regularly sings at the 6:00 p.m. Saturday vigil Mass. The choir sings on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month and choir rehearsals are usually held in the 30 minutes prior to mass. No experience or knowledge of music is necessary, just an ability to sing in tune and the desire to praise God through music and singing. Attributed to St. Augustine is the beautiful sentiment that "a prayer sung is a prayer said twice." Due to changed circumstances, we are also looking for someone to take on the role of Choir Leader and organiser for this existing choir. To be a part of this choir, either as a singer or choir leader or for any further information, please speak with Fr. Andrew.
- ❖ **Gardens:** We are in need of volunteers to help maintain the gardens around the church. It is a wonderful way to express your love for God and to care for His creation. If you are interested, please speak with Fr. Andrew.
- ❖ **Parish bulletin sponsors:** Next week a new parish bulletin will be launched. If you currently have an advertisement in the bulletin and you would like to be included as a sponsor in the new bulletin or if you are interested in sponsoring the bulletin by placing an advertisement, please speak with Fr. Andrew.

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Matthew 14:22-33

Command me to come to you over the water.

Let us pray for all our sick relatives, friends and parishioners, especially:

Fredy Zeballos; Giuliana Molina; Karla Anchante; Fermin Marinas; Pina; Emilia Azariah Harb and all of our sick parishioners and loved ones.

Let us pray for our deceased loved ones, especially:

Catherine Chan; Michael Bria; Maria Miranti Suwandi; Carmelo Mifsud; Charlie Saliba; Rita Saliba; Joseph Cudmore; Bill Lillis; Jean Lillis; William Lillis; Annie Moses; Joseph Moses; Teresa; Gaetano Abbate; Dr. Acop; Carlos Villones; Peter Susanto; Peggy Cheung; Janette Wong; Salime Abraham; Sami Abraham; Caroline; Anthony (Tansa Greige) Chehade; Joan Keillor; Betty Ann Lord; George; Sonia Allan; Colin Dawes; Teena McQueen; Vicente Pelias; Frieda Piesch; Gerard Tyler; Sam Lee; Lolita Villones; Virginia Villones; Fortunato Villones; the Souls in Purgatory; ***May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace. Amen.***

***St. Michael the Archangel,
defend us in battle, be our protection against the
wickedness and snares of the devil.
May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan
and all the evil spirits
who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.***

Saints of the Week:

10th Aug - St Lawrence

11th Aug - St Clare

12th Aug - St Jane Frances de Chantal

13th Aug - Saints Pontian and Hippolytus

14th Aug - St Maximilian Mary Kolbe

***15th Aug - THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED
VIRGIN MARY***

Roster for Ministries 15-16 August 2026

	Sat Vigil 6pm	Sun 8am	Sun 10am
Readers:	G McAdam	S Carter	R Siciliano
Acolytes:	J P Abi-Khattar	P Thomas	S Furjanic
Altar Servers:	J Nakhoul J Chahal S Chahal S Yao		R Atie O Cicala M Furjanic E Lin
Flower Donor:	Mr Stephen Rossi		
Floral Arrangers:	Mary, Socheata		
Counters:	G2: Sun 16/08/2026 M Sullivan, B Hanson, T & J Takita		
Altar Society:	G3: Thurs 13/08/26 @ 9.30am Joseph, Yenny. Dominica		
Cleaners:	G2: Sat 15/08/26 @ 8am A Hanson, C Reyes, M & N Higgins, R Fam, S Awino, M Lee, J Firkin		



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