



HOLY FAMILY DOVETON

The only thing that counts is faith working through love. (Galatians 5:6)

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time
9th Aug 2026



THE DANGEROUS SEA

In Matthew 14, the sea is more than the setting of a miracle. It becomes a symbol of the unstable and threatening world, while Peter's movement toward Jesus represents the disciple's journey of faith amid danger. The episode reaches its climax when Peter looks away from Christ, becomes afraid, and begins to sink.

The sea as the world of danger

St. Thomas Aquinas interprets the symbolism directly: "The boat signifies the Church, and the sea signifies the world."

The disciples are in the boat, yet the boat is being battered by waves and driven by a contrary wind. This signifies the Church living and struggling within the world, exposed to persecution, opposition, and spiritual danger. Nevertheless, Christ's prayer preserves the Church so that it cannot finally be destroyed. The sea therefore represents the world insofar as it is:

- unstable and restless;
- marked by suffering and opposition;
- dangerous for those who rely only on human strength;
- unable to overcome Christ or His Church.

Jesus the lord of the sea is stretching out his hands to save you from the sinking into the world. **"He came walking toward them on the sea."** - **Matthew 14:25**

Jesus Bless us all

Fr. Joby George VC

Parish Priest:

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Priest-In Residence:Fr Sebastian
Mappilaparambil VC**Parish secretary:**

Caroline Allen

Parish Manager:

Gerard Antony

Principal:

Paul Sharp

Child Safety Officer:

Florida Nugara

Catechist:

Christina D'Couto

Sunday Masses:

Saturday Vigil 6.30pm

Sunday..... 9.15am

..... 11.00am

Healing Mass 7.00pm

Spanish Mass:

Saturday 4.00pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Saturday 9.15am

Wednesday 7.00pm

Reconciliation:

Tuesday 9.45am - 10.15am

Saturday 9.45am - 10.15am

Novena to Our Lady:

Saturday 9.00am

Wednesday 7.00pm

Baptisms: Second Sunday**Divine Kids Bible Class:**

Sunday 10.15am

Parish Prayer Group:

Tuesday 7.00pm-8.00pm

Parish Halls Hire:

Contact Parish Office

Your generous gift
supports ministries
across the Archdiocese
— bringing the Good
News to life not only in
word, but in action.

Thank you.



THE
ARCHBISHOP'S
CAMPAIGN
2026



melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign

The 2026 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a one time or monthly pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. Brochures with more information can be found around the church. Online (direct debit or credit card) donations are the most secure and preferred method of donating and can be made via the QR code. You can also donate via the supplied campaign envelopes or anonymously via cash directly into the collection plate during the campaign weekends.

PRAYER INTENTION FOR THE WEEK

For our Archdiocese of Melbourne

We will be praying for them in every Holy Mass for this week. Please keep them in your personal Rosary and prayers.

CHILD SAFETY

Holy Family Parish is committed to upholding the wellbeing, safety and dignity of each child and young person and ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our Church.

READINGS

SUNDAY

1 Kings 19:9,11-13
Psalm 85:9-14
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

MONDAY

**St. Laurence,
Deacon, Martyr**
2 Corinthians 9:6-10
Psalm 112:1-2,5-9
John 12:24-26

TUESDAY

Saint Clare, Virgin
Ezekiel 2:8-3:4
Psalm 119:14,24,72,
103,111,131
Matthew 18:1-5,10,
12-14

WEDNESDAY

Ezekiel 9:1-7,10:18-22
Psalm 113:1-6
Matthew 18:15-20

THURSDAY

Ezekiel 12:1-12
Psalm 78:56-59,61-62
Matthew 18:21-19:1

FRIDAY

**Saint Maximilian
Kolbe, Priest, Martyr**
Ezekiel 16:1-15,60,63
Isaiah 12
Matthew 19:3-12

SATURDAY

**The Assumption of
the Blessed Virgin
Mary**
Apocalypse
11:19,12:1-6,10
Psalm 45:10-12,16
1 Corinthians 15:20-
26
Luke 1:39-56

Holy Mass Schedule Changes

from 11 - 14 August

9:15 AM Mass as usual

Tuesday, 11 August

⊗ No Confession and Benediction ⊗

Wednesday, 12 August

⊗ No Novena and Evening Mass ⊗



Clergy Conference of the Archdiocese



Solemnity of Assumption

Vigil Mass: Friday, 14 August, 7pm

Morning Mass: Saturday, 15 August, 9.15am

⊗ No Evening Mass on Saturday 15 August ⊗

CHILDREN BIBLE CLASS



Sunday 10:15am - 10:55am

Holy Family Community Hall

All children aged 5-13 are welcome

"Let the little children come to me" - Matthew 19:14

EUCCHARIST

RETREAT FOR
CHILDREN & TEENS
AGES 5 TO 15

AUGUST 22 and 23

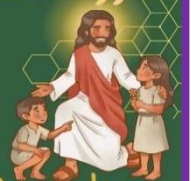
9 AM TO 3:30 PM

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SAINT LAWRENCE

Deacon of Rome in the 3rd century

Martyred in 258 AD

"The treasures of the Church are the poor."

FEAST DAY

AUGUST 10

PATRON SAINT OF

Deacons The Poor Cooks Firefighters

*Saint Lawrence, courageous servant of Christ,
teach us to treasure the poor,
to serve with joy.*

Pray for us today and always. Amen.



SAINT CLARE OF ASSISI

Born July 16, 1194 – Assisi, Italy

Died August 11, 1253

- Founder of the Poor Clares, inspired by St. Francis
- Wrote the first Rule of Life for her order
- Devoted to prayer, humility, and holiness

FEAST DAY

AUGUST 11

PATRON SAINT OF

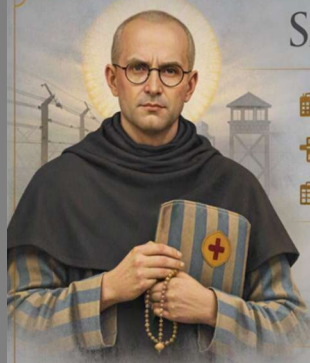
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Her Witness for Today

- Simplicity in a World of Excess
- Strength in Illness and Isolation
- Women of Faith and Leadership
- Light in Darkness
- Friendship and Community

*Saint Clare, shining light of Assisi,
teach us to love poverty and purity,
to serve with joy,*

*And to trust in Christ's presence.
Pray for us to see with faith's clear. Amen.*



SAINT MAXIMILIAN KOLBE

Born: 1894 • Poland

Died: August 14, 1941 • Auschwitz

Feast Day: August 14

- Franciscan Priest & Martyr.
- Vision of Two Crowns: "I choose both."
- Gave his life to save a fellow prisoner.

PATRON OF:



Addicts



Recovery
from drug
addiction



Prisoners



"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for a friend."

Parish Office Opening Hours

Tuesday to Friday
9.30am to 1.30pm

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