

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time, 4th/5th July 2026

Welcome:

Good morning/evening. My name is _____ and I welcome you to our Eucharistic Celebration at St Mark's Parish. Today is the 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Catholic Church in Australia celebrates Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Sunday this weekend. We will begin our Mass with an Acknowledgement of Country:

We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians who have walked upon and cared for this land for thousands of years. We acknowledge the deep spiritual attachment and relationship of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Peoples to this country and commit ourselves to the ongoing journey of reconciliation.

Please stand for the Opening Hymn/ Entrance Antiphon.

Intercessions:

Priest: The Lord is kind and full of compassion. Let us place our needs before our faithful God.

Reader: That the Pope, Archbishops, and all church leaders will be led by the Holy Spirit and will act with courage and faith. *(pause) Lord Hear Us.*

Reader: That negotiations taking place between political leaders will be successful and that there will be a just and enduring peace in the many areas suffering from violent conflict. *(pause) Lord Hear Us.*

Reader: Let us pray for all Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander people: that all people will learn from their wisdom and work towards a sustainable future. *(pause) Lord Hear Us.*

Reader: That the sick of our parish will be strengthened by God's life-giving spirit. *(pause) Lord Hear Us.*

Reader: That our loved ones who have died will enjoy eternal rest with You. *(pause) Lord Hear Us.*

Priest: Gracious and Loving God, hear the prayers we bring to you this day. Help us to be faithful to our various callings with the gifts you have given us. We ask this through Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.