

THANKSGIVING NOTICE AND FUNDRAISING REPORT

Thank you to all who have contributed towards our roof restoration fund, and parish thanksgiving. Your support has gone a long way.

Progress on the roof restoration

The restoration work has been carried out to the fleche (steeple over the transept), north and south naves. Work is currently underway for the sacristy and half of the western facing transept. This practically completes the roof restoration works limited to solving leaks (hopefully!).

Financial report - roof restoration

The donations received for the roof restoration came close to \$400,000. The repairs so far amount to around \$300,000, of which scaffolding to access the very high roof was just over \$100,000. The remaining roof repairs will be around \$60,000.

Next Stage: urgent restoration works to parish office, meeting rooms and presbytery building.

The verandah enveloping the building, which is heritage classified, is in a bad state, requiring urgent repairs. The estimated cost is \$150,000.

2026-2027 Goal for further restoration work

\$100,000.

Ways to contribute

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Make a tax-deductible donation before 25 June. Donations received by this date can be transferred to the National Trust for the issue of tax-deductible receipts.

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If you already contribute regularly to the parish, consider increasing your weekly gift.

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If you give occasionally, consider becoming a regular weekly supporter.

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Make a special one-off contribution towards the restoration fund.

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Volunteer your professional skills in areas such as grant writing, heritage conservation, project management, communications, accounting, or fundraising.

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Assist the parish Finance Committee with grant applications to Heritage Victoria and other funding bodies. This important work requires time, attention to detail, and a commitment to follow applications through to completion.

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Help organise fundraising activities and community events.

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Introduce potential sponsors, donors, philanthropic trusts, or businesses that may be interested in supporting the restoration project.

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Consider leaving a bequest to help preserve the church for future generations.

Bank account details for donations

For Restoration work: BSB: 083 347 A/C: 64396 1382

For the support of the priests: BSB: 083 373 A/C: 663509289

PLEASE EMAIL US YOUR DONATION DETAILS TO: info@stmaryswestmelbourne.org

INCLUDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS, THE NAME FOR THE RECEIPT, AND A COPY OF THE EFTPOS TRANSACTION RECEIPT, BY 25 JUNE 2026

Thank you for your support!

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN - OUR POLICY AND COMMITMENT

At St Mary Star of the Sea, we are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person, ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our church. This commitment is extended to clergy, employees, and volunteers at our church, regardless of their role or responsibility to act to safeguard children and young people from child abuse. (For more information, please read our Safeguarding Policy on our website, or on our noticeboard in the foyer).

DAILY MASS READINGS AND RESPONSES

All daily Mass readings and responses to votive Masses can now be accessed on our website via the QR code.



WEEKDAY MASSES					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
15 JUNE	16 JUNE	17 JUNE	18 JUNE	19 JUNE	20 JUNE
VOTIVE MASS FOR THE DEAD	VOTIVE MASS FOR THE FAMILY	VOTIVE MASS FOR THE EVANGELISATION OF PEOPLES	VOTIVE MASS OF THE EUCHARIST	ST ROMUALD	VOTIVE MASS OF THE VIRGIN
Mass: 7am,12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass:7am,12:30pm Pg. 619	Mass:10:00 am Pg.



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HOME TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

11TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The Book of Exodus tells us how God communicated to the people of Israel, through Moses, his desire to make them a special people among all the peoples of the earth – a “consecrated nation”, a “kingdom of priests.” With this purpose in mind he had rescued them from their oppres-

sive situation in Egypt. This choice of Israel as a “priestly people” did not mean that God did not care about other peoples. His love and, therefore, his desire to save, have always reached out to all persons, of whatever race or nation. This predilection for the descendants of Abraham included God freely choosing them to be instruments of salvation for all other families of the earth. We may say he took them apart to teach and prepare them for a universal mission of enlightenment and sanctification. It was to Israel that God first revealed his intentions for the world’s salvation. It was Israel that he trained, as a father trains his children, to live in a holy manner, making known his commandments and patiently correcting through prophets and men and women of faith.

“Salvation is from the Jews”, Jesus once told the woman of Samaria, who was of a mixed race and religion. Nevertheless, it was Jesus, Himself a Jew, who brought that salvation, rather than the Jewish people as a whole. Unfortunately, most of the Jewish people failed to see the relevance of their religion and their own calling to the rest of the world. Concerned with their own identity and culture, they remained isolated as a group, with their influence in religious matters greatly reduced. However, it was the band of disciples of Jesus, initially almost exclusively Jewish, that would be the heart of the early Church. They would come to understand, under the light of the Holy Spirit, that they were meant to reach out, like the hand of God, drawing all men and women towards the knowledge of God the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. “Go and teach all nations”, Jesus had told them. At first they apparently thought all Jews and converts to Judaism among the nations were to be their exclusive concern. Equally, when much earlier on Jesus remarked “The harvest is rich, but the labourers are few”, they would have thought only about their own countrymen and women.

The events that followed upon the first Pentecost made the Apostles and other followers of Jesus more and more aware that “God wants all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim 2, 4). They became increasingly more broad minded and daring. They trusted on the working of God’s grace, while they also learned to understand better their non-Jewish co-citizens of the Roman Empire. Men and women who were raised according to very particular customs, and within tight circles of family and friends, came to establish deep and warm relationships with persons who were very different in their culture and appearance.

To consider this remarkable transformation of attitudes and the wonderful growth of the early Church as a result, is always very timely for us. We are Catholic Christians who are called to keep alive the apostolic outreach that was so dramatically fruitful in the early centuries of Christianity. Times and circumstances are in some ways different, but in others, much the same. The grace of God is there to help us influence and draw others to Christ and his Church. It may not happen in the same way now as then, but certainly, we should pray that it does happen! This is what Jesus advises us to do in today’s Gospel reading: The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest’ (Matthew 9:37).

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RCIA Coordinator:

Mimi Lee

Office booking hours:

Monday, Wednesday & Thursday :

10.00 am – 2.00 pm.

For urgent matters, you can contact:

Fr Andrew on 0404932862

MASS TIMES

Sunday:

10.00 am

5:00 pm

Monday to Friday:

7:00 am

12.30 pm

Saturday:

10.00 am

CONFESSIONS

Saturday:

9.30 am – 9:55 am

10:35 am – 1100 am

Sunday:

9:15 am

4:15 pm

Monday to Friday:

Before and after 7:00 am Mass

12:00 noon – 12:25 pm

1:05 pm – 1:30 pm

5:00 pm – 6:00 pm

and any other time when requested if possible

BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

Please check our website for more information.

DEVOTIONS AND ACTIVITIES.

Eucharistic Adoration:

Thursdays 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm.

Legion of Mary:

4:00 pm Mondays at the presbytery.

Holy Rosary:

Mon – Fri & Sun before Mass

Saturday after 10am Mass

Theology Lectures:

Sundays 11:30 am.

Young Families:

Every Sundays after 10 am Mass

Faith Formation Program:

Check our website and noticeboard for



Mass Setting
Mass of St Francis
For chant notation/
lyrics, please
scan the QR code

Entrance: Go make of all disciples (CWBII 493)

1. “Go, make of all disciples:”
we hear the call, O Lord,
that comes from you, our Father,
in your eternal Word.
Inspire our ways of learning
through earnest, fervent prayer,
and let our daily living
reveal you ev’rywhere.

2. “Go, make of all disciples:”
baptising in the name
of Father, Son, and Spirit
from age to age the same.
We call each new disciple
to follow you, O Lord,
redeeming soul and body
by water and the Word.

3. “Go, make of all disciples:”
we at your feet would stay
until each life’s vocation
accents your holy way.
We cultivate the nature
God plants in ev’ry heart,
revealing in our witness
the Master Teacher’s art.

4. “Go, make of all disciples:”
we welcome your command;
“Lo, I am with you always:”
we take your guiding hand.
The task looms large before us;
we follow without fear.
In heav’n and earth your power
shall bring God’s kingdom here.

Text: based on Matthew 28:19-20
Leon M. Adkins (1896-1986)
© 1955, 1964 Abingdon Press
Tune: AURELIA

Offertory: Lord, you give the great commission (CWBII 308)

1. Lord, you give the great commission:
“Heal the sick and preach the word.”
Lest the Church neglect its mission
and the Gospel go unheard,
help us witness to your purpose
with renewed integrity:
with the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us
for the work of ministry.

2. Lord, you call us to your service:
“In my name baptise and teach.”
That the world may trust your promise,
life abundant meant for each,
give us all new fervour, draw us
closer in community;
with the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us
for the work of ministry.

3. Lord, you make the common holy:
“This my body, this my blood.”
Let your priests, for earth’s true glory,
daily lift life heavenward,
asking that the world around us
share your children’s liberty;
with the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us
for the work of ministry.

4. Lord, you show us love’s true measure:
“Father, what they do, forgive.”
Yet we hoard as private treasure
all that you so freely give.
May your care and mercy lead us
to a just society;
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us
for the work of ministry.

5. Lord, you bless with words assuring:
“I am with you to the end.”
Faith and hope and love restoring,
may we serve as you intend,
and, amid the cares that claim us,
hold in mind eternity;
With the Spirit’s gifts empow’r us
for the work of ministry.

Text: Jeffrey Rowthorn (b. 1934)
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Tune: ABBOT’S LEIGH

Communion: Bread of life, hope of the world (CWBII 459)

Refrain
Bread of life, hope of the world.
Jesus Christ, our brother:
feed us now, give us life,
lead us to one another.

1. As we proclaim your death,
as we recall your life,
we remember your promise
to return again. R.

2. The bread we break and share
was scattered once as grain:
just as now it is gathered,
make your people one. R.

3. We eat this living bread,
we drink this saving cup:
sign of hope in our broken world,
source of lasting love. R.

4. Hold us in unity,
in love for all to see:
that the world may believe in you,
God of all who live. R.

5. You are the bread of peace,
you are the wine of joy,
broken now for your people,
poured in endless love. R.

Text & Music: Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)
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Recessional: Sing we of the blessed mother (CWBII 417)

1. Sing we of the blessed Mother
who received the angel’s word,
and obedient to his summons
bore in love the infant Lord;
sing we of the joys of Mary
at whose breast that child was fed,
who is Son of God eternal
and the everlasting Bread.

2. Sing we, too, of Mary’s sorrows,
of the sword that pierced her through,
when beneath the cross of Jesus
she his weight of suff’ring knew,
looked upon her Son and Saviour
reigning high on Calv’ry’s tree,
saw the price of our redemption
paid to set the sinner free.

3. Sing again the joys of Mary
when she saw the risen Lord,
and in prayer with Christ’s apostles,
waited on his promised word:
from on high the blazing glory
of the Spirit’s presence came,
heav’nly breath of God’s own being,
manifest through wind and flame.

4. Sing the greatest joy of Mary
when on Earth her work was done,
and the Lord of all creation
brought her to his heav’nly home:
Virgin Mother, Mary blessed,
raised on high and crowned with grace,
may your Son, the world’s redeemer,
grant us all to see his face.

Text: G. B. Timms 1910-1997, alt.
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Tune: PLEADING SAVIOUR

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Mass Readings: 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 19:2-6

From Rephidim the sons of Israel set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.
Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, ‘Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, “You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagle’s wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.”’

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 99(100):2-3,5
We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age.

We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Second Reading: Romans 5:6-11

We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God’s anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled, surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God, through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

MASS FOR THE FEAST DAY OF ST JOSEMARIA



Saturday 27 June 2026 10:00 am
(confessions available from 9:00am)
St Mary Star of the Sea
33 Howard St West Melbourne
Morning tea in school hall after
Mass. (Bring a plate)
For more details call:
Mercy 0421702539

Gospel Acclamation: Mark 1:15

Alleluia, alleluia! The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News! Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 9:36-10:8

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, ‘The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.’

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and to cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

‘Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.’

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Newly Baptised

Raffealla Greco
Lenny Recchia
Thaddaeus Joseph

The Newly Married

*Alvaro Morris Vanegas
& Rebecca Pinder*



PARISH SYNOD CORNER

Synodality and unity
Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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