

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
22 JUNE	23 JUNE	24 JUNE	25 JUNE	26 JUNE	27 JUNE
SAINTS JOHN FISHER & THOMAS MORE	VOTIVE MASS OF THE ANGELS	THE NATIVITY OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	VOTIVE MASS FOR PRIESTS	FEAST DAY OF ST JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA	MASS FOR THE FEAST OF ST JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA
Mass: 7am,12:30pm Pg. 430-431	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 432-434	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass:7am,12:30pm Pg.	Mass:10:00 am Pg.



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HOME TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

12TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Not a single sparrow can fall to the ground without your Father knowing it. So don't be afraid, You are more valuable to God than a whole flock of sparrows.
~ Matthew 10:29,31

A famous American President, in the course of the Second World War, made an outstanding remark: “The only thing you have to fear is fear itself.” Roosevelt was encouraging citizens to not lose heart in the midst of a terrible international conflict. Certainly, this human emotion can paralyse an individual, like an animal frozen in place by the headlights of an approaching vehicle. Even in humans, this feeling of terror has physical effects: your heart beats more rapidly, blood drains from your complexion, your breathing speeds up. How often we come across people who are tormented and overwhelmed by the hardships that life brings with it.

Struggling against fear and anxiety seems to be a consistent theme in the Gospels. Our Lady and St Joseph were both instructed by angels: “Be not afraid.” Think of the number of martyrs we honour in the liturgy throughout the year. These valiant men and women have put their lives on the line to defend the truths of the Christian faith. Perhaps sometimes we do not defend the faith or stand up for the Church since we are so afraid of what other people will say, of a critical remark, going against the current or of drawing attention to ourselves. Suddenly we become tongue-tied and nervous.

In the Gospel of today’s Mass, Our Lord tells us not to be afraid, but to live as children of God. Obstacles and adversities only worsen day by day when one relies on human resources alone. “Do not be afraid of men,” Jesus says, everything is ultimately in the hands of God, our Father.

Fear is the passion aroused when we consider a danger, real or imagined, that may befall us. We Christians know that the only evil is sin. Beyond this, everything that may happen to us falls within the loving Providence of our Father God. It is a comforting truth, the foundation of our courage. Jesus Christ uses a comparison that everyone can understand: “Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father’s will. And even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So don’t be afraid; you are worth more than many sparrows.”

If even sparrows, which have a minuscule value, are objects of divine attention, how much more so are we who have been created in the image and likeness of God himself and redeemed by Jesus Christ? Our immortal soul is destined for eternal glory. For us, God became incarnate and died on the Cross. We are worth all the Blood of Christ: an infinite price. God’s Providence extends to even the smallest details, to what might seem insignificant, as the Lord suggests with a vivid example: even the hairs of your head are all numbered.

The challenges of life - illness, financial difficulties, emotional stress - are all a summons for us to live as children of God. We should never forget that “the whole world is in his hands.” How many times a day do we say in the Our Father: “hallowed be your name, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven”? No matter what trials and problems we encounter, we should always remember God’s providential care for us.

At times, we might reflect on the words of the liturgy with regard to God the Father. We make several signs of the Cross and receive blessings: “In the name of the Father.” Each Eucharistic Prayer begins with a reference to our heavenly Father. Before receiving the Body of Christ in Communion, we always recite the Our Father. Every single prayer the priest recites finishes, “through your son, Jesus Christ,” addressing the First Person of the Blessed Trinity.

The second point in St. Josemaria Escriva’s book, The Forge, reads:

“God is my Father! If you meditate on it, you will never let go of this consoling thought.
Jesus is my dear Friend (another thrilling discovery) who loves me with all the madness of his Heart.
The Holy Spirit is my Consoler, who guides my every step along the road.
Consider this often: you are God’s - and God is yours.”

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PARISH PERSONNEL

Parish Priest:
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Yvonne Kee.

Communications:
Michelle Komadina

Sacred Music Centre Director:
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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: O God, our help in ages past (CWBII 568)

1. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home.
2. Beneath the shadow of your throne
your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone,
and our defence is sure.
3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received its frame,
from everlasting you are God,
to endless years the same.
4. A thousand ages in your sight
are like an ev’ning gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.
5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all our lives away;
they fly, forgotten, as a dream
dies at the op’ning day.
6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be now our guide while life shall last,
and our eternal home.

Text: Psalm 90;
Isaac Watts (1674-1748), alt.
Tune: ST ANNE

Offertory: Praise to the holiest in the height (CWBII 585)

1. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.
2. O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.
3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail.

4. And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God’s presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.
5. O gen’rous love! that he who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;
6. And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.
7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise,
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

Text: St John Henry Newman (1801-1890)
Tune: RICHMOND

Communion: One Bread, one body (CWBII 579)

Refrain:
One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man no more. R.

2. Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all. R.

3. Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. R.

Text: © 1978 John Foley SJ (b. 1939)
Based on 1 Cor. 10:16, 17; 12:4;
Gal. 3:28; Didache 9
Music: J. Foley

Recessional: Gentle Virgin Mother (CWBII 407)

1. Gentle Virgin Mother,
Blest above all other,
guiding star of ocean,
lead us to salvation.
2. Now with Gabriel's blessing,
we, your grace confessing,
offer you our greeting,
for your peace entreating.
3. Break the bonds that chain us,
heav'nly mercy gain us,
free us from our blindness
in your loving kindness.
4. Mother of salvation,
hear our supplication,
to our Saviour pleading,
kindly interceding.

5. Teach us, maiden lowly,
to be pure and holy,
so by your endeavour
we rejoice forever.

Text: Ave Maris Stella 9th Cent.,
paraphr. A. G. Petti 1932-1985 © Faber Music Ltd,
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Tune: AVE MARIS STELLA

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PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Account Name:
St Mary Star of the Sea Parish
Melbourne West
Ref: Donation type,
e.g. RESTORATION, etc.

FIRST COLLECTION:

BSB: 083 373
A/C: 663509289
(For the support of the
Priests)

SECOND COLLECTION:

BSB: 083 347
A/C: 64396 1382
(For the Parish expenses)

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Mass Readings: 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 20:10-13

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,
“‘Terror from every side!”
Denounce him! Let us denounce him!
All those who used to be my friends
watched for my downfall,
‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.
Then we will master him
and take our revenge!’
But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;
my opponents will stumble, mastered,
confounded by their failure;
everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.
But you, O Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,
who scrutinise the loins and heart,
let me see the vengeance you will take on them,
for I have committed my cause to you.
Sing to the Lord,
praise the Lord,
for he has delivered the soul of the needy
from the hands of evil men.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 68(69):8-10,14,17,33-35
Lord, in your great love, answer me.

It is for you that I suffer taunts,
that shame covers my face,
that I have become a stranger to my brothers,
an alien to my own mother’s sons.
I burn with zeal for your house
and taunts against you fall on me. R

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. R

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
Let the heavens and the earth give him praise,
the sea and all its living creatures. R

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

Second Reading: Romans 5:12-15

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin
death, and thus death has spread through the whole human
race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world
long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no
one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death
reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin,
unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself
considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through
one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that
divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ,
came to so many as an abundant free gift.

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:26,27

Alleluia, alleluia! The Spirit of truth will bear witness to me,
says the Lord, and you also will be my witnesses. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:26-33

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid.
For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and
everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to
you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in
whispers, proclaim from the housetops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot
kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and
soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And
yet not one falls to the ground without your Father know-
ing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So
there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than
hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of
men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my
Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the
presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father
in heaven.’

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Newly Married

Qiuyue Zhong &
Weiqiang Chen



PARISH SYNOD CORNER

Why discernment is essential

Discernment is more than
discussion. It is a prayerful
process of seeking God’s will. In
a Synod, time is given to silence,
prayer, and reflection so that
decisions emerge from faith, not
haste.