

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
29 JUNE	30 JUNE	1 JULY	2 JULY	3 JULY	4 JULY
SAINTS PETER AND PAUL	FIRST MARTYRS OF THE HOLY ROMAN CHURCH	VOTIVE MASS OF ST JOSEPH	VOTIVE MASS OF THE SACRED HEART	SAINT THOMAS	VOTIVE MASS OF OUR LADY
Mass: 7am,12:30pm Pg. 437-440	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 620	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass:7am,12:30pm Pg. 442-443	Mass:10:00 am Pg.



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HOME TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

13TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



THE PROPHET ELISHA went one day to Shunem, where a wealthy woman lived who invited him to her home for a meal. And so, every time Elisha passed that way, he would stay for a meal. The woman realized he was a man of God, and after speaking with her husband, they decided to prepare a room for him. Elisha was grateful for the use of the room, and wanted to find a way to repay such hospitality. When the Shunammite woman refused to accept anything, Elisha learned that the couple had been unable to have children, so he told her, “About this time next year you will hold a son in your arms” (2 Kings 4:16). And at the appointed time, she gave birth to a son.

God knows how to reward the acts of charity we offer our brothers and sisters, especially if, like Elisha, they have been called by Him to carry out a mission. “Whoever welcomes you, welcomes me,” Jesus said to the apostles when He sent them out to announce the coming of the Kingdom (Mt 10:40). Indeed, our Lord assured them that not even a cup of cold water given to his disciples would go unrewarded (cf. Mt 10:42). Christ himself received shelter from friends and acquaintances, for He had nowhere to lay his head, and he was quick to acknowledge the kindness shown him. One could say that God relies on human relationships to strengthen the shepherds of his people. First, by praying for them, that they “may always be ministers of the joy of the Gospel to all peoples.” [1] And also by being close to them and providing material support, to remind them that they are not alone and to sustain them in their priestly work.

IN HIS DISCOURSE to the apostles, our Lord also spoke about a requirement for following Him: “Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me” (Mt 10:37). Certainly, this doesn’t mean that his disciples should sever all family ties. But when “love for parents and children is inspired and purified by love for the Lord, it then becomes wholly fruitful and produces good fruits within the family itself and well beyond it.” [2] Hence what Jesus wants to emphasize is that love for God comes first, because if it is authentic, it will lead to a greater love for one’s parents and children.

Saint Josemaría used to say that members of Opus Dei owed ninety percent of their vocation to their parents. If they have been generous in responding to the divine call, it is because they have seen that generosity in their family at home. And this, in most cases, could be extended to all vocations in the Church. Therefore when God calls their children in a special way, he didn’t see it as a sacrifice for the parents. On the contrary, it is “an immense honour, a reason for a great and holy pride, a mark of predilection, a very special affection that God has shown.” [3] For it is as if our Lord were acknowledging the “good work” they have done, by sowing the seed of God’s love in their children’s souls. And their children have nurtured it through their own freedom, thanks to their parents’ example and prayer.

JESUS also warns his apostles that adversities will not be lacking in the mission they are about to undertake. “Whoever does not take up his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it” (Mt 10:38-39). At the same time, He encourages them not to be afraid, for those who are in God’s hands “know that evil and irrationality do not have the final word, but that the only Lord of the world and of life is Christ.” [4]

“In the Passion, the Cross ceased to be a symbol of punishment and became instead a sign of victory. The Cross is the emblem of the Redeemer: in quo est salus, vita et resurrectio nostra: there lies our salvation, our life and our resurrection.” [5] Not even the Mother of God was spared from sharing the weight of the Cross. We can ask our Lady to teach us how to bear our own cross with the supernatural sense of knowing we are children of God.

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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

CONFESIONS

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

[1] Francis, Message, 19 June 2020.
[2] Francis, Angelus, 28 June 2020.
[3] Saint Josemaría, The Forge, no. 18.
[4] Benedict XVI, Angelus, 22 June 2008.
[5] Saint Josemaría, The Way of the Cross, Second Station, no. 5.



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

Entrance: All people that on Earth do dwell (CWBII 448)

1. All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with love, His praise forth tell;
come now before Him, and rejoice!
2. Know that the Lord is God indeed;
without our aid He did us make;
we are His flock, He does us feed,
and for His sheep He does us take.
3. O enter then His gates with praise;
approach with joy His courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless His name always,
for it is seemly so to do.
4. For Why? the Lord our God is good:
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.
5. Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Him, all creatures here below;
praise God the Father; God the Son,
and God the Spirit, ever one.

Text: Ps 100 (99); William Kethe d. c. 1593 & Th. Ken.
Tune: OLD 100th

Offertory: Take up your cross (CWBII 612)

1. “Take up your cross”, the Saviour said,
“if you would my disciple be;
take up your cross, deny yourself,
and humbly follow after me.”
2. Take up your cross; let not its weight
fill your weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear your spirit up,
and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
3. Take up your cross, heed not the shame,
and let your foolish heart be still;
the Lord for you accepted death upon a cross,
on Calv’ry’s hill.
4. Take up your cross, then in his strength,
and calmly ev’ry danger brave;
it guides you to a better home
and leads to vict’ry o’er the grave.

5. Take up your cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only those who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.

Text: based on Matt 16:24, Mark 8:34;
by Charles William Everest (1814-1877) alt.
Tune ERHALT UNS, HERR

Communion: By your priestly power, O risen Lord (CWBII 462)

Antiphon
By your priestly power, O risen Lord,
all we lost and needed is restored.
God in our communion be adored.

1. At your hands, Lord, we are fed,
hands that guide and do not falter,
wounded hands that broke the bread
on this altar. Ant.
- 2 At your hands we seek release
from the evils that assail us
for we know the Bread of Peace
will not fail us. Ant.
3. In the world that we have known
selfish, loud, vain passions riot;
Lord, with you, with you alone
is deep quiet. Ant.
4. To that world we must return
sharing in its hopes and labour,
bringing to it Christ's concern
for our neighbour. Ant.

Text: James McAuley (1917-1976)
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Music: TRAVALLI by Richard Connolly (b. 1927)

Recessional: Tell out my soul (CWBII 213)

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!
Un-numbered blessings, give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.
2. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his name!
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

3. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!
Pow’rs and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

4. Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of The Lord
To children’s children and for Ever more!

Text: based on Magnificat (Luke 1:46-55)
by Timothy Dudley Smith (b. 1926)
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Tune: WOODLANDS

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ANNUAL PETER’S PENCE COLLECTION - Sunday 28 June

This weekend the Universal Church is asked to make a donation to *Peter’s Pence*: -

- To support the Holy Father’s mission, which extends throughout the entire world, from the proclamation of the Gospel to the promotion of integral human development, education, peace, and brotherhood among peoples: thanks also to the many activities of service carried out by the dicasteries, bodies and organs of the Holy See who assist him every day.
- To support the numerous charitable works in aid of people and families in difficulty, populations afflicted by natural disasters and wars, or who are in need of humanitarian assistance or support for development.

(To donate, we will take a collection during Mass, or go to: <https://www.obolodisanpietro.va/en/dona.html> or see the noticeboard for QR code)

Collection 2026

“May the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all”
1 Thess. 3:12

MAKE YOUR DONATION TO THE HOLY FATHER

Offerings are designated for the Pope’s apostolic and charitable ministry

Mass Readings: 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: 2 Kings 4:8-11,13-16

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, ‘Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. Let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.’ One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. He said to his servant Gehazi, ‘Call our Shunammitess. Tell her this: “Look, you have gone to all this trouble for us, what can we do for you? Is there anything you would like said for you to the king or to the commander of the army?”’ But she replied, ‘I live with my own people about me.’ ‘What can be done for her then?’ he asked. Gehazi answered, ‘Well, she has no son and her husband is old.’ Elisha said, ‘Call her.’ The servant called her and she stood at the door. This time next year,’ he said ‘you will hold a son in your arms.’

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 88(89):2-3,16-19

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord;
through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth.
Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever,
that your truth is firmly established as the heavens.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Happy the people who acclaim such a king,
who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face,
who find their joy every day in your name,
who make your justice the source of their bliss.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength;
by your favour it is that our might is exalted;
for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord;
our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel.

For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 6:3-4,8-11

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life.
But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Peter 2:9

Alleluia, alleluia! You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who call you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 10:37-42

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

‘Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

‘Anyone who welcomes a prophet will have a prophet’s reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man will have a holy man’s reward.

‘If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) CLASSES

For adults who are interested in entering the Catholic Church and receiving the Sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation (Easter 2027).
Classes commence Sunday 9 August.
Don’t wait - enquire now! For more info email:
info@stmaryswestmelbourne.org

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Newly Baptised

- Elissa & Francesco
Gattellari
- Sofia Chaabani
- Roman Castello



PARISH SYNOD CORNER
Synodality begins locally

Synodality is lived first in parishes, schools, families, and communities. When people feel heard and valued locally, the Church becomes more credible and more missionary.