



ST CARLO ACUTIS EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES EXHIBITION WITH
FIRST CLASS RELIC

The Legion of Mary is hosting the exhibition of St Carlo Acutis and his Eucharistic Miracles from:

16-28 July - 10am - 3pm,
at Magnificat House, 456 Queensberry St North Melbourne.

There will also be a first-class relic in the exhibition.

Out of hours visits are available by contacting 0423 838 756, or vicepresident@legionofmary.net.au



MELBOURNE SYNOD THEME PAPERS

With the release of the first two synod theme papers; *Missionary Leadeship* and *Formation and Participation*, we now embark on the next step of our own local synodal journey. The Melbourne Synod, convoked by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli earlier this year, is an invitation to local communities and individuals to listen attentively to the Holy Spirit and to discern how we are called to proclaim the Gospel more faithfully in our time and place. The purpose of this synod is to help shape the evangelical and missionary priorities for the years ahead.

The papers have been prepared to assist with reflection on the themes. We are encouraged to reflect and ponder these questions:

- Where is the Holy Spirit leading our Archdiocese at this time?
- Whom are we being called to accompany in faith more intentionally?
- How might we reflect the face of Christ more clearly in our local Church?

Each of the theme papers conclude with consultation questions, and feedback can be submitted via the QR code provided on the papers. Alternatively, any comments can be emailed to Synod2026@cam.org.au.

To find these papers go to: <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/next-steps-for-the-melbourne-synod> where links are provided for each theme paper. We also have copies on our church noticeboard for your reference.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION (RCIA) CLASSES

Do you or anyone you know, want to enter the Catholic Church?

For adults who are interested in entering the Catholic Church and receiving the Sacraments of Baptism and/or Confirmation (Easter 2027), classes will commence: **Sunday 9 August.**

Don’t wait - enquire now! For more info email: info@stmaryswestmelbourne.org



CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

There is still time to enroll your child in Confirmation classes. These are held after the 10am Sunday Mass. The Confirmation ceremony will take place on: **Sunday 15 November** at St Mary Star of the Sea . For registration and more information, please contact the parish office or email: info@stmaryswestmelbourne.org

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
20 JULY	21 JULY	22 JULY	23 JULY	24 JULY	25 JULY
SAINT APOLLINARIS	SAINT LAWRENCE OF BRINDISI	SAINT MARY MAGDALENE	SAINT BRIDGET	SAINT SHARBEL MAKHLUF	SAINT JAMES
Mass: 7am,12:30pm Pg. 622	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 622	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 456-457	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 622	Mass:7am,12:30pm Pg. 623	Mass:10:00 am Pg. 458-459



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16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Our Lord goes on in today’s Gospel with analogies drawn from the agricultural background. So much of Jesus’ teaching shows a practical application of spiritual realities from people’ everyday experience. Now we read the parable of the weeds sown in the middle of the good seed planted in the tilled soil. The plants are not easy to distinguish until they have sprouted a slim stalk which breaks through the ground.

Surprisingly, the householder tells his servants not to remove the weeds until both the good and bad plants come to maturity. This is often seen as an image of the world at large. There are fine, honest people living together with sad cases of people who have lost their way. Good and bad inhabit the same cities, houses and countries. Only at the end of time will all be known.

How about our own lives? Does this parable of Jesus apply to us? In our lives there are many good deeds, acts of compassion for others and a bit of prayer to God. Are these not mingled at times with anger and impatience; comfort-seeking and dereliction of duty?

Perhaps our whole lives will be spent trying to overcome our base tendencies, selfishness and laziness. Do you know what Saint Josemaría Escrivá used to say to ordinary men and women striving to be good Christians? “Struggle”, he would say. The life of Christians is a battle to overcome evil and drown it in an abundance of good (as St. Paul exclaimed).

This week we should aim to improve in two aspects of our lives. First, could we pray a bit more? Do we get in two or three Rosaries a week? Can we visit our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament more often?

Second, let us try to be more patient with one member of our family in the coming week. Try to understand their weaknesses and compensate for them with our charity.

In this way, we will continue on all our days with defects and shortcomings, but not giving in to sloth. At the end of our lives we will have tried to make the road easier for those around us. We’ll be more tolerant of their mistakes when we struggle to overcome our own.

When the disciples ask Jesus about the meaning of the image, he explains: “The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world; the good seed stands for the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one. The enemy who sowed them is the devil” (Mt 13:37-39). Thus we see that, although evil is present in the world, it does not come from God.

Our Lord shows us that the weeds coexist with the wheat until the very end of the harvest. “It is not possible to think of human history without the weeds; that is, as Jesus himself says, it is not possible to completely eradicate the weeds, because they are mixed with what is good .” [3] We see this reality in the world around us, but above all we experience it in our own hearts, where genuine desires for holiness coexist with bad inclinations. We have the same experience that caused Saint Paul so much pain when he realized that sin dwelt within him: “I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate” (Rom 7:15).

We shouldn’t be surprised or lose hope when we see the weeds in our heart: envy, jealousy, ignoble desires... As Saint Josemaría said: “Do not get sad if, when things seem to be going really well, you suddenly get the temptation to think you consented to some horrible desire, but really you didn’t. Have recourse to God’s mercy, relying on the intercession of his Mother and our Mother, and everything will be put right. And then laugh about it: just think, God is treating me like a saint! It doesn’t matter at all, but you should be convinced that at any moment the old man we all carry within can rise up. Be happy, and keep struggling!” [4]

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 more details



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

Entrance: For the first fruits of creation (CWBII 488)

1. For the fruits of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For the gifts to ev’ry nation,
thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth’s safe-keeping,
thanks be to God.

2. In the just reward of labour,
God’s will is done.
In the help we give our neighbour,
God’s will is done.
In our world-wide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God’s will is done.

3. For the harvests of the Spirit,
thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit,
thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

Offertory: The gift of the Holy Spirit (CWBII 112)

1. The gift of the Holy Spirit
is the gift of God’s great love.
To us comes the touch of healing
from the God of heav’n above;
Joy and strength for our daily living,
trust and love for the work of giving,
and the spirit of true forgiving each one.

2. Anointed, we are Christ’s witness
in our walk of life each day,
a comfort and light to others
that we meet along the way.
We will cherish your life within us,
show the mercy you show to sinners,
by your suff’ring, you choose to win us
from death.

3. Thanksgiving we bring, and honour
to the Father and the Son
and, with them, the Holy Spirit,
God, for ever, Three in One.
Praise and glory we give and blessing,
one in faith, one in truth confessing,
one in love in your all-embracing design.

Text: from Kumali Coree No. 2
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Tune: VENETIAN

Communion: I am the bread of life (CWBII 509)

1. I am the Bread of life.
You who come to me shall not hunger;
and who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
unless the Father beckons.

Refrain
And I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up,
and I will raise you up on the last day.

2. The bread that I will give
is my flesh for the life of the world,
and if you eat of this bread,
you shall live for ever,
you shall live for ever. R.

3. Unless you eat
of the flesh of the Son of Man
and drink of his blood,
and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life within you. R.

4. I am the resurrection,
I am the life,
if you believe in me,
even though you die,
you shall live for ever. R.

5. Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who has come
into the world. R.

Text: Based on John 6, 11
Suzanne Toolan RSM (b. 1927)
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Tune: I AM THE BREAD OF LIFE

Recessional: Immaculate Mary, we praise God in you (CWBII 416)

1.Immaculate Mary,
we praise God in you:
his pow’r and his mercy,
his grace giv’n to you.

Refrain
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

2.Predestined for Christ
by eternal decree,
God willed you both virgin
and mother to be. R.

3.To you, by an angel,
the Father made known
the grace of his Spirit,
the gift of his Son. R.

4.Most blest of all women,
you heard and believed,
most blest is the fruit
of your womb then conceived. R.

5.The angels rejoiced
when you bought forth God’s Son;
your joy is the joy
of all ages to come. R.

6. Your child is the Saviour,
all hope lies in him:
he gives us new life
and redeems us from sin. R.

7. Your Son died for all,
as with sorrow you wept;
you witnessed him risen,
the promise he kept. R.

8. In glory for ever
now close to your Son,
all ages will praise you
for all God has done. R.

9. Through you to your Son
lead us, Mary we pray;
Through Christ to the Father
is our only way. R.

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Tune: LOURDES HYMN

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PARISH SYNOD CORNER

Synodality and the margins

A synodal Church pays attention to
voices often overlooked: the poor, the
wounded, the disaffected, and those
who feel distant from the Church.
Their experiences matter, and their
stories can teach us where renewal is
most needed.

Mass Readings: 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Wisdom 12:13,16-19

There is no god, other than you, who cares for every thing,
to whom you might have to prove that you never judged
unjustly.
Your justice has its source in strength, your sovereignty
over all makes you lenient to all.
You show your strength when your sovereign power is
questioned and you expose the insolence of those who
know it; but, disposing of such strength, you are mild in
judgement, you govern us with great lenience,
for you have only to will, and your power is there.
By acting thus you have taught a lesson to your people
how the virtuous man must be kindly to his fellow men,
and you have given your sons the good hope that after sin
you will grant repentance.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 85(86):5-6,9-10,15-16

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me.

Lord, you are good and forgiving.

Second Reading: Romans 8:26-27

The Spirit comes to help us in our weakness. For when we
cannot choose words in order to pray properly, the Spirit
himself expresses our plea in a way that could never be put
into words, and God who knows everything in our hearts
knows perfectly well what he means, and that the pleas of
the saints expressed by the Spirit are according to the mind
of God.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 11:25

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven
and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of
the kingdom. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-43

Jesus put another parable before the crowds: ‘The kingdom
of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good
seed in his field. While everybody was asleep his enemy
came, sowed darnel all among the wheat, and made off.
When the new wheat sprouted and ripened, the darnel
appeared as well. The owner’s servants went to him and
said, “Sir, was it not good seed that you sowed in your field?
If so, where does the darnel come from?” “Some enemy has
done this” he answered. And the servants said, “Do you
want us to go and weed it out?” But he said, “No, because
when you weed out the darnel you might pull up the wheat
with it. Let them both grow till the harvest; and at harvest
time I shall say to the reapers: First collect the darnel and
tie it in bundles to be burnt, then gather the wheat into my
barn.”’

He put another parable before them: ‘The kingdom of
heaven is like a mustard seed which a man took and sowed
in his field. It is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has
grown it is the biggest shrub of all and becomes a tree so
that the birds of the air come and shelter in its branches.’

He told them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven is
like the yeast a woman took and mixed in with three
measures of flour till it was leavened all through.’

In all this Jesus spoke to the crowds in parables; indeed,
he would never speak to them except in parables. This was
to fulfil the prophecy:

I will speak to you in parables and expound things hidden
since the foundation of the world.

Then, leaving the crowds, he went to the house; and his
disciples came to him and said, ‘Explain the parable about
the darnel in the field to us.’ He said in reply, ‘The sower of
the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world; the
good seed is the subjects of the kingdom; the darnel, the
subjects of the evil one; the enemy who sowed them, the
devil; the harvest is the end of the world; the reapers are
the angels. Well then, just as the darnel is gathered up and
burnt in the fire, so it will be at the end of time. The Son of
Man will send his angels and they will gather out of his king-
dom all things that provoke offences and all who do evil,
and throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will
be weeping and grinding of teeth. Then the virtuous will
shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Listen,
anyone who has ears!’

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Newly Baptised
Leo Grech

The Newly Married
Farren Arena & Oliver Dauncey