

2026 ARCHBISHOPS CAMPAIGN—Final week of campaign

This is the final week of the 2026 Archbishop’s Campaign. This campaign continues to provide an opportunity for Catholics across Melbourne to support the charitable, pastoral and evangelisation work of our Archdiocese through a single annual appeal.

The annual campaign unifies the Archdiocese’s fundraising efforts into a single appeal supporting seminarian formation, retired priests and key ministries, including the CatholicCare Chaplaincy Program, the John Pierce Centre for the Deaf and Melbourne Overseas Mission. It also funds grants to community service organisations, including the Bay Leaf Kitchen in Geelong.

The Archdiocese’s 90 retired priests through the Priests Retirement Foundation this year alone, faces costs of upwards of \$5 million to provide accommodation, nursing care and ongoing medical support at places such as Justin Villa and George Maher House. This care extends to the many Archdiocesan priests who have retired to their own homes via the small nursing team who checks in on them regularly. Your support is vital, so please give generously.

Thank you to those who have already donated!

Donate via envelopes provided. See our noticeboard or our social media platforms for more information.



WORDS FROM POPE LEO XIV ON SUNDAY 9 AUGUST ANGELUS

Dear brothers and sisters,

I continue to follow with concern the tragic situation in Sudan, especially in the city of el-Obeid. In expressing my spiritual closeness to all the people of the nation, I renew my appeal to those in authority to guarantee humanitarian corridors for the civilian population. At the same time, I urge the international community to support efforts aimed at bringing about an immediate ceasefire. Let us pray that the Lord may sustain those who are suffering, convert the hearts of those who sow violence, and grant the long awaited peace.

Distressing reports continue to arrive of innocent people being killed and injured in Ukraine and Russia. These incidents are occurring one after another, indeed they are multiplying, resulting in ever-increasing numbers of civilian victims, including children. My thoughts are with the victims’ families, the wounded and all those who are suffering due to the ongoing conflict. In the face of so much anguish, I renew my heartfelt appeal for humanitarian law to be respected and for both sides to cease attacks on civilian targets. War only begets more war and causes immense suffering. It is time to put an end to this vicious cycle of violence and make room for diplomacy and dialogue, so as to open the way to peace.



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 Sacrament of Baptism and/or Confirmation (Easter 2027), classes have commenced, but late enquiries are welcome.

For enquiries, 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
24 AUGUST	25 AUGUST	26 AUGUST	27 AUGUST	28 AUGUST	29 AUGUST
SAINT BARTHOLOMEW	SAINT JOSEPH CALASANZ	VOTIVE MASS OF SAINT JOSEPH	SAINT MONICA	SAINT AUGUSTINE	THE PASSION OF SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST
Mass: 7am,12:30pm Pg. 492-493	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 625	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 494-495	Mass:7am,12:30pm Pg. 495-496	Mass:10:00 am Pg. 497-498



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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 more details



I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven.

The keys signify power: I will place on his shoulder the key of the house of David, we read in today’s First Reading (Is 22:19-23), the reference being to Eliakim, the steward of the royal palace. The power promised to Peter, which will be conferred on him after the resurrection (cf John 21:15-18), is immensely superior to this. He is not given the keys of an earthly kingdom, but of the Kingdom of Heaven, that kingdom which is not of this world but which is nurtured here and which will last forever. Peter has the power to bind and loose, that is, to absolve or to condemn, to gather or to exclude. This power is so great that whatever he decides on earth will be ratified in heaven. To exercise it, he counts on a special help from the Holy Spirit.

These great spiritual powers are given to Peter for the good of the Church, and since the Church has to last until the end of time, these powers are handed down throughout history to those who take Peter’s place. The Church’s Magisterium has always stressed this point. In the Second Vatican Council’s dogmatic Constitution on the Church we read: This sacred synod; following in the steps of the First Vatican Council teaches and declares with it that Jesus Christ, the eternal pastor... put Peter at the head of the other apostles, and in him He set up a lasting and visible source and foundation of the unity both of faith and of communion. This teaching concerning the institution, the permanence, the nature and the import of the sacred primacy of the Roman Pontiff and his infallible teaching office the sacred synod proposes anew to be firmly believed by all the faithful (Second Vatican Council, Lumen gentium, 18). The Roman Pontiff is the successor of Peter; united to him we are united to Christ. He is his Vicar here on earth, the one who takes his place.

An ancient formula sums up in a few words all the teaching about the Roman Pontiff: Ubi Petrus, ibi Ecclesia, ibi Deus (St Ambrose, Commentary on Psalm 12, 40, 30). Where Peter is, there is the Church, there too is God. The Roman Pontiff - says the Second Vatican Council - as the successor of Peter, is the perpetual and visible source and foundation of the unity both of the bishops and of the whole company of the faithful (Second Vatican Council, Lumen gentium, 23). And what would become of this unity if there were not one head over all the Church, to bless it and care for it, and to unite all its members in the profession of one faith and join them together in the bond of charity and of union? (Gregory XVI, Commissum divinitus, 15 June 1835). Unity would be smashed into a thousand pieces and we would wander like scattered sheep, without a sure faith in which to believe, without a clear path to follow.

We want to be with Peter, because with him we have the Church, with him we have Christ; and without him we will not find God. And because we love Christ we love the Pope - with the same charity. And since we are attentive to Jesus, to his desires, to his actions, to his entire life, in the same way we are united to the Roman Pontiff in even the smallest details: we love him above all for the One he represents and of whom he is the instrument You must love, venerate, pray and mortify yourself for the Pope, and do so with greater affection each day. For he is the foundation-stone of the Church and; throughout the centuries, right to the end of time, he carries out among men that task of sanctifying and governing which Jesus entrusted to Peter (J. Escrivá, The Forge, 134).

In the Acts of the Apostles we see clear evidence of the love and devotion the first Christians had for Peter: they even carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on beds and pallets, that as Peter came by at least his shadow might fall on some of them (Acts 5:15). They were happy to make do with the shadow of Peter. They knew well that very close to him there was Christ!



**Mass Setting
Mass of Mary Help
Of Christians**
For music notation/
lyrics, please
scan the QR code

Entrance: Church of God (CWBII 471)

Antiphon
Church of God, chosen people
sing your praise to God,
who has called you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

1. Come, people of God, with joyful
song,
praise God the Father of all.
Baptised in Christ, reborn in him,
our hearts are filled with joy.
He cleanses our sin,
renewing our lives.

Ant.

2. The Church is built with living stones
with Christ as cornerstone.
In him we trust who makes us one,
uniting us in love.
We build on the rock
of faith in Christ.

Ant.

3. As heirs of Christ, redeemed by love
we wait for his return;
A priestly people off'ring praise to God,
the source of hope.
For Jesus is Lord,
our Saviour and God.

Ant.

4. As water springing from the rock
once brought God's people life,
The living water giv'n by Christ
creates our lives anew.
So come, you who thirst,
to springs of new life.

Ant.

5. We gather here to worship God,
our Eucharist to share.
We give him thanks and celebrate
the myst'ry of his love;
the Word is made flesh
and given for us.

Ant.

6. May fragrant smoke of incense rise
to fill this house of prayer.
May we who gather find true peace,
God's presence filling our lives.
Our hearts lift with praise,
our lips sing in joy.

Ant.

7. The light of Christ has come to us
dispelling all our fears.
His light reveals the path of life.
We follow him with joy,
the glory of God,
the light of the world.

Ant.

Text: Pamela Stotter (b. 1944) alt.
TUNE: CHURCH OF GOD

**Offertory: Praise to you, O Christ our
Saviour (CWBII 587)**

Refrain:

Praise to you, O Christ our Saviour,
Word of the Father,
calling us to life;
Son of God who leads us to freedom:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

1.You are the Word who calls us out of
darkness;
you are the Word who leads us into
light;
you are the Word who brings us through
the desert;
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! R.

2.You are the one whom prophets
hoped and longed for;
you are the one who speaks to us today;
you are the one who leads us to our
future:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! R.

3.You are the Word who calls us to be
servants;
you are the Word whose only law is
love;
you are the Word made flesh who lives
among us:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! R.

4.You are the Word who binds us and
unites us;
you are the Word who calls us to be
one;
you are the Word who teaches us
forgiveness:
glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ! R.

Text & music: © 1986 Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

**Communion: Let all mortal flesh keep
silence (CWBII 533)**

1. Let all mortal flesh keep silence
and with fear and trembling stand;
ponder nothing earthly-minded,
for with blessing in his hand
Christ our God to earth descendeth,
our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,
as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture,
in the body and the blood:
he will give to all the faithful
his own self for heav'nly food.

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven
spreads its vanguard on the way,

as the Light of light descendeth
from the realms of endless day,
that the pow'rs of hell may vanish
as the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph;
cherubim with sleepless eye,
veil their faces to the presence,
as with ceaseless voice they cry,
alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, Lord most high!

Text: from Liturgy of St James, c. 4th cent. Tr. Gerald
Moultrie (1829-1885), alt.
Tune: PICARDY

Recessional: O Sanctissima (CWBII 415)

1. O Sanctissima, O piissima,
dulcis Virgo Maria!
Mater amata, intemerata,
ora, ora pro nobis.

2. Tu solatium et refugium,
Virgo mater Maria!
Quidquid optamus, per te speramus,
ora, ora pro nobis.

3. Ecce debiles, perquam flebiles,
salva nos, O Maria!
Tolle languores, sana Dolores,
ora, ora pro nobis.

4. Virgo, respice, Mater, adspice,
audi nos, O Maria!
Tu medicinam portas divinam,
ora, ora pro nobis.

5. Tua gaudia et suspiria
iuvent nos, O Maria!
in te speramus, ad te clamamus,
ora, ora pro nobis.

Text: Anon
Tune: SICILIAN MARINERS

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PARISH SYNOD CORNER

Synodality and joy

When people are invited to
participate meaningfully, joy
increases. A synodal Church is not
weighed down by bureaucracy but
energised by shared mission.

Mass Readings: 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23

Thus says the Lord of Hosts to Shebna, the master of the
palace:

I dismiss you from your office,
I remove you from your post,
and the same day I call on my servant
Eliakim son of Hilkiah.
I invest him with your robe,
gird him with your sash,
entrust him with your authority;
and he shall be a father
to the inhabitants of Jerusalem
and to the House of Judah.
I place the key of the House of David
on his shoulder;
should he open, no one shall close,
should he close, no one shall open.
I drive him like a peg
into a firm place;
he will become a throne of glory
for his father's house.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 137(138):1-3,6,8

*Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your
hands.*

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart:
you have heard the words of my mouth.
In the presence of the angels I will bless you.
I will adore before your holy temple.

*Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your
hands.*

I thank you for your faithfulness and love,
which excel all we ever knew of you.
On the day I called, you answered;
you increased the strength of my soul.

*Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your
hands.*

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly
and the haughty he knows from afar.
Your love, O Lord, is eternal,
discard not the work of your hands.

*Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your
hands.*

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36

How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom
and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his mo-
tives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the
mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who
could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that
exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be
glory for ever! Amen.

Gospel Acclamation: Matthew 16:18

Alleluia, alleluia! You are Peter, the rock on which I will
build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against
it. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put
this question to his disciples, 'Who do people say the Son of
Man is?' And they said, 'Some say he is John the Baptist,
some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.'
'But you,' he said 'who do you say I am?' Then Simon Peter
spoke up, 'You are the Christ,' he said, 'the Son of the living
God.' Jesus replied, 'Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy
man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this
to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You
are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the
gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will
give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you
bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; what-
ever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in
heaven.' Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell
anyone that he was the Christ.

**FIRST HOLY COMMUNIONS AT ST MARY
STAR OF THE SEA**

On Sunday 30 August, we will be celebrating First Holy
Communions for a small group of children during our
regular 10 am Mass. Please note that there will be no
changes to the Mass, however we will expect more
people in the church and extra cars in the car spaces
around the church.

Refreshments will be served after Mass for the
Communicants in the school hall, and parishioners are
most welcome to join.

Please keep this group of children in your prayers.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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