

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA FAITH FORMATION COURSE - NEW SESSIONS.
REGISTER YOUR INTEREST

A new season of Faith Formation sessions will begin on Monday 28 September.

This programs covers the fundamental teachings of the Catholic Church, ideal for anyone wanting to know more about their faith, and for adults who are seeking to enter the Church.

Our 45min sessions are normally run on a fortnightly basis in the crypt, and is run by Fr Andrew, and our experienced Catechists. Previously they were held on a Thursday night, but now have been moved to a Monday night.

Details of session topics and session dates are on our website: Go to...
<https://www.stmaryswestmelbourne.org/st-mary-star-of-the-sea-adult-faith-formation-program>

For any enquiries please email: communications@stmaryswestmelbourne.org

Scan the QR code to register—a flyer can be found on the notice board.



YOUNG FAMILIES GROUP ACTIVITIES

The *Young Families Group* supports young Catholic families with parenting discussions, Bible stories for children, and provides snacks and games.

FOR: Families with infant and primary school aged children.

WHEN/WHERE: After the 10:00 am Sunday Mass in St Mary’s Crypt

CONTACT: HANNAH: 0432 829 070 or FERNANDO: 0406 552 094

PARKING AVAILABILITY

Parking is available in the Simonds College parking lot, (entry via Victoria Street) strictly for Sunday 10:00 am Mass only. It will be closed after events have finished.



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
31 AUGUST	1 SEPTEMBER	2 SEPTEMBER	3 SEPTEMBER	4 SEPTEMBER	5 SEPTEMBER
VOTIVE MASS FOR THE DEAD	VOTIVE MASS OF THE ANGELS	VOTIVE MASS FOR THE FAMILY	SAINT GREGORY THE GREAT	VOTIVE MASS OF THE SACRED HEART	SAINT TERESA OF CALCUTTA
Mass: 7am,12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 501-503	Mass:7am,12:30pm Pg.	Mass:10:00 am Pg. 626



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HOME TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

PARISH PERSONNEL

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Fr Andrew Paris

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Fr Anthony Bernal
Fr Peter Fitzsimons

Parish Office Administrator:
Yvonne Kee.

Communications:
Michelle Komadina

Sacred Music Centre Director:
Andrew Mariotti.

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 more details



In last Sunday’s Gospel, we heard Jesus praising Simon’s faith and emphasizing his special role, the very reason why, already well before, he had given the apostle a new name - Peter, the Rock. Now Matthew recounts, in the very next verses of his Gospel, how Jesus rebuked this same man, shortly afterward, calling him Satan! The two incidents, side by side, make clear that Simon was, after all, no extraordinary individual.

Instead, he was a man who had received a calling and a great grace of God. He received this role and this grace not because he was exceptional, but because he was loved by God, and because we are all loved by God. For this reason God became man, became a man called Jesus (a name which means “God Saves”). Peter had acknowledged who Jesus was - the Son of God-on account of a special grace of the Holy Spirit. But when he became unsettled on hearing Our Lord speaking about future opposition, suffering and death, he reacted with a purely human outlook. We probably would have done the same. Jesus’ reaction was forceful and seemingly harsh. “Get behind me, Satan!”. Jesus had a clear priority that guided all his choices - it was to do the will of his Father, which is the salvation of all mankind. Peter’s concern on that occasion was to hold on to a certain human expectation - namely that Jesus would gain the favour of the majority, that Jesus would rule Israel. Satan had proposed to Christ something even greater, to rule all the kingdoms of the earth, while sacrificing the truth, and thereby forfeiting the salvation of men and women. Peter’s desire was, from Our Lord’s point of view, a pale repetition of this proposition, even if the apostle himself had no intention of cooperating with Satan. Jesus knew that he must embrace the Cross to free us from the love of false idols and reveal to us the love of the Father, his justice and his mercy. In any event, what Jesus told Peter in that moment was not an act of condemnation of the apostle he so loved, but a reaffirmation of his will to save. The momentary rebuke would have been a further deepening of Peter’s understanding of who Jesus was and what he was about.

The lesson for us is the one that follows – “For anyone who wants to save his life will lose it, but anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.” This lesson may be hard for us to understand, yet it is constantly being proven to be true in the lives of so many. Those who persistently seek their own advantage over all other considerations tend towards a hollow existence and in the end reveal their own dissatisfaction and unhappiness. Those who generously continue to give of themselves, often putting aside what is more comfortable, pleasurable, or self-affirming while seeking the well-being of others and the glory of God find meaning in life and end their days in peace and joy. What is more, heaven awaits them since to greater or lesser extent, they have, with the help of God’s grace, become like Christ, and therefore, like God.

Are we excessively self-seeking in our daily thoughts and activity? Do we take a real interest in the people we work with, and meet up with socially? How much do I pray for the persons in my immediate family and even for persons I may not particularly like? Do I show a spirit of sacrifice when it comes to doing my work – job, home related tasks- properly and consistently? Do I ask God to help me overcome my laziness, attachment to material things, distractions and pride in order to be a person easier to live with or get along with? Am I wasting time living in a world of my own imagination or absorption in what is trivial or even morally harmful. Do I react to such dangers as Our Lord would want me to, saying with my whole heart and mind: “Get behind me, Satan!”



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

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

Communion: O Lord, at your first Eucharist (CWBII 578)

1 O Lord, at your first Eucharist you
prayed
that all your Church might be for ever
one,
grant us at ev'ry Eucharist to say with
longing heart and soul, "Your will be
done."
Oh, may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

2 For all your Church, O Lord, we inter-
cede;
make all our sad divisions soon to cease;
draw us the nearer each to each, we
plead
by drawing all to you, O Prince of Peace:
thus may we all one bread, one body be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

3 We also pray for wand'ers from your
fold;
O bring them back, Good Shepherd of
the sheep,
back to the faith which saints believed
of old,
back to the Church which still one faith
does keep:

soon may we all one bread, one body
be,
through this blest sacrament of unity.

4 So, Lord, at length when sacraments
shall cease,
may we be one with all your Church
above,
one with your saints in one unbroken
peace,
one with your saints in one unbounded
love;
more blessed still, in peace and love to
Be one with the Trinity in unity.

Text: W. H. Turton 1856 – 1938 alt.
Tune: SONG 1

Recessional: Salve Regina (CWBII 406)

Salve Regina,
Mater misericórdiae:
vita, dulcédo
et spes nostra, salve.
Ad te clamámus,
éxules, filii Hevae.
Ad te suspirámus,
geméntes et flentes
in hac lacrimárum valle.
Eia ergo,
Advocáta nostra,
illos tuos misericórdes óculos
ad nos convérte.
Et Jesum,
benedíctum fructum ventris tui,
nobis post hoc exsílium osténde.
O clemens:
O pia:
O dulcis Virgo Maria.

Text: Hermanus Contractus (c. 1013-1054)
Music: Chant mode V

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PARISH SYNOD CORNER

Synodality and the Eucharist

The Eucharist is the heart of
synodality. Around one table, many
are gathered as one Body.
What we celebrate sacramentally
must shape how we live communally.

Mass Readings: 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jer 20:7-9

You have seduced me, Lord, and I have let myself be
seduced; you have overpowered me you were the stronger.
I am a daily laughing-stock, everybody's butt. Each time I
speak the word, I have to howl and proclaim 'Violence and
ruin!' The word of the Lord has meant for me insult,
derision, all day long. I used to say, "I will not think about
him, I will not speak in his name any more." Then there
seemed to be a fire burning in my heart, imprisoned in my
bones. The effort to restrain it wearied me, I could not bear
it.

Reader: The word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 62(63):2-6,8-9

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;
for you my soul is thirsting.
My body pines for you
like a dry, weary land without water.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary
to see your strength and your glory.
For your love is better than life,
my lips will speak your praise.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

So I will bless you all my life,
in your name I will lift up my hands.
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,
my mouth shall praise you with joy.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

For you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.
My soul clings to you;
your right hand holds me fast.

My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

Second Reading: Rom 12:1-2

Think of God's mercy, my brothers, and worship him, I beg
you, in a way that is worthy of thinking beings, by offering
your living bodies as a holy sacrifice, truly pleasing to
God. Do not model yourselves on the behaviour of the
world around you, but let your behaviour change, modeled
by your new mind. This is the only way to discover the will
of God and know what is good, what it is that God wants,
what is the perfect thing to do.

Reader: The word of the Lord
Response: Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation: Ephesians 1:17. 18

Alleluia! Alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart, that we might see how
great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

Jesus began to make it clear to his disciples that he was
destined to go to Jerusalem and suffer grievously at the
hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, to be put
to death and to be raised up on the third day. Then, taking
him aside, Peter started to remonstrate with him. 'Heaven
preserve you, Lord;' he said 'this must not happen to you.'
But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You
are an obstacle in my path, because the way you think is not
God's way but man's.'

Then Jesus said to his disciples, 'If anyone wants to be a
follower of mine, let him renounce himself and take up his
cross and follow me. For anyone who wants to save his life
will lose it; but anyone who loses his life for my sake will
find it. What, then, will a man gain if he wins the whole
world and ruins his life? Or what has a man to offer in ex-
change for his life?

'For the Son of Man is going to come in the glory of his
Father with his angels, and, when he does, he will reward
each one according to his behaviour.'

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Newly Baptised
Thomas & Aaron Tofa
Gianna Schipano-Drlja
Jordi Diliza