



PARISH PATRONAL FEAST DAY / FR ANTHONY’S 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us in celebrating our Patronal Feast Day, Mary Star of the Sea
On Sunday 27 September at the 10 am Mass
&
Fr Anthony Bernal’s 80th birthday.

We will continue celebrations in the school hall after Mass with refreshments -
all are welcome.

* If you would like to bring a plate to share, please add your name, and the item of food you will bring on the list at the back of the church.

* We would also need some volunteers on the day to help out with set up, and clean up. Please write your name on the list as a volunteer.

Thank you!

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.





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

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.

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
7 SEPTEMBER	8 SEPTEMBER	9 SEPTEMBER	10 SEPTEMBER	11 SEPTEMBER	12 SEPTEMBER
VOTIVE MASS OF THE TRINITY	THE NATIVITY OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY	SAINT PETER CLAVER	VOTIVE MASS OF THE EUCHARIST	VOTIVE MASS OF THE CROSS	THE MOST HOLY NAME OF MARY
Mass: 7am,12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 505-507	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 626	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

PARISH PERSONNEL

Parish Priest:
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

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 more details



Family prayer is very pleasing to our Lord.

Jesus frequently teaches us that salvation and the consequent union with God is, ultimately, a personal thing: nobody can take our place in this personal dealing with God. But He also desires that we support each other and that we help each other on our way towards our final goal. This union so pleasing to the Lord should be shown especially amongst those who have spiritual bonds with one another or are of the same family. This union, one that demands our living so many virtues, is so much desired by the Lord that He has promised us a special gift, to give us more easily what we ask for with unity of intention. Thus we read in the Gospel of the Mass: I say to you further, that if two of you shall agree on earth about anything at all for which they ask, it shall be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered together for my sake, there am I in the midst of them (Matt 18:19-20).

Prayer in common (cf Acts 12:5) has been practised in the Church from time immemorial. It is not opposed to nor can it be substituted for by private prayer which unites the Christian in an intimate way to Christ. Family prayer is in a special way very pleasing to Our Lord; it is one of the treasures we have received from previous generations so that we can get abundant fruit from it and pass it on to generations to come. They have excellent means in the few, short daily religious practices that have always been lived in Christian families, and which I think are marvelous: grace at meals, morning and night prayers, the family rosary ... Customs vary from place to place, but I think one should always encourage some acts of piety in which the family can join together in a simple and natural fashion.

This is the way to ensure that God is not regarded as a stranger whom we go to visit in church once a week on Sunday. He will be seen and treated as He really is, not only in church, but also at home, because Our Lord has told us that 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name, I am there in the midst of them' (Matt 18:20) (Conversations with Monsignor Escrivá, 103).

This prayer - John Paul II teaches, commenting on this passage of the Gospel - has for its own object family life itself...: Joys and sorrows, hopes and disappointments, births and birthday celebrations, wedding anniversaries of parents, departures, separations and homecomings, important and far-reaching decisions, the death of those who are dear to us, etc. - all of these mark occasions for God’s loving intervention in the family’s history. They should be seen as suitable moments for thanksgiving for petition, for trusting abandonment of the family into the hands of their common Father in heaven. The dignity and responsibility of the Christian family as the domestic Church can be achieved only with God’s unceasing aid, which will surely be granted if it is humbly and trustingly petitioned for in prayer (John Paul II, Apostolic Exhortation, Familiaris Consortio, 22 November 1981, 59).

Family prayer communicates a special fortitude to the whole family. The first and principal help we give to parents, to children, to brothers and sisters, is to pray with them and for them. Prayer fosters the supernatural vision that makes it possible for us to understand what is happening around us and in the family, and teaches us to see that nothing is foreign to the plans of God: He always shows himself to us as a father, and tells us that the family is more his than ours. Prayer also enlightens us in those events that without our being close to him would be incomprehensible: the death of a loved one, the birth of a handicapped child, sickness, economic difficulties ... With Our Lord, we love his holy Will, and families instead of disintegrating are united more strongly amongst themselves and with God.

(Francisco Fernandez Carvajal, In Conversation with God)



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

Entrance: Lord of all nations, grant me grace (CWBII 542)

1. Lord of all nations, grant me grace
to love all people, ev'ry race;
to see each mortal as I ought,
my kindred, whom your love has
brought.

2. Break down the wall that would
Divide your children, Lord, on ev'ry side.
My neighbour's good let me pursue,
let Christian love bind warm and true.

3. Forgive me, Lord, where I have erred
by loveless act and thoughtless word.
Make me to see the wrong I do
will crucify my Lord anew.

Text: Philippians 2:1-18;
Olive W. Spannaus (b. 1916)
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Tune: DANIEL

Offertory: A new commandment (CWBII 443)

A new commandment
I give unto you
that you love one another
as I have loved you,
that you love one another
as I have loved you.

By this shall others know
that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.
By this shall others know
that you are my disciples
if you have love one for another.

Text: John 13:34, 35 alt.
Tune: NEW COMMANDMENT

Communion: Christians let us love one another (CWBII 469)

1. Christians, let us love one another
as we share the true living bread.
Jesus is our God and our brother;
with his flesh and blood we are fed.

Refrain:
Ev'ryone who loves is born of God.
Jesus is our life, God is love.

2. We who break this bread are one
body,
we who share this cup are all one,
children of our Father in heaven,
sharers of the life of God's Son. R.

3. We who eat and drink at this table
die and rise again with our Lord,
drawing from our rock living water
for all those who thirst for accord. R.

4. Wheat and grape incarnate a myst'ry:
Jesus is the true living bread.
Let us eat with joy and thanksgiving,
trusting in the word he has said. R.

5. Jesus is the vine, we the branches;
we are grains of wheat, Christ the
bread.
Those who eat this bread live for ever,
one with Christ, our Lord and our head. R.

Text: vv. 1, 5: Armand Nigro SJ;
vv. 2-4 M. Claudia Foltz SNJM © 1973 M. Claudia
Foltz & Armand Nigro SJ
Tune: PICARDY

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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**WE WOULD LIKE TO WISH A
BLESSED FATHER'S DAY TO ALL
FATHERS, GRANDFATHERS,
STEPFATHERS, FOSTER FATHERS,
GUARDIANS AND SPIRITUAL
FATHERS AMONG US.
WE ALSO HOLD IN OUR HEARTS
AND PRAYERS OUR DESCEASED
FATHERS AND FATHER FIGURES,
AND THOSE WHO ARE MISSING
THEIR FATHERS
TODAY.**

**St Joseph, Foster-Father of Jesus,
pray for us,
Amen.**



PARISH SYNOD CORNER

**Why the Church is embracing
synodality now**

The call to synodality is a response to
the signs of the times. In a fragmented
world, God calls the Church to witness
communion, dialogue, and hope.

Mass Readings: 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ezekiel 33:7-9

The word of the Lord was addressed to me as follows:
'Son of man, I have appointed you as sentry to the House
of Israel. When you hear a word from my mouth, warn
them in my name. If I say to a wicked man: Wicked
wretch, you are to die, and you do not speak to warn the
wicked man to renounce his ways, then he shall die for
his sin, but I will hold you responsible for his death. If,
however, you do warn a wicked man to renounce his
ways and repent, and he does not repent, then he shall
die for his sin, but you yourself will have saved your life.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 94(95):1-2,6-9

*O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not
your hearts.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

*O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not
your hearts.*

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

*O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not
your hearts.*

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my work.'

*O that today you would listen to his voice! Harden not
your hearts.*

Second Reading: Romans 13:8-10

Avoid getting into debt, except the debt of mutual love. If
you love your fellow men you have carried out your obli-
gations. All the commandments: You shall not commit
adultery, you shall not kill, you shall not steal, you shall
not covet, and so on, are summed up in this single com-
mand: You must love your neighbour as yourself. Love is
the one thing that cannot hurt your neighbour; that is
why it is the answer to every one of the commandments.

Gospel Acclamation: 2 Corinthians 5:19

Alleluia! Alleluia! God was in Christ, to reconcile the world
to himself; and the Good News of reconciliation he has en-
trusted to us. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said to his disciples: 'If your brother does something
wrong, go and have it out with him alone, between your
two selves. If he listens to you, you have won back your
brother. If he does not listen, take one or two others along
with you: the evidence of two or three witnesses is required
to sustain any charge. But if he refuses to listen to these,
report it to the community; and if he refuses to listen to the
community, treat him like a pagan or a tax collector.

'I tell you solemnly, whatever you bind on earth shall be
considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth
shall be considered loosed in heaven.

'I tell you solemnly once again, if two of you on earth
agree to ask anything at all, it will be granted to you by my
Father in heaven. For where two or three meet in my name,
I shall be there with them.'

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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Priests)

(For the Parish expenses)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Newly Baptised

Elouise Thai