



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
14 SEPTEMBER	15 SEPTEMBER	16 SEPTEMBER	17 SEPTEMBER	18 SEPTEMBER	19 SEPTEMBER
THE EXALTATION OF THE HOLYCROSS	OUR LADY OF SORROWS	SAINTS CORNELIUS, POPE, AND CYPRIAN	SAINT ROBERT BELLARMINE	VOTIVE MASS OF THE CROSS	COMMON OF OUR LADY
Mass: 7am,12:30pm Pg. 510-511	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 511-514	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 514-516	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 627	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

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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.

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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

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



To forgive always, promptly and wholeheartedly.

God pardons those who pardon others. The mercy we show to others is the same mercy that will be shown to us. This is the measure we find in today’s readings. The First Reading tells us: He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance of the Lord; who keeps strict account of sin. Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you, and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven. If a man nurses anger against another, can he then demand compassion from the Lord? (Eccles 27:33; 28:1-9).

The Lord has perfected this command by extending it to every person and to every offence. Through his Death on the Cross, Christ has made all men brothers in a new creation. St Peter wondered aloud if this teaching was going too far when he asked Jesus how many times we must forgive another. The Lord responded: I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven

(cf Matt 18:21-35). This means always. It is not a question of mathematical calculations. Christ wants us to learn how to overcome evil through the power of his infinite love. In the Our Father prayer, Christ taught us to pray: Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Today’s Liturgy of the Hours reminds us that when we pray the Our Father we have to be united among ourselves and with Jesus Christ, well disposed to forgiving one another (Liturgy of the Hours, Evening prayer). This is the only way we will attract the infinite mercy of God.

To forgive from ones heart often requires true faith. Due to the intensity of their faith, holy souls who have lived their lives in imitation of Christ often do not see the need to forgive. They realize that the only real evil is sin. Injuries and calumnies are simply not so very important.

Let us examine our conscience today to see if we are holding on to any resentment, whether real or imaginary. Has our pardon been speedy, sincere, wholehearted and unreserved? If they annoy you fifty thousand times, that’s how often you have to forgive them... Your patience has to get ahead of your bad feelings, wearing them out before they provoke more harm (St John of Avila, Sermon 25, for the 25th Sunday after Pentecost in Obras Completas, Madrid 1970).

The Lord is ready to forgive everyone. St Paul takes up this theme in his letter to the Thessalonians: See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all (1 Thess 5:15). To the Colossians he writes: Bear with one another and forgive one another, if anyone has a grievance against any other; even as the Lord has forgiven you, so also do you forgive (Col 3:13). If we truly learn how to forgive others, we will find it to be almost unnecessary to do so, since we no longer feel offended. We are not following Christ’s way if our charity becomes cold to someone in the family, in the workplace, in our school. On those occasions when it is more difficult to forgive, we need to repeat the Lord’s words on Calvary: Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing (Luke 23:34). In most cases, however, it is enough that we smile, or return a greeting, or do some small favour in order to resume a friendship. The little frictions of each day should not lead us to lose our peace and joy. We cannot allow our pride to get the better of us in this regard.

(Francisco Fernandez Carvajal, In Conversation with God)



**Mass Setting
Mass of Our
Common Home**
For music notation/
lyrics, please
scan the QR code

**Entrance: Forgive our sins as we forgive
(CWBII 120)**

1. “Forgive our sins as we forgive”
you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.
2. How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?
3. In blazing light your Cross reveals
the truth we dimly knew;
how small the debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you.
4. Lord, cleanse the depths within our
souls
and bid resentment cease;
then bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

Text: Rosamond Herklots (1905-1987), alt.
Tune: BELMONT

**Offertory: Make me a channel of your
peace (CWBII 555)**

1. Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your
love,
where there is injury, your pardon, Lord,
and where there’s doubt, true faith in
you.
2. Make me a channel of your peace:
where there’s despair in life let me bring
hope,
where there is darkness, only light,
and where there’s sadness, ever joy.
3. O Master grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand,
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.
4. Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving of ourselves that we receive,
and in dying that we’re born to eternal
life.

Text: Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)
based on St Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)
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Music: S. Temple

**Communion: See us Lord, about your
altar (CWBII 593)**

1. See us, Lord, about your altar;
though so many, we are one:
many souls by love united
in the heart of Christ your Son.
2. Hear our prayers, O loving Father,
hear in them your Son, our Lord;
hear him speak our love and worship
as we sing with one accord.
3. Wheat and grape convey the
meaning:
food and drink he is to all;
one in him, we kneel adoring,
gathered by his loving call.
4. Hear us yet: so much is needful
in our frail, disordered life;
stay with us and tend our weakness
till that day of no more strife.
5. Members of his Mystic Body,
now we know our prayer is heard,
heard by you, because your children
have received th’ eternal Word.

Text: John Greally 1934-(alt.)
Tune: DRAKES BROUGHTON; Edward Elgar 1857-1934

**Recessional: Tell out my soul
(CWBII 213)**

1. Tell out, my soul, the greatness 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 evermore!

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

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PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Newly Baptised

*Roman De Silva
Jaxon Vella*

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Account Name:
St Mary Star of the Sea Parish
Melbourne West
Ref: Donation type,
e.g. RESTORATION, etc.

FIRST COLLECTION:

BSB: 083 373
A/C: 663509289
(For the support of the
Priests)

SECOND COLLECTION:

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PARISH SYNOD CORNER

Synodality and leadership

Leadership in a synodal Church is not
about control but about service.
Leaders create spaces where gifts can
emerge and flourish.

Mass Readings: 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Ecclesiasticus 27:33-28:9

Resentment and anger, these are foul things,
and both are found with the sinner.
He who exacts vengeance will experience the vengeance
of the Lord,
who keeps strict account of sin.
Forgive your neighbour the hurt he does you,
and when you pray, your sins will be forgiven.
If a man nurses anger against another,
can he then demand compassion from the Lord?
Showing no pity for a man like himself,
can he then plead for his own sins?
Mere creature of flesh, he cherishes resentment;
who will forgive him his sins?
Remember the last things, and stop hating,
remember dissolution and death, and live by the com-
mandments.
Remember the commandments, and do not bear your
neighbour ill-will;
remember the covenant of the Most High, and over-
look the offence.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 102(103):1-4,9-12

*The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in
compassion.*

My soul, give thanks to the Lord
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings.

*The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in
compassion.*

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion.

*The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in
compassion.*

His wrath will come to an end;
he will not be angry for ever.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults.

*The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in
compassion.*

For as the heavens are high above the earth
so strong is his love for those who fear him.
As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.

*The Lord is kind and merciful: slow to anger, and rich in
compassion.*

Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9

The life and death of each of us has its influence on others;
if we live, we live for the Lord; and if we die, we die for the
Lord, so that alive or dead we belong to the Lord. This ex-
plains why Christ both died and came to life: it was so that
he might be Lord both of the dead and of the living.

Gospel Acclamation: John 13:34

Alleluia! Alleluia! I give you a new commandment: love one
another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Peter went up to Jesus and said, ‘Lord, how often must I for-
give my brother if he wrongs me? As often as seven times?’
Jesus answered, ‘Not seven, I tell you, but seventy-seven
times.

‘And so the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king
who decided to settle his accounts with his servants. When the
reckoning began, they brought him a man who owed ten thou-
sand talents; but he had no means of paying, so his master
gave orders that he should be sold, together with his wife and
children and all his possessions, to meet the debt. At this, the
servant threw himself down at his master’s feet. “Give me
time” he said “and I will pay the whole sum.” And the servant’s
master felt so sorry for him that he let him go and cancelled
the debt. Now as this servant went out, he happened to meet
a fellow servant who owed him one hundred denarii; and he
seized him by the throat and began to throttle him. “Pay what
you owe me” he said. His fellow servant fell at his feet and im-
plored him, saying, “Give me time and I will pay you.” But the
other would not agree; on the contrary, he had him thrown
into prison till he should pay the debt. His fellow servants were
deeply distressed when they saw what had happened, and
they went to their master and reported the whole affair to
him. Then the master sent for him. “You wicked servant,” he
said “I cancelled all that debt of yours when you appealed to
me. Were you not bound, then, to have pity on your fellow
servant just as I had pity on you?” And in his anger the master
handed him over to the torturers till he should pay all his debt.
And that is how my heavenly Father will deal with you unless
you each forgive your brother from your heart.’



**3 – 8 August 2027
Seoul, South Korea**

More information on our noticeboard, and at:

<https://youth.melbournecatholic.org/wyd27>