



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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA PARISH

We are calling upon people to volunteer a bit of their time periodically, to help with various tasks that are needed to run our parish. Some examples of this would be to set up the crypt and hall for parish events, cleaning. reading. or taking up the collections at mass. This should only be required occasionally.

A volunteer list can be found at the back of the church. Please write down your details, including name, contact number, and email, or scan the QR code to register your interest in volunteering in some way, and we will get in touch with you.

Contact us if you have any questions: communications@stmaryswestmelbourne.org

We thank you for your time and generosity—many hands make light work.



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.



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
21 SEPTEMBER	22 SEPTEMBER	23 SEPTEMBER	24 SEPTEMBER	25 SEPTEMBER	26 SEPTEMBER
SAINT MATTHEW	VOTIVE MASS OF THE ANGELS	SAINT PIUS OF PIETRELCINA	VOTIVE MASS FOR THE FAMILY	VOTIVE MASS OF THE CROSS	SAINTS COSMAS AND DAMIAN
Mass: 7am,12:30pm Pg. 518-519	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 520-521	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass:7am,12:30pm Pg.	Mass:10:00 am Pg. 627



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PARISH PERSONNEL

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Fr Andrew Paris

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Fr Anthony Bernal
Fr Peter Fitzsimons

Parish Office Administrator:
Yvonne Kee.

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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.

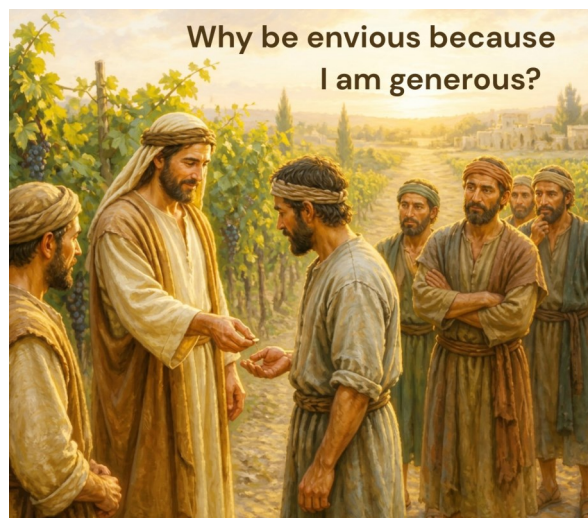
Holy Rosary:
Mon – Fri & Sun before Mass
Saturday after 10am Mass

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

25TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Why be envious because
I am generous?

Listening to Jesus’ parable we might be tempted to take sides with the labourers who complained to their employer because they had worked a whole day but received the same as those who had worked only an hour. Of course, that would be to miss the real point or message of this parable Jesus uses to teach us about spiritual things. In other words, it was not Our Lord’s intention here to give lessons about just wages, though the amount of one denarius for a day’s labour was, in fact, just payment in his times. Rather, Jesus instructs us about the great mercy of God that extends itself to all, even to those who come to Him close to their last hour. The denarius may be understood as God’s grace. God is always willing to give his grace to one who approaches him, even if he has not served him throughout much of life. We may possibly take this analogy one step further and see the denarius as the very possession of God in eternal life. All who are saved receive the beatific vision – that is they see and experience God and his love “face to face.” There will be, however, variations in the rewards of heaven depending not so much on the time of one’s service as on the depth of one’s love and faithfulness.

Equally the denarius may stand for membership in the Church. Jesus came not only to save the Jews, his own people by blood and the ones who had been known as God’s people throughout centuries. He came to call all peoples into his Church, even if they had previously followed false gods and false religions. Jesus was aware that many among his own nation would eventually object to the Gentiles (or foreigners) being placed on an equal footing with themselves. Remember the parable of the prodigal son? The other son resented his father’s merciful pardon and generous welcoming home.

However the denarius is understood, what always emerges from a consideration of this parable is God’s gracious love, his boundless mercy. Also evident at all times is the smallness of heart one may succumb to in making comparisons and seeing unfairness where there is none. It is the age old failing we call envy. In the parable the envy or resentment was a common sort, centred on the fact that other groups of workers received as much even if they had worked less. But the envy that Jesus is really addressing is that which arises from comparing one’s own spiritual situation with that of others. Many of Jesus’ co-religionists were proud in a self-satisfied sort of way of their religious background and they carried out their customs with regularity but little heart-felt devotion. In contrast to these there were men and women with a sinful or pagan past, like Zacchaeus or the centurion in Capharnaum, who embraced a new life of faith and virtue with holy desires to excel. These may be seen as workers of the eleventh hour, who make up with eagerness what they lacked in long term practice.

We can put this into the context of the present when we compare the somewhat routine practice of many Christians who may have never stopped going to church of a Sunday, with converts who are ambitious to make up for wasted or ill used time. Just a few years ago, a Hollywood scriptwriter with a messy past who had achieved fame and fortune with successful but morally objectionable films, underwent a dramatic conversion. Since then he has not only patched up his life but has passed on his experience in a couple of books and a lively website to help others find God. Here then is a present day worker of the eleventh hour who may end up more than making up for the sins of the past. Hopefully, no one will envy the fact that he found God and that the way to heaven was still open to him. May we, if we have always more or less practised our Catholic faith, not be satisfied with simply going through the motions, but rather always try to grow in our love for God and the spiritual good of others around us.



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

**Entrance: Glory and praise to our God
(CWBII 491)**

Refrain:
**Glory and praise to our God,
who alone gives light to our days.
Many are the blessings he bears
to those who trust in his ways.**

1. We, the daughters and sons of him
who built the valleys and plains,
praise the wonders our God has done
in ev’ry heart that sings. R.

2. In his wisdom he strengthens us,
like gold that’s tested in fire.
Though the power of sin prevails,
our God is there to save. R.

3. Ev’ry moment of ev’ry day
our God is waiting to save,
always ready to seek the lost,
to answer those who pray. R.

4. God has watered our barren land
and spent his merciful rain.
Now the rivers of life run full
for anyone to drink. R.

Text: Based on Psalms 65, 66. Dan Schutte b 1947
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**Offertory: God of great mercy
(CWBII 126)**

1. Great God of mercy,
God of consolation,
look on your people,
gathered here to praise you:
pity our weakness,
come, in pow’r to aid us,
source of all blessing.

2. Jesus, Redeemer,
Lord of all creation,
come as our Saviour,
Jesus, friend of sinners:
grant us forgiveness,
lift our down-cast spirit,
heal us and save us.

3. Joy-giving Spirit,
be our light in darkness,
come to befriend us,
help us bear our burdens:
give us true courage,
breathe your peace around us,
stay with us always.

4. God in three Persons,
trinity eternal,
come to renew us,
fill your Church with glory:
grant us your healing,
pledge of resurrection,
foretaste of heaven.

Text: © 1980 James Quinn, SJ
(1919-2010)
Tune: ISTE CONFESSOR

**Communion: At the Lamb’s high feast
we sing (CWBII 341)**

1. At the Lamb’s high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who has washed us in the tide
flowing from his wounded side.
Praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2. Where the paschal blood is poured,
death’s dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Christ, the Lamb whose blood was shed,
paschal victim, paschal bread!
With sincerity and love
eat we manna from above.

3. Mighty victim from on high,
pow’rs of hell beneath you lie;
death is conquered in the fight,
you have brought us life and light.
Vict’ry’s banner now you wave,
conqu’ring Satan and the grave;
see the prince of darkness quelled,
heaven’s gates are open held.

4. Easter triumph, Easter joy,
sin alone can these destroy;
souls from sin and death set free
glory in their liberty.
Hymns of glory, songs of praise,
Father, unto you we raise;
and to you, our risen King,
with the Spirit, praise we sing.

Text: Ad regias agni dapes;
Latin 4th century;
tr. Robert Campbell (1814-1868), alt.
Tune: SALZBURG

**Recessional: Sing of Mary, pure and
lowly (NLPH 228)**

1. Sing of Mary, pure and lowly,
Virgin-mother undefiled;
sing of God’s own Son most holy,
who became a little child.
Fairest child of fairest mother,
God the Lord who came to earth,
Word made flesh, our very brother,
takes our nature by his birth.

2. Sing of Jesus, son of Mary,
in the home at Nazareth.
Toil and labour cannot weary
love enduring unto death.
Constant was the love he gave her,
though he went forth from her side,
forth to preach, and heal, and suffer
till on Calvary he died.

3. Glory be to God the Father;
glory be to God the Son;
glory be to God the Spirit;
glory to the Three in One.
From the heart of blessed Mary,
from all saints the song ascends,
and the Church the strain re-echoes
unto earth’s remotest ends.

Text: Roland F. Palmer 1891-1985, © Estate of Roland
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Tune: PLEADING SAVIOUR

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



PARISH SYNOD CORNER

Synodality and Trust

Trust grows when people know their
voices matter. Synodality helps rebuild
trust within the Church and between
the Church and society.

Mass Readings: 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9

Seek the Lord while he is still to be found,
call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way,
the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts,
my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth
as my ways are above your ways,
my thoughts above your thoughts.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 144(145):2-3,8-9,17-18
The Lord is near to all who call him.

I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.
The Lord is great, highly to be praised,
his greatness cannot be measured.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

The Lord is near to all who call him.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:20-24,27

Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by
my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death
would bring me something more; but then again, if living in
this body means doing work which is having good results –
I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this
dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which
would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in
this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be un-
worthy of the gospel of Christ.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Newly Married
Orven Malit & Mary Manibo
Stefan Prioriello & Chiara Piazzese
Bruce Plant & Julia Bakowski
Peter Day & Ashleigh Giggins

The Newly Baptised
Lily Giacchi, Miles Herbert, & Giuseppe Ierianni,

Gospel Acclamation: Acts 16:14

Alleluia! Alleluia! Open our hearts, O Lord, to listen to the
words of your Son. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a
landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vine-
yard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denari-
us a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the
third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place
and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give
you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and
again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same.
Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more
men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you
been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired
us” they answered. He said to them, “You go into my vineyard
too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bail-
iff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with
the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were
hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received
one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get
more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it,
but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last”
they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated
them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work
in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My
friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one
denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last
comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like
with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus
the last will be first, and the first, last.’

**A special moment celebrating 70 years as a proud
North Melbourne member.**

Our long-time St Mary’s volunteer, Roy Arceri was
presented with a North Melbourne T-shirt signed by all the
players, honouring his incredible loyalty and
dedication over seven decades.



Congratulations on this wonderful milestone!