

PARISH NEWSLETTER

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FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA

We want to thank everyone who financially supports our parish on a regular basis, or on the occasions when they visit.
Our persistence in asking for financial support is due to the running costs of this parish, especially given the size and age of the church, but also because we don't have the usual number of regular donors as other parishes do, instead, we have many casual visitors given the location of our church.
We ask that for those who visit us occasionally, please consider offering your donations, even if you support another parish. Many people benefit from the sacrament of Reconciliation that is generously available at St. Mary's; a wonderful gift to all.
Thank you for your understanding, and generosity.

TWO YEARS TO GO!

THE 54TH EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028 Sydney, Australia

24 September - 1 October 2028



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



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
5 OCTOBER	6 OCTOBER	7 OCTOBER	8 OCTOBER	9 OCTOBER	10 OCTOBER
SAINT FAUSTINA KOWALSKA	VOTIVE MASS OF SAINT JOSEMARIA ESCRIVA	OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY	VOTIVE MASS OF THE SACRED HEART	SAINT JOHN HENRY NEWMAN	VOTIVE MASS OF OUR LADY
Mass: 7am,12:30pm Pg. 628	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 534-535	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



27TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Produce Good Fruit

“You will never walk alone,” goes the inspiring song. Reflecting on this month of October, the thought comes to me that we should, as Catholics, always feel accompanied. On the second of the month we celebrated the feast of the Holy Guardian Angels. These agents from God—pure spirits—are intended to help us all along the journey of life on earth. Each individual has an angel to watch over him.

Also, we are encouraged very often to seek the assistance of the saints, especially Our Lady. In each Hail Mary, we ask her to pray for us now and at the hour of our death. We have recourse to the intercession of several saints seeking the grace we need to carry out our Christian vocation.

In today’s Gospel, Christ is insisting that each of us ought to give good, abundant fruit. These are various acts of charity we might perform, prayers we say habitually, doing our normal tasks well and using the opportunities we have each week to spread the faith to those around us. Do we sometimes produce only “wild grapes?” Sadly, those are the moments when we lose our patience with others, slack off in our work or are afraid to stand up for God.

We will never be the good Christians God expects us to be, if we do not ask sincerely and often for heaven’s help. It is impossible to carry out our vocation without divine assistance. Each day, we should be asking our guardian angel, Our Lady and any other saint to whom we have devotion, for grace to meet our obligations.

Of course, Jesus asks us to cooperate. We have to try hard to fulfil all our duties, to have patience with others and bring our friends closer to God. But we should not rely on our own talents and abilities, our own energy and effort. That would be a bad mistake.

Try this. Every time you start work in the morning, put a small picture of Mary on your desk, or in front of the monitor at your work station. Then when you change tasks, save a document, send something to the printer or answer the phone, say (in your mind) a brief prayer like “Mother of God, Mother of mine, pray for me.” Or pray a “Memorare” or any other prayer to seek her help.

Every Catholic family should have pictures, or statues, of Our Lady in their home. When you pass by one of them, say something in your heart to Our Blessed Mother: “Pray for us sinners, now, today,” for example. Try also to remember the guardian angels when you are at lunch with your friends or colleagues. Pray to their angels and to yours. Maybe one of them will suggest something you can say that will help that person come closer to God.

Even upsetting events can be an opportunity to ask for God’s help. Perhaps when you read the newspaper, you might say a short prayer for the unfortunate people who suffer so many tragedies. At least remember to make an act of contrition to Our Lord Jesus Christ for the times he is offended when people sin.

Today is the feast of Saint Francis of Assisi. Here are a few words from one of his letters: “It was through his archangel, Saint Gabriel, that the Father above made known to the holy and glorious Virgin Mary that the worthy, holy and glorious Word of the Father would come from heaven and take from her womb the real flesh of our human frailty. Though he was wealthy beyond reckoning, he still willingly chose to be poor with his blessed mother... Let us give alms because these cleanse our souls from the stains of sin. Men lose all the material things they leave behind them in this world, but they carry with them the reward of their charity and the alms they give. For these they will receive from the Lord the reward and recompense they deserve.”

PARISH PERSONNEL

Parish Priest:
Fr Andrew Paris

Priests in Residence:
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



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

Entrance: Christ is our Cornerstone (CWBII 465)

1. Christ is our cornerstone,
on whom alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heav'n are filled:
on his great love our hopes we place
of present grace and joys above.
2. With psalms and hymns of praise
this Holy place shall ring;
our voices we will raise,
the Three in One to sing,
and thus proclaim in joyful song,
both loud and long, that glorious name.
3. Here, gracious God, draw near,
and move among us now;
receive each fervent prayer,
accept each faithful vow,
and more and more on all who pray
each holy day your blessings pour.
4. Here may we gain from Heav'n
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once giv'n,
be with us evermore,
until that day when all the blest
to endless rest are called away.

Tune: HAREWOOD, 66.66.88; Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810-1876
Text: from Urbs beata Hierusalem, anon., Latin c.7th cent., trans. John Chandler 1806 -1876, alt.

Offertory: This is my will, my one command (CWBII 626)

1. “This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell among you all.
This is my will, that you should love
as I have shown that I love you.
2. No greater love can be than this:
to give your life to save one’s friends.
You are my friends if you obey
what I command that you should do.
3. I call you now no longer slaves;
no slave knows all his master does.
I call you friends, for all I hear
my Father say you hear from me.
4. You chose not me, but I chose you,
that you should go and bear much fruit.
I chose you out that you in me
should bear much fruit that will abide.

5. All that you ask my Father dear
for my name’s sake you shall receive.
This is my will, my one command,
that love should dwell in each, in all.”

Text: based on John 15:12-17
© 1969 James Quinn, SJ (1919-2010)
Tune: JESU DULCIS MEMORIA

Communion: One bread, one body (CWBII 579)

Refrain:
One bread, one body,
one Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many
throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

1. Gentile or Jew,
servant or free,
woman or man no more. R.
2. Many the gifts,
many the works,
one in the Lord of all. R.
3. Grain for the fields,
scattered and grown,
gathered to one for all. R.

Text: © 1978 John Foley SJ (b. 1939)
Based on 1 Cor. 10:16, 17; 12:4;
Gal. 3:28; Didache 9
Music: J. Foley

Recessional: Help of Christians Guard this land (CWBII 429)

1. Help of Christians, guard this land
from assault or inward stain;
let it be what Christ has planned,
his new Eden where you reign.
2. Teach us that in Christ your Son
lies the wisdom to be free;
for the cross which we would shun
is man’s tree of liberty.
3. Should the pow’rs of hell arise
and our peace be trampled down,
in that night of blood and lies,
show us still your twelve-starred crown.
4. Take from us the coward heart,
fleeting will, divided mind;
give us sight to play our part
‘though the world around is blind.
5. Image of the Risen life
shining in eternity,
glimmer through our earthly strife,
draw us to your victory.

Text: James McAuley (1917-1976)
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Tune: CAMILLA

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3 – 8 August 2027
Seoul, South Korea

More information on our noticeboard, and at:
<https://youth.melbournecatholic.org/wyd27>



PARISH SYNOD CORNER

Synodality is demanding
Walking together takes patience, time,
and effort. But the Gospel has never
promised an easy path—only a fruitful
one.

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:

BSB: 083 347
A/C: 64396 1382
(For the Parish expenses)

**OR SCAN THE
QR CODE**



Mass Readings: 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing to my friend the song of his love for his vine-
yard.

My friend had a vineyard on a fertile hillside. He dug the
soil, cleared it of stones and planted choice vines in it.
In the middle he built a tower, he dug a press there too.
He expected it to yield grapes, but sour grapes were all
that it gave.

And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and men of Judah, I ask
you to judge between my vineyard and me. What could I
have done for my vineyard that I have not done?
I expected it to yield grapes. Why did it yield sour grapes
instead?

Very well, I will tell you what I am going to do to my vine-
yard:
I will take away its hedge for it to be grazed on, and knock
down its wall for it to be trampled on. I will lay it waste,
unpruned, undug; overgrown by the briar and the thorn.
I will command the clouds to rain no rain on it.
Yes, the vineyard of the Lord of Hosts is the House of Israel,
and the men of Judah that chosen plant. He expected
justice, but found bloodshed, integrity, but only a cry of
distress.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 79(80):9,12-16,19-20

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt;
to plant it you drove out the nations.
It stretched out its branches to the sea,
to the Great River it stretched out its shoots.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Then why have you broken down its walls?
It is plucked by all who pass by.
It is ravaged by the boar of the forest,
devoured by the beasts of the field.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

God of hosts, turn again, we implore,
look down from heaven and see.
Visit this vine and protect it,
the vine your right hand has planted.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

And we shall never forsake you again;
give us life that we may call upon your name.
God of hosts, bring us back;
let your face shine on us and we shall be saved.

The vineyard of the Lord is the house of Israel.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9

There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need,
pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving,
and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we
can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts,
in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers, fill your minds with every-
thing that is true, everything that is noble, everything that is
good and pure, everything that we love and honour, and
everything that can be thought virtuous or worthy of praise.
Keep doing all the things that you learnt from me and have
been taught by me and have heard or seen that I do. Then
the God of peace will be with you.

Gospel Acclamation: John 15:15

Alleluia! Alleluia! I call you friends, says the Lord, because I
have made known to you everything I have learnt from my
Father. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people,
‘Listen to another parable. There was a man, a landowner,
who planted a vineyard; he fenced it round, dug a wine-
press in it and built a tower; then he leased it to tenants
and went abroad. When vintage time drew near he sent his
servants to the tenants to collect his produce. But the ten-
ants seized his servants, thrashed one, killed another and
stoned a third. Next he sent some more servants, this time
a larger number, and they dealt with them in the same way.
Finally he sent his son to them. “They will respect my son”
he said. But when the tenants saw the son, they said to
each other, “This is the heir. Come on, let us kill him and
take over his inheritance.” So they seized him and threw
him out of the vineyard and killed him. Now when the
owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those ten-
ants?’ They answered, ‘He will bring those wretches to a
wretched end and lease the vineyard to other tenants who
will deliver the produce to him when the season arrives.’
Jesus said to them, ‘Have you never read in the scriptures:

It was the stone rejected by the builders that became the
keystone. This was the Lord’s doing and it is wonderful to
see?

‘I tell you, then, that the kingdom of God will be taken from
you and given to a people who will produce its fruit.’

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Newly Married

Shay Pereira & Gemma Oliver
Andrew Eldamouni & Rosa Abdel-Nour

The Newly Baptised

Rocco Paone
Xander and Lachlan Bayley
Sadie Portelli
Sophia Freitas