



OCTOBER - THE MONTH OF THE ROSARY AND UPCOMING AND ROSARY CRUSADE.

The Church has dedicated October as the Month of the Holy Rosary , encouraging the faithful to pray this Marian devotion, for peace in the world, in our Church, families, and in all aspects of life. Pope Leo XIV, in his recent trip to France, during his Angelus said: “I invite all the faithful... to pray the holy rosary throughout the coming month of October, with the particular intention that wars may cease and that peace may be established among peoples in conflict.

Throughout history, the Church has always played a critical role in obtaining peace for the world, and all Catholics have an opportunity to intercede with this powerful prayer devotion.

For those who are interested, the Legion of Mary have organised a Rosary Crusade for Peace on 18 October. Find out more by scanning the QR code, or by reading the flyer on our noticeboard.



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.

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
12 OCTOBER	13 OCTOBER	14 OCTOBER	15 OCTOBER	16 OCTOBER	17 OCTOBER
ST CARLO ACUTIS	VOTIVE MASS OF THE ANGELS	SAINT CALLISTUS 1	SAINT TERESA OF JESUS	SAINT MARGARET MARY ALACOQUE	SAINT IGNATIUS OF ANTIOCH
Mass: 7am,12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 629	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 539-540	Mass:7am,12:30pm Pg. 630	Mass:10:00 am Pg. 541-542





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HOME TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

28TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



“For many are called, but few are chosen.”

Sacred Scripture, that body of inspired writings that forms an essential part of God’s revelation to his children, often speaks to us of what “no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived.” This is especially true when it offers us images and comparisons of what “God has prepared for those who love Him” (1 Cor. 2:9). So Isaiah is moved to write of a “rich banquet” and Jesus Himself speaks in a parable of a wedding feast, a great marriage celebration, to which all and sundry are invited.

These images are not literal descriptions. No word description could be sufficient for the actual experience of being with God and with all those who love Him. They are comparisons with what in our present experience produces contentment, some real degree of satisfaction. However, they must be understood on the deepest level. Otherwise, we will fail to glimpse what God’s rewards are really like. For instance, if the image of a banquet with a great variety of foods and drink on offer were taken on surface value, any more reflective person would end up disappointed. We all have experienced how a hefty meal may leave us out of sorts, or how at times food, nor matter how attractively presented, may even repel. What is really being presented by the image is that which satisfies the deepest need of nourishment of the human spirit, the need for intimate union with God, the cause of all being and life.

Equally, the parable Jesus tells of a wedding feast speaks to us of the love of God for his children – firstly, his eternal Son, then all those whom He seeks to save through the Son who has become Man. For the Son, Jesus, has come to gather together all men and women into a single family, the Church. The Church is the Spouse or Bride, who is not directly mentioned in the parable, the Bridegroom clearly being Jesus Himself. The wedding feast is an image of heaven, where the marriage bond is sealed – an intimate and everlasting union is achieved - between us and Jesus, between God and his children.

But just as there can be no marriage if a woman refuses the offer of a man, so no man or woman enters heaven – to which God invites all - contrary to their own will and acceptance. This willingness needs to be demonstrated in some way. So in the parable Jesus refers to the custom of those times to put on a special garment before entering the wedding hall. The garment, we may interpret, is the forgiveness and grace that God Himself offers us. It is, in St Paul’s words, to “put on Jesus Christ” (cf Romans 13, 14; Gal 3:27), to accept his call to repentance, to embrace his Truth, to be ready to live by his commandments and precepts, with his own strong and loving arm to support us.

While God’s generosity and willingness to forgive are limitless, the human will can still present what is an insurmountable obstacle for entering into intimate union with Him. It is the choice of not accepting God’s unique position in the order of reality. It is the rebellion of deliberately rejecting his just commandments. It is the proud attitude of saying in word, action or consented thought, I will not obey, I will not cooperate, I will not give up what separates me from God. It is insurmountable because God will not act against our own freedom. We all experience and hopefully acknowledge our personal weaknesses, faults and perhaps moments of rebellion. These need not bar the way to heaven, so long as we have the humility and heart to turn back to our Father God and seek reconciliation and amendment. How helpful in this regard is the sacrament of confession, even when we have not gone so far as to put aside the wedding garment.

PARISH PERSONNEL

Parish Priest:
Fr Andrew Paris

Priests in Residence:
Fr Anthony Bernal
Fr Peter Fitzsimons

Parish Office Administrator:
Yvonne Kee.

Communications:
Michelle Komadina

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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: Making their way down through the ages (CWBII 554)

1. Making their way down through the ages,
sinners and saints have heard God’s call:
wealthy and poor, powerful lowly,
Jesus’ disciples, one and all.
Gathered for worship, offering thanks,
the greatest with the least
have come to share this feast.

2. Making their way all the world over,
Christians assemble on this day,
hearing the word, sharing the banquet,
learning to walk in Jesus’ way.
members of Christ, united in love,
they seek our God to know,
and so together grow.

3. Making their way season by season,
pilgrims, we journey till life’s end,
travelling light, sharing the riches,
caring for stranger as for friend,
till in the joy of longing fulfilled,
together we will come
to our eternal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB (b. 1939)
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Tune: KOMT NU MET ZANG

Offertory: As we gather at your table (CWBII 451)

1. As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
now to make Love’s vict’ry known.

2. Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bringing peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as your forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

3. Grant us vision, gracious Spirit
to seek guests to share that feast
where triumphant love will welcome
those who had been last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr (b. 1944)
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Tune: NETTLETON

Communion: Sweet Sacrament Divine (NLPH 237)

1. Sweet Sacrament divine,
hid in thy earthly home,
lo! round thy lowly shrine,
with suppliant hearts we come.
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise
in songs of love and heartfelt praise,
sweet Sacrament divine,
sweet Sacrament divine.

2. Sweet Sacrament of peace,
dear home of ev’ry heart,
where restless yearnings cease,
and sorrows all depart.
There in thine ear all trustfully
we tell our tale of misery,
sweet Sacrament of peace,
sweet Sacrament of peace.

3. Sweet Sacrament of rest,
ark from the ocean’s roar,
within thy shelter blest
soon may we reach the shore.
Save us, for still the tempest raves;
save, lest we shrink beneath the waves,
sweet Sacrament of rest,
sweet Sacrament of rest.

4. Sweet Sacrament divine,
earth’s light and jubilee,
in thy far depths doth shine
thy Godhead’s majesty.
Sweet light, so shine on us we pray,
that in thy service we may stay,
sweet Sacrament divine,
sweet Sacrament divine,

Text: F. Stanfield 1835-1914
Tune: DIVINE MYSTERIES

Recessional: Immaculate Mary, we praise God in you (CWBII 416)

1. Immaculate Mary,
we praise God in you:
his pow’r and his mercy,
his grace giv’n to you.

Refrain
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

2. Predestined for Christ
by eternal decree,
God willed you both virgin
and mother to be. R.

3. To you, by an angel,
the Father made known
the grace of his Spirit,
the gift of his Son. R.

4. Most blest of all women,
you heard and believed,
most blest is the fruit
of your womb then conceived. R.

5. The angels rejoiced
when you bought forth God’s Son;
your joy is the joy
of all ages to come. R.

6. Your child is the Saviour,
all hope lies in him:
he gives us new life
and redeems us from sin.

7. Your Son died for all,
as with sorrow you wept;
you witnessed him risen,
the promise he kept.

8. In glory for ever
now close to your Son,
all ages will praise you
for all God has done. R.

9. Through you to your Son
lead us, Mary we pray;
Through Christ to the Father
is our only way. R.

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Tune: LOURDES HYMN

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PARISH SYNOD CORNER

Synodality and the Holy Spirit

At the heart of synodality is trust in
the Holy Spirit. Without prayer,
synodality becomes mere strategy.
With prayer, it becomes a path of
grace.

Mass Readings: 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10

On this mountain,
the Lord of hosts will prepare for all peoples
a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines,
of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines.
On this mountain he will remove
the mourning veil covering all peoples,
and the shroud enwrapping all nations,
he will destroy Death for ever.
The Lord will wipe away
the tears from every cheek;
he will take away his people’s shame
everywhere on earth,
for the Lord has said so.
That day, it will be said: See, this is our God
in whom we hoped for salvation;
the Lord is the one in whom we hoped.
We exult and we rejoice
that he has saved us;
for the hand of the Lord
rests on this mountain.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 22(23)

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort.

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14,19-20

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have
been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything
anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plen-
ty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the
One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of
you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will
fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God
can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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 22:1-14

Jesus began to speak to the chief priests and elders of the
people in parables: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be com-
pared to a king who gave a feast for his son’s wedding. He
sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but
they would not come. Next he sent some more servants.
“Tell those who have been invited” he said “that I have my
banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have
been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the wed-
ding.” But they were not interested: one went off to his
farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his serv-
ants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was
furious. He dispatched his troops, destroyed those murder-
ers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants, “The
wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to
be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite
everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these servants
went out on to the roads and collected together everyone
they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall
was filled with guests. When the king came in to look at the
guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding
garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my
friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was
silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand
and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will
be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For many are called, but
few are chosen.’

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Newly Married

Sarah Dauguet & Sebastien Jean-Pierre
Robert Greaves & Ashna Raju

The Newly Baptised

Nate, Cole and Grayson Kaklikos
Jana Dragovic