



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
19 OCTOBER	20 OCTOBER	21 OCTOBER	22 OCTOBER	23 OCTOBER	24 OCTOBER
VOTIVE MASS FOR THE DEAD	VOTIVE MASS OF THE ANGELS	VOTIVE MASS FOR THE POPE	SAINT JOHN PAUL II	SAINT JOHN OF CAPISTRANO	VOTIVE MASS FOR OUR LADY
Mass: 7am,12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 629	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 631	Mass:7am,12:30pm Pg. 631	Mass:10:00 am Pg.



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HOME TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY FAMILY



29TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Pope Leo XIV: encyclical Magnifica Humanitas: A Church journeying through human history

19. The Church is present in the world as a sign of unity for the entire human family. She recognizes today’s questions and challenges as the current setting in which to carry out her particular vocation of listening, dialogue and service, and of being responsive to everything concerning the lives of contemporary men and women. This involvement in people’s lives helps the Church understand ever more clearly that her mission has a historical scope and entails a responsibility for the way in which social relations are built. For this reason, she cannot consider herself a stranger to the forces shaping society. On the contrary, the Church actively participates in the processes by which society grows and is organized, and she offers her own contribution to the creation of a more just and fraternal society.

20. The Church’s vocation and duty to accompany humanity in the specifics of history leads her to recognize that earthly realities possess their own proper character and order. The Second Vatican Council expressed this principle with particular precision in the Pastoral Constitution Gaudium et Spes, whose sixtieth anniversary we remembered and celebrated with gratitude on 7 December 2025: “If by the autonomy of earthly affairs is meant that created things and societies themselves enjoy their own laws and values... then the demand for autonomy is perfectly in order.” This affirmation shows that creation bears the imprint of an original goodness that our human outlook must preserve, cultivate and bring to fulfilment. In this regard, the Church offers herself in a way that helps to interpret reality in all its depth. She supports with humble firmness the choices that promote the dignity of every person, the cohesion of communities and the good of all. The Church thus stands alongside the world without overpowering it, so that the promise of justice and peace that the Holy Spirit continues to sustain in the heart of humanity may come to fruition in every human Endeavor.

21. Recognizing that God upholds the freedom of men and women in the unfolding of history, the Second Vatican Council affirmed the distinction between the ecclesial community and the political community, emphasizing that each must operate with full autonomy. The Church’s presence in the world is also expressed through her relationship with civil society and public institutions. By engaging with these entities, the Church acknowledges the value of social and political realities and honours their specific responsibilities, supporting everything that fosters the wellbeing of individuals and strengthens the fabric of society. The Church does not claim to assume the functions belonging to the State. On the contrary, she esteems those who serve the common good, and she firmly acknowledges the responsibility that civil institutions hold within society. At the same time, the mission entrusted to the Church prompts her to address the real suffering of the men and women of our time. This closeness does not stem from an intent to supplant civil institutions, much less from an implicit criticism of their work. Rather, it stems from evangelical charity, which impels the Church to draw near to the wounds of humanity whenever they surface with greater severity. When the Church intervenes, she does so following the example of the Good Samaritan, with discretion and closeness, aware that what arises from urgent necessity cannot become the norm, nor replace the institutional responsibilities proper to the civil community.

22. Starting from this twofold acknowledgment — the autonomy of earthly realities and the distinction between ecclesiastical and political spheres of competence — allows for a clearer understanding of the direction that the Second Vatican Council set for the Church in her relationship with the world. Gaudium et Spes reminds us that “it is the task of the whole People of God, particularly of its pastors and theologians, to listen to and distinguish the many voices of our times and to interpret them in the light of God’s word, in order that the revealed Truth may be more deeply penetrated, better understood and more suitably presented.” Listening to the “many voices” is no mere sociological exercise, but instead requires spiritual discernment. Guided by the Spirit, the People of God come to recognize in cultural and social transformations both the signs of the presence of Christ, who comes and guides history toward its fulfilment, and those aberrations that obscure his face.

PARISH PERSONNEL

Parish Priest:
Fr Andrew Paris

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Fr Anthony Bernal
Fr Peter Fitzsimons

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Yvonne Kee.

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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

Text: James Phillip McAuley (1917-1976)
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Tune: ARALUEN

Communion: Take and Eat (CWBII 608)

**Refrain: Take and eat; take and eat:
this is my body given up for you.
Take and drink; take and drink:
this is my blood given up for you.**

1. I am the Word that spoke and light
was made;
I am the seed that died to be reborn;
I am the bread that comes from heav’n
above;
I am the vine that fills your cup with joy.
R.

2. I am the way that leads the exile
home;
I am the truth that sets the captive free;
I am the life that raises up the dead;
I am your peace, true peace my gift to
you. R.

3. I am the Lamb that takes away your
sin;
I am the gate that guards you night and
day;
you are my flock: you know the shep
herd’s voice;
you are my own: your ransom is my
blood. R.

4. I am the cornerstone that God has
laid;
a chosen stone and precious in his eyes:
you are God’s dwelling place, on me you
rest;
like living stones, a temple for God’s
praise. R.

5. I am the light that came into the
world;
I am the light that darkness cannot hide;
I am the morning star that never sets;
lift up your face, in you my light will
shine. R.

6. I am the first and last, the Living One;
I am the Lord who died that you might
live;
I am the bride-groom, this my wedding
song;
you are my bride, come to the marriage
feast. R.

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**Recessional: Mary Immaculate, star of
the morning (NLPH 150)**

1. Mary Immaculate, Star of the
Morning,
chosen before the creation began,
chosen to bring, for thy bridal adorning,
woe to the serpent and rescue to man.

2. Here in an orbit of shadow and
sadness
veiling thy splendour, thy course thou
hast run;
now thou art throned in all glory and
gladness,
crowned by the hand of thy Saviour and
son.

3. Sinners, we worship thy sinless
perfection;
fallen and weak, for thy pity we plead;
grant us the shield of thy sovereign
protection,
measure thine aid by the depth of our
need.

4. Frail is our nature, and strict our
probation,
watchful the foe that would lure us to
wrong.
Succour our souls in the hour of tempta-
tion,
Mary immaculate, tender and strong.

5. See how the wiles of the serpent
assail us,
see how we waver and flinch in the
fight;
let thine immaculate merit avail us,
make of our weakness a proof of thy
might.

6. Bend from thy throne at the voice of
our crying,
bend to this earth which thy footsteps
have trod;
stretch out thine arms to us living and
dying,
Mary immaculate, Mother of God.

Text: F. W. Weatherell 1829-1903
Tune: LIEBSTER IMMANUEL

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PARISH SYNOD CORNER

Synodality and Scripture

From Abraham’s journey to the
disciples on the road to Emmaus,
Scripture is full of stories of God walk-
ing with His people. Synodality places
us within that biblical story.

Mass Readings: 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Isaiah 45:1,4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:

‘It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the
sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.’

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 95(96):1,3-5,7-10

Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples.

Give the Lord glory and honour.

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens,

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power;
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts.

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: ‘God is king.’
He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Give the Lord glory and honour.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in Thessalo-
nika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ;
wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and the
Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for
you all, and constantly remember before God our Father
how you have shown your faith in action, worked for love
and persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have
been chosen, because when we brought the Good News to
you, it came to you not only as words, but as power and as
the Holy Spirit and as utter conviction.

Gospel Acclamation: Philippians 2:15-16

Alleluia! Alleluia! Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life. Alleluia!

Gospel: Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how
to trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples
to him, together with the Herodians, to say, ‘Master, we
know that you are an honest man and teach the way of God
in an honest way, and that you are not afraid of anyone,
because a man’s rank means nothing to you. Tell us your
opinion, then. Is it permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or
not?’ But Jesus was aware of their malice and replied, ‘You
hypocrites! Why do you set this trap for me? Let me see the
money you pay the tax with.’ They handed him a denarius,
and he said, ‘Whose head is this? Whose name?’ ‘Caesar’s’
they replied. He then said to them, ‘Very well, give back to
Caesar what belongs to Caesar – and to God what belongs
to God.’

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(For the support of the
Priests)

(For the Parish expenses)

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Newly Baptised

Giuliana Salfi
Antonella Rosalia Orellana
Sadie Cahill