



CATHOLIC CARE SUNDAY APPEAL - SUNDAY 3 MAY

Today is the Catholic Care Sunday appeal, and this year, the aim is to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness, and for the wider community to know about who Catholic Care is, and the services they provide, so that anyone requiring such specialised support knows where to find help.
 We pray for your support for this appeal weekend.
 To donate, or for more information, go to: <https://www.catholiccarevic.org.au/>
 More information can be found on our notice board.

MONTH OF MARY



As we are in the month of May, it is a beautiful opportunity to increase our devotion to our blessed Mother. There have been traditions over the centuries of various ways the saints and the faithful have been honoring our Lady. We are invited to do this in our own unique way.
 Some examples are:
 * Praying the Holy Rosary or praying it more often, pray in a group, in a parish, or with the family.
 * Placing an image or statue of Mary in the home in a central location.
 * Going on a local pilgrimage to a Marian shrine, or a church named after our lady, to pray.
 For further reading visit our website under news and events. <https://www.stmaryswestmelbourne.org/month-of-mary>

POPE LEO XIV'S PRAYER FOR PEACE

Lord Jesus,
 you conquered death without weapons or violence:
 you shattered its power with the strength of peace.
 Grant us your peace,
 as you did to the women filled with doubt on Easter morning,
 as you did to the disciples who were hiding in fear.
 Send forth your Spirit,
 the breath that gives life and reconciles,
 that turns adversaries and enemies into brothers and sisters.

Inspire in us to trust in Mary, your mother,
 who stood at the foot of your cross with a broken heart,
 firm in the faith that you would rise again.
 May the madness of war cease
 and the Earth be cared for and cultivated by those who still
 know how to bring forth, protect and love life.
 Hear us, Lord of life!
 Amen
 (Please pray for Pope Leo XIV for the anniversary of his election—8 May)

ARCHDIOCESAN CORPUS CHRISTI PROCESSION 7 JUNE 2026



Along with our parishes, communities and families across the Archdiocese, we are invited to join Archbishop Comensoli at the Archdiocesan Melbourne Corpus Christi Procession on:
Sunday 7 June 2026, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Feast of Corpus Christi).
Begins at 2pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
Concludes at Federation Square
 Archbishop Comensoli said in his Easter Message;
'We are called not only to receive Christ's light but to rediscover its wonder—and to bear that light for others.'

This procession is the perfect way to be a witness to this light, and sharing it with others.

For more information, visit: <https://melbournecatholic.org/events/melbourne-corpus-christi-procession>

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
4 MAY	5 MAY	6 MAY	7 MAY	8 MAY	10 MAY
MONDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF EASTER	TUESDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF EASTER	WEDNESDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF EASTER	THURSDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF EASTER	ANNIVERSARY OF ELECTION OF POPE LEO XIV	SATURDAY OF THE 5TH WEEK OF EASTER
Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 375-376	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 376-377	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 377-378	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 378-379	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 10:00 am Pg. 380-381



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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

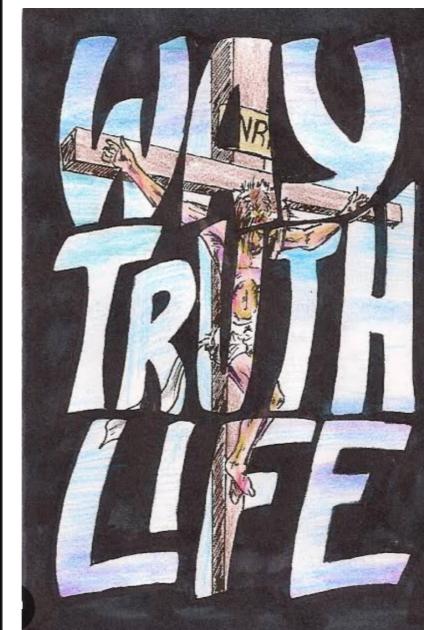
BAPTISMS, WEDDINGS AND FUNERALS

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

5TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



Today's Gospel takes us back to the hours immediately preceding Jesus' most trying time—his agony and passion. This was the emotive occasion of his final Passover meal with the men he had chosen as Apostles. Given the circumstance of this most important religious custom and that of the threats that these men knew were being directed towards Our Lord, they would have hung on his every word. No one would have done so more than the young John who records the following consoling counsel and promise of Christ: "Let not your hearts be troubled; believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms; if it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also." Jesus speaks to them of the reward of eternal life in terms of a grand house belonging to a loving Father and in which a large family lives and shares in the inheritance. In this mansion Jesus himself will live and occupy pride of place, while welcoming all his brothers and sisters into his joyful company.

Christ uses different comparisons to speak of heaven because no one word or analogy can do it justice. As St. Paul says: "Eye has not seen nor ear heard: nor has it entered into the heart of man, what things God has prepared for those that love Him" (1 Cor 2: 9). It is a kingdom, in which the royal priesthood of faithful disciples reign with Him. It is a banquet in which all are nourished by the bread of life who is Jesus Himself – that is by loving communion with Him. It is the place of the Master's joy, into which those who have been faithful in little things enter into the possession of far greater goods. The Catechism of the Catholic Church accordingly teaches: "We can therefore hope in the glory of heaven promised by God to those who love him and do his will. In every circumstance, each one of us should hope, with the grace of God, to persevere 'to the end' and to obtain the joy of heaven, as God's eternal reward for the good works accomplished with the grace of Christ. In hope, the Church prays for 'all men to be saved.' She longs to be united with Christ, her Bridegroom, in the glory of heaven" (n. 1821). And St. Teresa of Avila urged herself, her followers and her readers: "Hope, O my soul, hope. ... Dream that the more you struggle, the more you prove the love that you bear your God, and the more you will rejoice one day with your Beloved, in a happiness and rapture that can never end."

The Easter season is still with us with the frequent references to Jesus resurrected, who is "the same yesterday, today and for ever" (Hebrews 13: 8). We need to see in his Resurrection, not only the proof of his divinity, but also of his ever present holy humanity, present to us especially in the Eucharist, our current Bread of Life. We also need to realize it is the evidence of the promised reward of the future new creation that has already begun with Christ, and with Mary, assumed body and soul to the place of her son's glory. This 'place' will one day 'expand' with the resurrection of those who have died in the love of God. This is very much a part of the "Good News" Jesus brought into the world. It is essential to the foundation of Christian hope, leading us to understand that life, with all its challenges, its high and low moments, is not meaningless, merely ending in death and the void. All are called to meet the Love of loves, having learned to love God and others in this life. For this we have the grace of Christ, and the knowledge of his humanity. Through Him we learn who God is and how He loves us. "He who sees me," Jesus tells the Apostles, "sees the Father."

Hymns

4. As water springing from the rock
once brought God's people life,
The living water giv'n by Christ
creates our lives anew.
So come, you who thirst,
to springs of new life. Ant.

5. We gather here to worship God,
our Eucharist to share.
We give him thanks and celebrate
the myst'ry of his love;
the Word is made flesh
and given for us. Ant.

6. May fragrant smoke of incense rise
to fill this house of prayer.
May we who gather find true peace,
God's presence filling our lives.
Our hearts lift with praise,
our lips sing in joy. Ant.

7. The light of Christ has come to us
dispelling all our fears.
His light reveals the path of life.
We follow him with joy,
the glory of God,
the light of the world. Ant.

Text: Pamela Stotter (b. 1944) alt.
TUNE: CHURCH OF GOD

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
shepherd'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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Text: Refrain & Music © 1989 Michael Joncas (b. 1951)

Recessional: Regina Caeli Laetare (CWBII 405)

Regina caeli, laetare, alleluia:
quia quem meruisti portare, alleluia:
resurrexit sicut dixit, alleluia:
ora pro nobis Deum, alleluia.

Text: Latin 12th cent.
Music: Chant mode VI

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**PARISH SYNOD CORNER****Synodality and bishops**

Bishops remain shepherds and teachers
of the faith. Synodality does not weaken
their authority; rather, it enriches their
ministry by grounding leadership in
prayerful listening and communal
discernment. A bishop who listens walks
more closely with his people, as Christ
the Good Shepherd does.

Mass Readings: 5th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 6:1-7

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 32(33):1-2,4-5,18-19

Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. R

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. R

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. R

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:4-9

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:6

Alleluia, alleluia! I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord; no one comes to the Father, except through me. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:1-12

Jesus said to his disciples:

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me.

There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am going now to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.'

Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.'

PLEASE PRAY FOR:**The Newly Married**

*Zal Demirci &
Samantha Calafiore*

*Kresimir Stjepan Moric &
Ivana Zovak*

Luca Calleghe & Genevieve Yarak

The Newly Baptised

*Leni Dahdah
Dominic Rados
Lucia Chessari*