

MONTH OF MARY



As we are in the month of May dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary, 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>

YOUNG FAMILIES ACTIVITIES

The **Young Families Group** supports young Catholic families with parenting discussions, Bible stories for children, and provides snacks and games.

FOR: Families with infant and primary school aged children.

WHEN/WHERE: After the 10:00 am Sunday Mass in St Mary's Crypt

CONTACT: HANNAH: 0432 829 070 or FERNANDO: 0406 552 094

More information on our website: <https://www.stmaryswestmelbourne.org/families>

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-corporus-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).

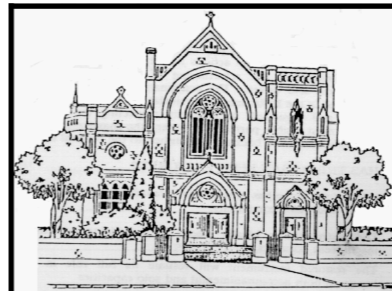
DAILY MASS READINGS AND RESPONSES

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
11 MAY	12 MAY	13 MAY	14 MAY	15 MAY	16 MAY
MONDAY OF THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTER	TUESDAY OF THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTER	OUR LADY OF FATIMA	SAINT MATTHIAS	FRIDAY OF THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTER	SATURDAY OF THE 6TH WEEK OF EASTER
Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 383	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 384	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 614	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 386	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 387	Mass: 10:00 am Pg. 388



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HOME TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

6TH SUNDAY OF EASTER



We are nearing the end of the Easter season and the readings chosen by the Church for this Sunday make reference, in part, to what lies ahead - the celebration of the coming of the Holy Spirit, the solemn feast of Pentecost. It was during the Last Supper that Jesus spoke with special clarity about "another Paraclete" that He would have the Father send to us. The translation we listen to in today's Mass translates this unusual word as "Advocate." An advocate commonly means someone who either defends us or speaks on our behalf to obtain something good and important. We need not think of a lawyer, though often in ordinary usage, this is what people are referring to. But an even more suitable meaning, perhaps, of this special word that Jesus used to speak of the Holy Spirit, is one who consoles, who supports, who counsels.

When Jesus describes Him as "another Advocate" He makes it clear that the Holy Spirit will fulfil a role like His own. He Himself, Jesus that is, came to defend, to console, to support and to teach us. He is the first Paraclete and the Holy Spirit's action confirms and continues what Jesus has done. That does not mean that Our Lord's presence and assistance has ended. The Holy Spirit's mission is inseparably tied to Jesus' saving work. Besides, when Jesus tells the Apostles (and us) that He will not leave them orphans, He adds "because I will come back to you."

The Apostles, at the time, probably understood little or nothing of what this might mean. It would take the experience of Jesus' actual death, His Resurrection (after which He spent 40 days meeting with them at different times and places) and finally, His Ascension before they would understand the new way in which Christ would remain with them and with us. "On that day you will understand that I am in the Father and you in me and I in you."

This intimate spiritual presence of Jesus in our lives is the work of God's grace. We believe as Christians that it is the result of the activity of the Holy Spirit in our souls. It need not be felt in any emotive way but does ask of us the exercise of our faith and the effort to live by God's wise and good commandments. As a result Our Lord assures us that He will always be with us, to assist us, whether we feel it or not. "I shall love him and show myself to him." And certainly, for any person who does their best to live out their Christian life and commitments, there will be times when he or she will experience some special consolation. Whether or not anything is felt, there is God's strength to rely on in defending ourselves against various temptations or possible injuries or injustices coming from others, our own bad inclinations or Satan himself. Note how St. Peter encourages his fellow Christians of the first century writing "And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong. Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God."

Jesus is our first Paraclete or Advocate, and the second—who is the Holy Spirit— seeks always to draw us closer to Him, because, as the Psalm prays, "You, Lord, are our strength" (Psalm 42).

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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

Hymns

Entrance: The strife is o'er, the battle done (NLPH 250)

1. The strife is o'er, the battle done.
The victory of life is won;
the song of triumph has begun:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. The powers of death have done their worst,
but Christ their legions has dispersed:
let shouts of praise and joy outburst:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

3. On the third morn he rose again
glorious in majesty to reign;
O let us swell the joyful strain:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

4. He closed the yawning gates of hell,
the bars from heaven's high portals fell;
let hymns of praise his triumphs tell:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

5. Lord, by your death on Calvary,
from death's dread sting your people free,
that we may live eternally:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Text: 17th century Latin hymn tr. by Francis Pott 1832-1909

Tune: VULPIUS

Offertory: The voice of God (CWBII 621)

1. The voice of God goes out through all
the world: his glory speaks across the
universe.
The great King's herald cries from star
to star: with pow'r, with justice, Christ
will be the way.

2. The Lord has said: "Receive my
messenger, my promise to the world,
my pledge made flesh, a lamp to ev'ry
nation, light from light":
with pow'r, with justice, Christ will be
the way.

3. The broken reed he will not trample
down, nor set his heel upon the dying
flame.

He binds the wounds, and heals with his
strong hand: with pow'r, with justice,
Christ will be the way.

4. Anointed with the Spirit and with
power, he comes to crown with comfort
all the weak, to show the face of justice
to the poor: with pow'r, with justice,
Christ will be the way.

5. His touch will open eyes that dark-
ness held, the lame shall run, the halting
tongue shall sing, the pris'ners laugh in
light and liberty:
with pow'r with justice, Christ will be
the way.

Text: Luke Connaughton (1917-79)

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Tune: WOODLANDS

Communion: Holy Spirit, come confirm us (NLPH 97)

1. Holy Spirit, come, confirm us
in the truth that Christ makes known;
we have faith and understanding
through your helping gifts alone.
Holy Spirit, come, console us,
come as Advocate to plead,
loving Spirit from the Father,
grant in Christ the help we need.

2. Holy Spirit, come, renew us,
come yourself to make us live;
holy through your loving presence,
holy through the gifts you give.
Holy Spirit, come, possess us,
you the love of Three in One;
Holy Spirit of the Father,
Holy Spirit of the Son.

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Tune: HYFRYDOL 87.87 D; Rowland Hugh Prichard 1811-1887

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 priests**

For priests, synodality is not an added burden but a way of exercising ministry in communion. When priests foster listening and participation, parishes become more alive, missionary, and joyful. The priest presides at the Eucharist, but the whole community contributes to the Church's mission.

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
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Mass Readings: 6th Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 8:5-8,14-17

Philip went to a Samaritan town and proclaimed the Christ to them. The people united in welcoming the message Philip preached, either because they had heard of the miracles he worked or because they saw them for themselves. There were, for example, unclean spirits that came shrieking out of many who were possessed, and several paralytics and cripples were cured. As a result there was great rejoicing in that town.
When the apostles in Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them, and they went down there, and prayed for the Samaritans to receive the Holy Spirit, for as yet he had not come down on any of them: they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus. Then they laid hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 65(66):1-7,16,20

Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! R

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. R

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. R

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. R

Second Reading: 1 Peter 3:15-18

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and always have your answer ready for people who ask you the reason for the hope that you all have. But give it with courtesy and respect and with a clear conscience, so that those who slander you when you are living a good life in Christ may be proved wrong in the accusations that they bring. And if it is the will of God that you should suffer, it is better to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.
Why, Christ himself, innocent though he was, had died once for sins, died for the guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

Gospel Acclamation: John 14:23

Alleluia, alleluia! All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Gospel: John 14:15-21

Jesus said to his disciples:

'If you love me you will keep my commandments.

I shall ask the Father,

and he will give you another Advocate

to be with you for ever,

that Spirit of truth

whom the world can never receive

since it neither sees nor knows him;

but you know him,

because he is with you, he is in you.

I will not leave you orphans;

I will come back to you.

In a short time the world will no longer see me;

but you will see me,

because I live and you will live.

On that day you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.

Anybody who receives my commandments and keeps them
will be one who loves me;

and anybody who loves me will be loved by my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.'

PLEASE PRAY FOR:**The Newly Married**

Jason Liistro & Claudia Jane Zerafa

*Daniel Domenic Prinzi &
Alessandra Margherita Naso*

The Newly Baptised

Robert Slaviero