

HOW TO RECEIVE COMMUNION



We are reminded that receiving Holy Communion means we are unaware of any grave sins that we have not already confessed in the sacrament of confession. Catholics are obliged by the Church to go to Confession at least once a year during the Lent and Easter seasons.

Please feel free to receive Communion either standing or kneeling.

Please feel free to receive Communion either on the hand or on the tongue.

If receiving on the hand: hold hand horizontal to avoid host falling; step to one side and consume the host in the presence of the priest.

For safety's sake the elderly and infirm are encouraged to receive standing.

If you are not going to receive communion you may remain seated throughout as everyone will receive a blessing at the end of the Mass. If you would like to receive a blessing during communion please cross your arms on your chest as you approach the priest.

THE 54TH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS 2028

In 2028, Australia will host the 54th International Eucharistic Congress in Sydney, a global encounter with Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Pilgrims from around the world are invited to come together in worship, reflection, and celebration, united by a shared faith and a mission to carry Christ into the world.

This congress dates back to 1881, with the first in Lille France, in a response to the changes that were happening in society following the French and Industrial Revolutions. Faithful Catholics felt the need to unite in faith and devotion to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, and to bring Christ into the world. The mission is the same today.



Visit the official website for more information, and register your details to stay up to date with the news and events, and volunteer your help during the congress.

“A moment to believe.”

<https://eucharist28.org/>

PARKING NOTICE AND CHANGES DUE TO ROOF REPAIRS

Scaffolding has been erected on the side of the church, so there will be no parking available there for 4 about weeks. We apologise for the inconvenience. Plenty of parking can be found in the surrounding streets, but please ensure to observe the parking regulations to avoid any fines.

Please remember: Parking on church grounds is strictly for St Mary Star of the Sea Masses and church events. As parking is very limited, please consider others by not leaving your car for extended periods of time, especially in the forecourt after Mass, as parking is needed for Baptisms and Weddings on weekends.

Thank you to all who have donated to our Roof Restoration Fund.

For those who would like to donate, please scan the QR code and once in the CDF page, in the drop-down menu, select “Roof Restoration Fund”. You can also find take-home flyers in the back of the church and foyer.

Thank you for your support!



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
6 APRIL	7 APRIL	8 APRIL	9 APRIL	10 APRIL	11 APRIL
MONDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	TUESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	WEDNESDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	THURSDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	FRIDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER	SATURDAY WITHIN THE OCTAVE OF EASTER
Mass:10:00 am Pg. 343-344	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 344-345	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 345-346	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 346-347	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 347-348	Mass:10:00 am Pg. 349-350



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HOME TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

EASTER SUNDAY



THE SUN RISES in Jerusalem. The night's darkness slowly gives way as the first rays illumine the city walls, the Temple, the fortress towers... Mary Magdalen and several other women leave the city and begin walking towards the northwest, towards Calvary. The streets are empty. Their hearts are heavy, saddened that Jesus' death has darkened the whole earth forever. The sun no longer seems to shine as it did when the Master was with them. But they aren't deterred by the darkness, nor by the guards posted in front of the tomb by the Sanhedrin, nor by the fact that Jesus has been dead for three days now. They don't know who will roll away the stone sealing the tomb for them, but they

refuse to remain shut up at home. Once again they pass by the places where Jesus used to walk. And once again their hearts tremble at the thought of all that has happened. But they refuse to give in to fear.

“The faith of these women really moves me,” said Saint Josemaria in an Easter meditation. “And it reminds me of so many good things about my mother, as you will also be recalling many wonderful details about yours ... The women knew about the soldiers posted there. They knew that the tomb was completely shut. But they spent their money to buy the oil anyway, and shortly before sunrise they went to anoint the dead body of our Lord. They needed a lot of courage! When they reached the tomb, they saw that the stone had been rolled back (cf. Mk 16:4). This always happens. When we decide to do what we have to do, difficulties are easily overcome.” [1]

We ask them to help us have a love for our Lord as strong as theirs, stronger than the unspeakable suffering of the Passion. In the hearts of these women, the fire that Christ himself kindled has not been totally extinguished. They have risen very early, and not in vain. God cannot resist such love and He gives them the best news of all, the definitive news in which all the prophecies are fulfilled: “I have risen and am still with you,” he says to each of us. “My hand upholds you. Wherever you may fall, you will always fall into my hands. I am present even at the door of death. Where no one can accompany you further, and where you can bring nothing, even there I am waiting for you, and for you I will change darkness into light.” [2]

THEY HASTEN WITH JOY, although still perplexed, to the Cenacle to announce to the apostles what they have seen. But when the apostles listen to the message the women bring, still breathing deeply from their haste, it seems madness to them. Their words are accompanied by tears and expressions of joy. But Peter and John want to know everything possible about the Master, even though they aren't convinced by the women's words. So they both ran, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first (Jn 20:4). We want to run with them and even overtake John. What if what the women are saying is true? What if Jesus has fulfilled his promise? As they run towards the tomb in the early morning light, hope begins to grow in the hearts of these two apostles.

We can turn our eyes to Saint Peter for a moment: “He didn't remain sedentary, in thought; he didn't stay at home as the others did. He didn't succumb to the somber atmosphere of those days, nor was he overwhelmed by his doubts. He wasn't consumed by remorse, fear, or the continual gossip that leads nowhere. He was looking for Jesus, not for himself. This marked the beginning of Peter's resurrection, the resurrection of his heart. Without giving in to sadness or darkness, he made room for hope: he allowed God's light to enter into his heart, without smothering it.” [3]

Even though, like Peter, we have sometimes denied Jesus, also like Peter we want to return to Him. “Now is the time to make a change, my children” Saint Josemaria said in an Easter Sunday meditation. “Holiness means being reborn every day. Don't let your mistakes get you down, as long as you have good will and begin again each time. Take all your failings, all those obstacles on the path, and place them at Christ's feet, so that he will be raised on high and triumph – and you will triumph along with him. Don't let anything bother you: rectify your intention; begin again, try again and again. And in the end, if you can't manage it, our Lord will come and help you to leap over the hurdle, the hurdle of holiness. This is the way to renew ourselves, to overcome ourselves: a daily ‘resurrection,’ with the certainty that we will make it to the end of our path, where love awaits us.” [4]

[1] Saint Josemaria, Meditation, 29 March 1959.
[2] Benedict XVI, Homily, 7 April 2007.
[3] Francis, Homily, 26 March 2016
[4] Saint Josemaria, Meditation, 29 March 1959.

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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: Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise (CWBII 346)

1. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hearts to heav'n and voices raise
sing to God a hymn of gladness,
sing to God a hymn of praise.

He, who on the cross as Victim,
for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
now is risen from the dead.

2. Now the iron bars are broken,
Christ from death to life and light
glorious life, and life immortal,
on this holy Easter night.
Christ has triumphed, and we conquer
by his mighty enterprise;
we with him to life eternal
by his resurrection rise.

3. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour
who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit,
fount of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
to the Triune Majesty.

Text: Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885) alt.
Tune: HYMN TO JOY

Sequence: Christians, praise the paschal victim (CWBII 344)1. Christians, praise the paschal victim!
Offer thankful sacrifice!

2. Christ the Lamb has saved the sheep,
Christ the just one paid the price,
reconciling sinners to the Father.

3. Death and life fought bitterly
for this wondrous victory:
the Lord of life who died reigns glorified!

4. O Mary, come and say
what you saw at break of day.

5. "The empty tomb of my living Lord!
I saw Christ Jesus risen and adored!

6. Bright angels testified,
shroud and grave clothes side by side!

7. Yes, Christ my hope rose gloriously.
He goes before you into Galilee."

8. Share the Good News, sing joyfully:
his death is victory!

Lord Jesus, victor King, show us mercy.

Text: Victimae paschali laudes; attr. Wipo of Burgundy
(c. 995-1048); tr. Peter J. Scagnelli (1949-2017) © 1983
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Tune: Chant melody (Mode I)

Offertory: That Easter day with joy was bright (CWBII 366)

1. That Easter day with joy was bright,
the sun shone out with fairer light,
Alleluia, alleluia!
when to their longing eyes restored,
the glad apostles saw their Lord.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

2. His risen flesh with radiance glowed;
his wounded hands and feet he showed;
Alleluia, alleluia!
those scars their solemn witness gave
that Christ was risen from the grave.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

3. O Jesus, King of gentleness,
who with your grace our hearts possess,
Alleluia, alleluia!
that we may give you all our days
the willing tribute of our praise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

4. O Lord of all, with us abide
in this our joyful Eastertide;
Alleluia, alleluia!
from ev'ry weapon death can wield
your own redeemed for ever shield.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

5. All praise to you, O risen Lord,
from death to endless life restored;
Alleluia, alleluia!
to God the Father equal praise,
and Spirit blest, our songs we raise.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia!

Text: Claro paschali gaudio; Latin 5th c.
tr. J. M. Neale (1818-1866) alt.
Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Communion: By your priestly power, O risen Lord (CWBII 462)**Antiphon**

**By your priestly power, O risen Lord,
all we lost and needed is restored.
God in our communion be adored.**

1. At your hands, Lord, we are fed,
hands that guide and do not falter,
wounded hands that broke the bread
on this altar. **Ant.**

2 At your hands we seek release
from the evils that assail us
for we know the Bread of Peace
will not fail us. **Ant.**

3. In the world that we have known
selfish, loud, vain passions riot;
Lord, with you, with you alone
is deep quiet. **Ant.**

4. To that world we must return
sharing in its hopes and labour,
bringing to it Christ's concern
for our neighbour. **Ant.**

Text: James McAuley (1917-1976)
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Music: TRAVALLI by Richard Connolly (b. 1927)

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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Mass Readings: Easter Sunday

First Reading: Acts 10:34,37-43

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 117(118):1-2,16-17,22-23

This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' R

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. R

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. R

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-4

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

Sequence: Christians, praise the paschal victim

(See opposite page)

Gospel Acclamation: 1 Corinthians 5:7-8

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:1-9

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

**The Newly Baptised, and those
being received into the Church this
Easter weekend.**

*Peumike Dissanayake
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**PARISH SYNOD CORNER****Synodality is not new -**

Synodality is not a modern invention. From the earliest days of the Church, Christians gathered to pray, listen, and discern together. In the Acts of the Apostles, the Church faced difficult questions and resolved them not through power struggles, but through prayer, dialogue, and trust in the Holy Spirit.