

ROOF REPAIRS UPDATE

The repairs to the Southern nave roof have now been completed and the scaffolding is being removed. There will be scaffolding to access the Sacristy roof for the next stage of repairs and restoration. We thank you for your patience as we navigate the parking restrictions. 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”.

Thank you for your support!

BEYOND THE VOWS—A ONE DAY MARRIAGE RETREAT

This is one-day marriage retreat, designed to help couples build strong, faith-filled marriages. It will be hosted by *Beyond the Vows*, and led by Byron and Francine Pirola—co-founders and principal authors of the *SmartLoving* marriage preparation series.

DATE:

SATURDAY 30 MAY 2026

TIME:

9.45AM-5.00PM

VENUE:

CATHOLIC REGIONAL COLLEGE
10 COLLEGE ST CAROLINE SPRINGS

COST:

\$80 PER COUPLE

To register, scan the QR code. (More information can be found on our noticeboard and flyers in the foyer).

CONFIRMATION CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Confirmation classes for children will begin on **Sunday 31 May** after the 10am Sunday Mass. The Confirmation ceremony will take place on: **Sunday 15 November** at St Mary Star of the Sea . For registration and more information, please contact the parish office or email: info@stmaryswestmelbourne.org

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
25 MAY	26 MAY	27 MAY	28 MAY	29 MAY	30 MAY
OUR LADY HELP OF CHRISTIANS	SAINT PHILIP NERI	ST AUGUSTINE OF CANTERBURY	VOTIVE MASS OF THE EUCHARIST	POPE ST PAUL VI	SATURDAY MASS OF OUR LADY
Mass:7am, 12:30pm Pg. 402-403	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 404-405	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 615	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 616	Mass:10:00 am Pg.

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HOME TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY FAMILY

PENTECOST

Ten days after the Ascension of Our Lord Jesus Christ, while the Apostles and certain disciples and relatives of Jesus were in prayer together with Mary, His Mother, the Holy Spirit manifested Himself under noticeable signs of wind and fire to signal the birth of the Church of Christ. This dramatic moment was followed by a surge of courage and interior enlightenment of the Apostles, who at the time of Jesus’ death had been confused and frightened. St. Luke tells, in his Acts of the Apostles, how other miraculous effects marked this day. These included the remarkable experience of many pilgrim visitors to Jerusalem, who heard the Apostles’ testimonies about Jesus in their own languages. Peter and the others, who were ignorant of these diverse languages, were able, nevertheless, to communicate the truth of Christ to foreigners. What is more, a very sizable number of men and women were convinced by what they heard to the point of requesting the baptism of Christ on that very day.

The origin of the Catholic Church and our Christian faith is not something shrouded in a murky past. Jesus lived at a very definite time known to us through historical writings of the period. Luke’s Acts is a chronicle beautifully compiled from what had been recounted by others or witnessed by himself. Both the Church’s birth and growth were marked by the action of the Holy Spirit and Luke is particularly careful to call attention to that.

Today we celebrate this outpouring of God’s grace upon the first Christians drawing them into communion and enabling them to reach out and draw others into union with Christ. This beginning of the Church’s life and mission occurred on a day already celebrated by these disciples and their Jewish contemporaries as a festival of “first fruits” of the harvest. It had also come to mark the sealing of the Old Covenant of God’s people through His servant Moses. This festival had been given the name “Pentecost” by Jews who spoke mainly Greek. The word means “fifty days” and refers to the time between the celebration of Passover (our Easter) and “Shavuot”, the Hebrew name for the feast. So the same period marked the time between Jesus’ Passion and Resurrection and the fulfilment of His promise to send the Holy Spirit to teach, strengthen, console and guide the Apostles.

We should never lose sight of this essential reality in the Church. The Church has its human side because it calls together ordinary people like us. This side of the Church is therefore marked by imperfection and even, sadly, the effects of personal sins. Yet it can never lose its divine side, which is Christ and His Spirit. The Holy Spirit guarantees the Church’s ongoing existence, its constant renewal, its continual self purification and sanctifying action through its holy teachings, its life-giving sacraments, and the supernatural support we can experience with the communion of saints, that is, through our union with those on the road to holiness or already confirmed in holiness in heaven.

On the feast of Pentecost we could say that Jesus’ mission on earth ends and ours begins, encouraged, impelled and sustained by his same Spirit. We receive his same mission, entrusted by the Father to his Son. “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I send you” (Jn 20:21). We are filled with gratitude for such a great gift and want the fire that burned in Christ’s heart, and that he longed to see enkindled on earth, to burn in our hearts too. We want the “tongues of fire” that appeared over the heads of the apostles, and that are present in our souls, to spread to the furthest corner of the world.

‘I will not leave you orphans.’ Today, on the feast of Pentecost, Jesus’ words remind us also of the maternal presence of Mary in the Upper Room. The Mother of Jesus is with the community of disciples gathered in prayer: she is the living remembrance of the Son and the living invocation of the Holy Spirit. She is the Mother of the Church. We entrust to her intercession, in a particular way, all Christians, families and communities that at this moment are most in need of the Spirit, the Paraclete, the Defender and Comforter, the Spirit of truth, freedom and peace.”[8]

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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

Hymns



Mass Setting
Missa De Angelis
For chant notation/
lyrics, please
scan the QR code

Entrance: Come Holy Ghost (CWBII 382)

1. Come Holy Ghost, Creator, come
from thy bright heav’nly throne;
come, take possession of our souls
and make them all thine own.

2. Thou, who art called the Paraclete,
best gift of God above,
the living spring, the living fire,
sweet unction and true love.

3. Thou, who are sev’nfold in thy grace,
finger of God’s right hand,
his promise teaching little ones
to speak and understand.

4. O guide our minds with thy blest light,
with love our hearts inflame;
and with thy strength, which ne’er decays,
confirm our mortal frame.

5. Far from us drive our deadly foe;
true peace unto us bring;
and through all perils lead us safe
beneath thy sacred wing.

6. Through thee may we the Father know,
through thee th’eternal Son,
and thee the Spirit of them both,
thrice blessèd Three in One.

7. All glory to the Father be,
With his coequal Son:
the same to thee, great Paraclete,
while endless ages run.

Text: Veni Creator Spiritus,
attrib. Rabanus Maurus (c. 776-856),
tr. anon.
Tune: TALLIS’ ORDINAL

Sequence: Holy Spirit, Lord divine (CWBII 378a)

1. Holy Spirit, Lord divine,
come, from heights of heav’n and shine,
come with blessed radiance bright!

2. Come, O Father of the poor,
come, whose treasured gifts endure,
come, our heart’s unfailing light!

3. Of consolors, wisest, best,
and our soul’s most welcome guest,
sweet refreshment, sweet repose.

4. In our labour rest most sweet,
pleasant coolness in the heat,
consolation in our woes.

5. Light most blessed, shine with grace
in our heart’s most secret place,
fill your faithful through and through.

6. Left without your presence here,
life itself would disappear,
nothing thrives apart from you!

7. Cleanse our soiled hearts of sin,
arid souls refresh within,
wounded lives to health restore.

8. Bend the stubborn heart and will,
melt the frozen, warm the chill,
guide the wayward home once more!

9. On the faithful who are true
and profess their faith in you,
in your sev’n-fold gift descend!

10. Give us virtue’s sure reward,
give us your salvation, Lord,
give us joys that never end! Amen

Text: Veni Sancte Spiritus, 13th c.
sequence attr. Stephen Langton (d. 1228)
tr. & © 1983 Peter J. Scagnelli (1949-2017)
after Edward Caswell (1814-1878)
Tune: Chant mode 1

Offertory: Veni creator spiritus (CWBII 390)

1. Veni, Creator Spiritus,
mentes tuorum visita:
imple superna gratia,
quae tu creasti pectora.

2. Qui diceris Paraclitus,
donum Dei altissimi,
fons vivus, ignis, caritas,
et spiritualis unctio.

3. Tu septiformis munere,
dextrae Dei tu digitus,
tu rite promissum Patris,
sermone ditans guttura.

4. Accende lumen sensibus,
infunde amorem cordibus,
infirmi nostri corporis,
virtute firmans perpeti.

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

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5. Hostem repellas longius
pacemque dones protinus:
ductore sic te praevio,
vitemus omne noxium.

6. Per te sciamus da Patrem
noscamus atque Filium,
te utriusque Spiritum,
credamus omni tempore.

7. Deo Patri sit gloria,
et Filio, qui a mortuis
surrexit, ac Paraclito
in saeculorum saecula. Amen

Text: Veni Creator Spiritus
ascribed to Rabanus Maurus (c776 – 856)
from the Liber Hymnarius © SAS La Froidfontaine
Music: VENI CREATOR SPIRITUS
(Chant Mode VIII)

Communion: O Breathe on me, breath of God (CWBII 564)

1. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love all that you love
and do what you would do.

2. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until with you I have one will,
to do and to endure.

3. O breathe on me, O breath of God,
and all my life refine,
until this earthly part of me
glows with your fire divine.

4. O breathe on me, O breath of God;
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
of your eternity.

Text: Edwin Hatch 1835-1889, alt.
Tune: ST COLUMBA

Recessional: Regina Caeli Laetare (CWBII 405)

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

Mass Readings: Pentecost

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

When Pentecost day came round, they had all met in one room, when suddenly they heard what sounded like a powerful wind from heaven, the noise of which filled the entire house in which they were sitting; and something appeared to them that seemed like tongues of fire; these separated and came to rest on the head of each of them. They were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and began to speak foreign languages as the Spirit gave them the gift of speech.

Now there were devout men living in Jerusalem from every nation under heaven, and at this sound they all assembled, each one bewildered to hear these men speaking his own language. They were amazed and astonished. ‘Surely’ they said ‘all these men speaking are Galileans? How does it happen that each of us hears them in his own native language? Parthians, Medes and Elamites; people from Mesopotamia, Judaea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya round Cyrene; as well as visitors from Rome – Jews and proselytes alike – Cretans and Arabs; we hear them preaching in our own language about the marvels of God.’

Responsorial Psalm: 103(104):1,24,29-31,34
Lord, send out your Spirit, and renew the face of the earth.

Bless the Lord, my soul!
Lord God, how great you are,
How many are your works, O Lord!
The earth is full of your riches. R

You take back your spirit, they die,
returning to the dust from which they came.
You send forth your spirit, they are created;
and you renew the face of the earth. R

May the glory of the Lord last for ever!
May the Lord rejoice in his works!
May my thoughts be pleasing to him.
I find my joy in the Lord. R

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 12:3-7,12-13
No one can say, ‘Jesus is Lord’ unless he is under the influence of the Holy Spirit.
There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose.
Just as a human body, though it is made up of many parts, is a single unit because all these parts, though many, make one body, so it is with Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptised, Jews as well as Greeks, slaves as well as citizens, and one Spirit was given to us all to drink.

Sequence: See opposite page

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, alleluia! Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Alleluia!

Gospel: John 20:19-23

In the evening of the first day of the week, the doors were closed in the room where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood among them. He said to them, ‘Peace be with you’, and showed them his hands and his side. The disciples were filled with joy when they saw the Lord, and he said to them again, ‘Peace be with you.

‘As the Father sent me, so am I sending you.’

After saying this he breathed on them and said:

‘Receive the Holy Spirit. For those whose sins you forgive, they are forgiven; for those whose sins you retain, they are retained.’



PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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