



PARISH PATRONAL FEAST DAY / FR ANTHONY’S 80TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

TODAY!

Please join us in celebrating our Patronal Feast Day, Mary Star of the Sea
On Sunday 27 September at the 10 am Mass
&
Fr Anthony Bernal’s 80th birthday.
We will continue celebrations in the school hall after Mass with refreshments -
all are welcome.

* If you would like to contribute to Fr Anthony’s gift, we are happy to collect a cash donation at the celebration. A collection box will be available.

Thank you!

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—



PARKING AVAILABILITY

Parking is available in the Simonds College parking lot, (entry via Victoria Street) strictly for Sunday 10:00 am Mass only.
It will be closed after events have finished.

SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN - OUR POLICY AND COMMITMENT

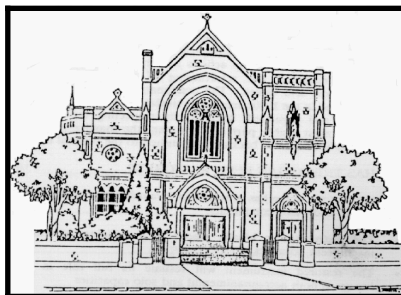
At St Mary Star of the Sea, we are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person, ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our church. This commitment is extended to clergy, employees, and volunteers at our church, regardless 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
28 SEPTEMBER	29 SEPTEMBER	30 SEPTEMBER	1 OCTOBER	2 OCTOBER	3 OCTOBER
SAINT LAWRENCE RUIZ AND COMPANIONS Mass: 7am,12:30pm Pg. 628	SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL & RAPHAEL Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 525-526	SAINT JEROME Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 527-528	SAINT THERESE OF THE CHILD JESUS Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 528-529	THE HOLY GUARDIAN ANGELS Mass:7am,12:30pm Pg. 529-531	VOTIVE MASS OF OUR LADY Mass:10:00 am Pg.



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PARISH PERSONNEL

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Fr Andrew Paris

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Fr Peter Fitzsimons

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Yvonne Kee.

Communications:
Michelle Komadina

Sacred Music Centre Director:
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Mimi Lee

Office booking hours:
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

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA



Today we at St Mary’s happily celebrate our Patronal Feast remembering how this church and parish have been dedicat-
ed to the honour and entrusted to the intercession of Our Lady, under her ancient invocation as Star of the Sea. The following words of Pope Benedict XVI offer us great en-
couragement to foster our love and prayer to Mary under this beautiful title: “With a hymn composed in the eighth or ninth century, thus for over a thousand years, the Church has greeted Mary, the Mother of God, as “Star of the Sea”: Ave maris stella. Human life is a journey. Towards what destina-
tion? How do we find the way? Life is like a voyage on the sea of history, often dark and stormy, a voyage in which we watch for the stars that indicate the route. The true stars of our life are the people who have lived good lives. They are lights of hope. Certainly, Jesus Christ is the true light, the sun that has risen above all the shadows of history. But to reach him we also need lights close by—people who shine with his light and so guide us along our way. Who more than Mary could be a star of hope for us? With her “yes” she opened the door of our world to God himself; she became the living Ark of the Covenant, in whom God took flesh, became one of us, and pitched his tent among us” (cf. Jn 1:14; n.49).

When it comes to living a truly Christian way of life, the greatest model we know we must look to is Jesus Christ himself. He possessed all the authentic virtues a human being is called to de-
velop in order to be fully human. When the book of Genesis recounts the creation of the first man and first woman, it teaches that God’s intention was to make them “in the image and like-
ness” of himself. Nothing created can be a total “image and likeness” of God, because God is infinite and, as such , he is unique. Just the same, he can create beings who manifest, in a real but limited way, crucial aspects of himself, such as his intellect and free will, or who share to a high degree in his attributes of goodness, beauty and holiness. Our first parents were made and meant to be such images and likenesses of God to each other and to their children. As human beings they were the “apple of God’s eye”, the reason for which He had chosen to create the whole universe—the environment for their development. However, their great sin of disobedi-
ence and disunity with God disrupted all that. Though they continued be, on some level, “in the image of God.” by means of their natural gifts, they lost the “likeness” to Him because they lost the intimate relationship that grace gives.

Because God did not cease to love them—and us—he went on to set the stage for the coming of his very own Son—as the perfect God who would become perfect man. So it was that the birth of Jesus Christ was announced to Mary by the angel with these words: “He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High.” Jesus became one of us not only so as to be able to make amends for our many sins, acting on our behalf, but also, as “perfect man”, to serve us as an example and model for our humanity, so we might become—as we are meant to be—both images and likenesses of God our Father.

Yet God also wished to give us another model, since we, as human beings, have been made male and female. This other model is the woman whom Jesus presented to us from the Cross, saying “Behold your Mother.” She is the woman whom early Church Fathers called: “the new Eve.” She is Mary who has become for us a guide and example drawing us to Christ our Sav-
iour—She is the Star who in times of confusion or temptation lights the darkness and gains for us grace to act in a truly human and divine way. “Holy Mary, Mother of God, our Mother, teach us to believe, to hope, to love with you. Show us the way to his Kingdom! Star of the Sea, shine upon us and guide us on our way!” (Benedict XVI, Spe Salvi, n.50)



Mass Setting
Missa de Angelis
For music notation/
lyrics, please
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Entrance: Hail Queen of Heaven
(CWBII 408)

1. Hail, Queen of heav'n, the ocean Star,
guide of the wand'rer here below,
thrown on life's surge we claim your
care:
save us from peril and from woe.
Mother of Christ, Star of the Sea,
pray for the wand'rer, pray for me.

2. O gentle, chaste and spotless maid,
we sinners make our prayers through
thee;
remind thy Son that He has paid
the price of our iniquity.
Virgin most pure, Star of the Sea,
pray for the sinner, pray for me.

3. And while to him who reigns above,
in Godhead One, in Persons Three,
the source of life, of grace, of love,
homage we pay on bended knee.
Do thou, bright Queen, Star of the Sea,
pray for thy children, pray for me.

Text: based on Salve Regina, J. Lingard 1771-1851, alt
Tune: STELLA

Offertory: Immaculate Mary, we praise
God in you (CWBII 416)

1. Immaculate Mary,
we praise God in you:
his pow'r and his mercy,
his grace giv'n to you.

Refrain
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.
Ave, ave, ave, Maria.

2. Predestined for Christ
by eternal decree,
God willed you both virgin
and mother to be. R.

3. To you, by an angel,
the Father made known
the grace of his Spirit,
the gift of his Son. R.

4. Most blest of all women,
you heard and believed,
most blest is the fruit
of your womb then conceived. R.

5. The angels rejoiced
when you bought forth God's Son;
your joy is the joy
of all ages to come. R.

6. Your child is the Saviour,
all hope lies in him:
he gives us new life
and redeems us from sin.

7. Your Son died for all,
as with sorrow you wept;
you witnessed him risen,
the promise he kept.

8. In glory for ever
now close to your Son,
all ages will praise you
for all God has done. R.

9. Through you to your Son
lead us, Mary we pray;
Through Christ to the Father
is our only way. R.

Text: Brian Foley 1919-2000, alt
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Tune: LOURDES HYMN

Communion: Jesus, my Lord, my God
my all (CWBII 163)

1. Jesus, my Lord, my God, my all,
how can I love thee as I ought?
And how revere this wondrous gift,
so far surpassing hope or thought?

Refrain:
Sweet Sacrament, we thee adore;
Oh, make us love thee more and more.
Oh, make us love thee more and more.

2. Had I but Mary's sinless heart
to love thee with, my dearest King,
Oh, with what bursts of fervent praise
thy goodness, Jesus, would I sing. R.

3. Thy body, soul and God-head all,
myst'ry of love in bread and wine;
and in our sharing we are fed,
Guests of God's banquet feast divine. R.

Text: vv. 1 & 2: Frederick William Faber (1814-1863)
v. 3 Bernard Kirkpatrick (b. 1965).
Tune: EUCHARIST

Recessional: Gentle Virgin Mother
(CWBII 407)

1. Gentle Virgin Mother,
Blest above all other,
guiding star of ocean,
lead us to salvation.

2. Now with Gabriel's blessing,
we, your grace confessing,
offer you our greeting,
for your peace entreating.

3. Break the bonds that chain us,
heav'nly mercy gain us,
free us from our blindness
in your loving kindness.

4. Mother of salvation,
hear our supplication,
to our Saviour pleading,
kindly interceding.

5. Teach us, maiden lowly,
to be pure and holy,
so by your endeavour
we rejoice forever.

Text: Ave Maris Stella 9th Cent.,
paraphr. A. G. Petti 1932-1985 © Faber Music Ltd,
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Tune: AVE MARIS STELLA

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<https://youth.melbournecatholic.org/wyd27>



PARISH SYNOD CORNER

Synodality is demanding
Walking together takes patience, time,
and effort. But the Gospel has never
promised an easy path—only a fruitful
one.

Mass Readings: St Mary Star of the Sea

First Reading: Wisdom 14: 1-7

Again, someone else, taking a ship to cross the raging sea,
invokes a log even frailer than the vessel that bears him.
No doubt that ship is the product of a craving for gain, its
building embodies the wisdom of the shipwright, but your
providence, Father, is what steers it, you have opened a
pathway even through the sea, a safe way over the waves,
showing that you can save, whatever happens, so that
even without skill a man may sail abroad.
It is not your will that the works of your Wisdom lie idle,
and hence men entrust their lives to the smallest piece of
wood, cross the high seas on a raft and come safe to port.
Why, in the beginning even, while the proud giants were
perishing, the hope of the world took refuge on a raft and,
steered by your hand, preserved the germ of a new gener-
ation for the ages to come. For blessed is the wood which
serves the cause of virtue.

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 106

Trust in the Lord, for his mercy endures for ever.

Let them say this, the Lord's redeemed,
whom he redeemed from the hand of the foe,
and gathered from far-off lands,
from east and west, north and south. R

Some wandered in the desert, in the wilderness,
finding no way to a city they could dwell in.
Hungry they were and thirsty;
their soul was fainting within them. R

Then they cried to the Lord in their need
and he rescued them from their distress
and he led them along the right way,
to reach a city they could dwell in. R

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 2: 1-8

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers
offered for everyone—petition, intercession and thanks-
giving—especially for kings and others in authority, so that
we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace
and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our sav-
iour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full
knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and
there is only one mediator between God and mankind,
himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ran-
som for them all.

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

The Newly Married

Luke Merckel & Tara Mashakada

He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I
have been named a herald and apostle of it and—I am tell-
ing the truth and no lie—a teacher of the faith and the truth
to the pagans. In every place, then, I want the men to lift
their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or
argument.

Gospel Acclamation:

Alleluia, Alleluia! A star shall come out of Jacob,
and a sceptre shall rise out of Israel. Alleluia!

Luke 1: 26-38

The angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee
called Nazareth, to a virgin betrothed to a man named
Joseph, of the house of David; and the virgin's name was
Mary. He went in and said to her, 'Rejoice, so highly
favoured! The Lord is with you.' She was deeply disturbed
by these words and asked herself what this greeting could
mean, but the angel said to her, 'Mary, do not be afraid;
you have won God's favour. Listen! You are to conceive and
bear a son, and you must name him Jesus. He will be great
and will be called Son of the Most High. The Lord will give
him the throne of his ancestor David; he will rule over the
House of Jacob for ever and his reign will have no end.'
Mary said to the angel, 'But how can this come about, since
I am a virgin?' 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you with its
shadow. And so the child will be holy, and will be called the
Son of God. Know this too: your kinswoman Elizabeth has,
in her old age, herself conceived a son, and she whom
people called barren is now in her sixth month, for nothing
is impossible for God.' 'I am the handmaid of the Lord.' said
Mary 'let what you have said be done to me.' And the angel
left her.

PARISH FINANCIAL SUPPORT

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St Mary Star of the Sea Parish
Melbourne West
Ref: Donation type,
e.g. RESTORATION, etc.

OR SCAN QR CODE



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