



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:

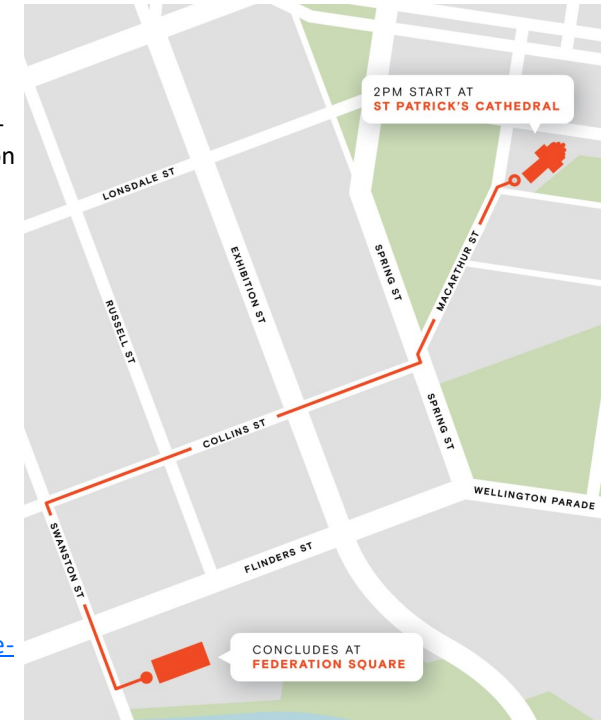
Sunday 7 June 2026, the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Feast of Corpus Christi).

Begins at 2pm at St Patrick’s Cathedral, East Melbourne
Concludes at Federation Square - see map for the route

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>



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!



SAFEGUARDING CHILDREN - OUR POLICY AND COMMITMENT

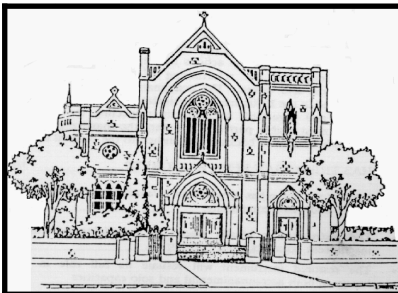
At St Mary Star of the Sea, we are committed to upholding the safety and dignity of each child and young person, ensuring that they are able to grow and develop in a caring and supportive environment in our church. This commitment is extended to clergy, employees, and volunteers at our church, regardless 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
8 JUNE	9 JUNE	10 JUNE	11 JUNE	12 JUNE	13 JUNE
MASS FOR THE BISHOP (ANN. ORDINATION) Mass:7am, 12:30pm Pg. 10 am PUBLIC HOLIDAY	SAINT EPHREM Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 617	VOTIVE MASS OF SAINT JOSEPH Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg.	SAINT BARNABAS Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 421-422	THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS Mass: 7am, 12:30pm Pg. 422-424	SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA Mass:10:00 am Pg. 618-619



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HOME TO THE ARCHDIOCESAN SHRINE OF THE HOLY FAMILY



THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST



This Solemnity goes back to the thirteenth century. It was first established in the diocese of Libge, and Pope Urban IV instituted it in 1264 for the whole Church. The meaning of this feast is the consideration of and devotion to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The centre of the feast was to be, as Pope Urban IV described it, a popular devotion reflected in hymns and joy. In the same year Saint Thomas Aquinas, at the Pope’s request, composed for this day two Offices which have nourished the piety of many Christians throughout the centuries. In many different places the procession with the Monstrance through specially bedecked streets gives testimony of the Christian people’s faith and love for Christ, who once again passes through our cities and towns. The procession began in the same way as the feast itself.

On this day the liturgy itself and popular piety, which have spared no efforts in their search or inventiveness and beauty, come together to sing to the Love of loves. Today we must give many thanks to God for having remained amongst us, make atonement to him and express to him our joy at having him so close to us: Adorn te devote, latens Deitas ... O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore thee, we will repeat to him many times this day from the very depths of our hearts.

When we visit the Blessed Sacrament we will be able to say slowly to Our Lord, with love: Plagas, sicut Thomas, non intueor... I do not see your wounds as Thomas saw them, but I confess that you are my God.

Make me believe thee ever more and more, In thee my hope, in thee my love to store. It was faith in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist that led to devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass as well. In the first centuries of the Church the Sacred Species were reserved so that Communion could be taken to the sick and to those who were in prison awaiting martyrdom because they had confessed their faith. As time went by, the faith and love of believers caused them to make both public and private devotion to the Holy Eucharist far richer. Their faith led them to treat the Body of Christ with the greatest possible reverence and this also led to greater public devotion. We can find many testimonies in the most ancient documents of the Church to the veneration by the early Christians which later was to make way for the feast we celebrate today.

Our Lord and our God is in the Tabernacle. Christ is in the Tabernacle, and it is there that we must show him our adoration and our love. This veneration for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is expressed in many ways - Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, processions, prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, genuflections that are real acts of faith and of adoration. Amongst these devotions and various forms of worship, particularly worthy of mention is the solemnity of Corpus Christi as a public act by which the Church seeks to pay homage to Christ present in the Eucharist ... The Church and the world have great need of eucharistic devotions. Jesus is waiting for us in this sacrament of Love. Let us not be sparing in the time we spend going to meet him in adoration, in contemplation filled with faith, and let us be prepared to make reparation for the many grave faults and offences committed against him in the world. May our adoration never cease (John Paul II, Letter, Dominicae Cenae, 24 February 1980). Today especially has to be filled with acts of faith and of love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

If we take part in the day’s procession, accompanying Jesus, we will be like those simple people who joyfully followed the Master during the days of his life on earth, and who with great naturalness told him of all their needs and about the sufferings they endured. We too will experience the happiness and the joy of being with him. If we see him pass through our streets exposed in the Monstrance, we will tell him from the depths of our hearts how much He means to us.

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Office booking hours:
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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

