

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.’
The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES’ CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, /
Creator of heaven and earth, / and in
Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, /
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, /
born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under
Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and
was buried; / he descended into hell; /
on the third day he rose again from
the dead; / he ascended into heaven, /
and is seated at the right hand of God
the Father almighty; / from there he
will come to judge the living and the
dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the
holy catholic Church, / the communion
of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, /
the resurrection of the body, / and life
everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread
and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to
each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that
my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to
God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at
your hands for the praise and glory of his
name, for our good and the good of all
his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings, so that,
purified by your graciousness, we may be
conformed to the mysteries of your mighty
love. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Lift up your hearts.

R. We lift them up to the Lord.

P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

R. It is right and just.

PREFACE I-V OF EASTER

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he
who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.

All: Save us, Saviour of the world,
for by your Cross and Resurrection
you have set us free.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour’s command and formed by
divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven ...

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray...

All: For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said...

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins
of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of
the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who
takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are
those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy
that you should enter under my roof,
but only say the word
and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord, and I will ask the Father
and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Almighty ever-living God, who restore us
to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this
paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts
the strength of this saving food. Through
Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. May almighty God bless you,
the Father, and the Son, ✠ and the Holy
Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go in peace.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

THE SPIRIT IS WITH US

Last week it was worry. Today it is
about loneliness. We know loneliness.
We know what it feels like, for example,
when someone close to us dies. Grief,
sadness and loneliness can be palpable.
In today’s Gospel, John invites us again
to draw closer to Jesus who addresses the
loneliness which the disciples (and, at
times, ourselves) can experience. When
we feel God’s apparent silence or absence,
when we deal with death or tragedy, Jesus
promises ‘another Advocate’. This is the
promise of his very Spirit that will remain
with the disciples when he physically
leaves them.

By the time John writes, this is already
a reality and Jesus’ spirit, the Advocate,
the ‘Spirit of Truth’, is with them and
‘forever’. They will not be left orphaned
as the Spirit accompanies them in every
generation to experience his eternal and
real, though non-physical, presence.
But there is a second promise that Jesus
makes. He will return as he offers an
eschatological vision, an insight into
the final days, in which the disciples
will experience their communion and
intimacy with God restored. They will
discover a love that is eternal and carry
them through those days of loneliness.

This is the promise that we need to
hear, especially as we grapple with our
experiences of loneliness brought on by
grief of our beloved dead or the persistent
loneliness of life that surrounds us. Jesus’
Advocate, his Spirit, is with us.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

10 MAY 2026

PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS. The early Christian community could not remain as
an enclosed, self-contained group in Jerusalem. Its members felt impelled by Christ to
bring the Good News to Samaria and then to the ends of the earth. Christians in every
age are called to be fully involved in the life and joys and pains of the world. At times
this can be difficult but the Spirit of God is always with us to help us.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 48:20

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be
heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and
the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit be with you all.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us
acknowledge our sins, and so prepare
ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.
P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.

R. For we have sinned against you.

P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.

R. And grant us your salvation.

P. May almighty God have mercy on
us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to
everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

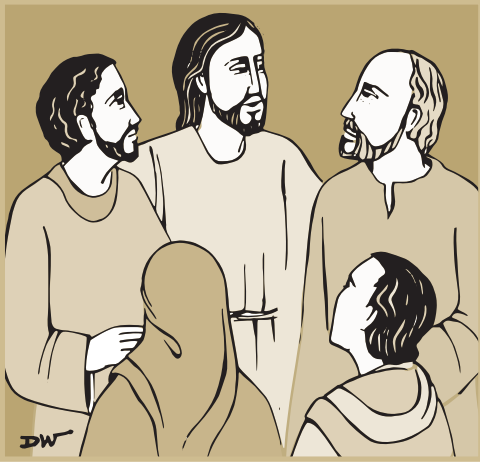
R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on
earth peace to people of good will. / We
praise you, / we bless you, / we adore
you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks
for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly
King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord
Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord
God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, /
you take away the sins of the world, /
have mercy on us; / you take away the
sins of the world, / receive our prayer; /
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father, / have mercy on us. / For you
alone are the Holy One, / you alone are
the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in
the glory of God the Father. / Amen.



4. 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 for me. R.

SECOND READING 1 Pet 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he
was raised to life.

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.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 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 Jn 14:15-21

P. The Lord be with you.

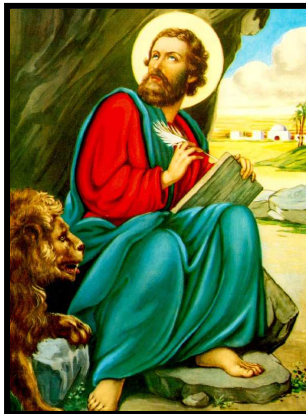
R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according
to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.
I shall ask the Father and he will give you
another Advocate.

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my
commandments.



St. Mark's Parish, Fawkner

St. Mark's Parish is committed to the safety, well being and dignity of all children, people and vulnerable adults.

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"I will not forget you... I have carved you on the palm of my Hand" (Is 49:15-16)

Weekday Mass Times:

Monday to Saturday: 9:00am.

Weekend Mass Times:

6:00pm: Saturday Vigil Mass.
10:00am: Sunday Morning Mass.
6:00pm: Sunday Evening Mass.

First Sunday of the Month:

Renewal of Marriage Vows.

Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturday 9:30am and 5:15pm.
Or feel free to phone Fr. Colin.

Every Thursday of the Month:

5:30 - 7:00pm: Hope Café (Free Dinner).

First Wednesday of the Month:

7:00pm: Baptism Preparation Meeting.

First Saturday of the Month:

10:00 - 11:30am: Working Bee.

Parish Advisory and Safeguarding

Committee: Fr. Colin Xavier, P. Wilson, A. George, L. Rahme, L. Grech, D. Abela, E. Bathan.



ST. MATTHEW'S PARISH, MASS TIMES

Tuesday - Friday: 9:30am. Saturday: 5:30pm.
Sunday: 9:00am and 10:30am (Italian).



Are you planning a Marriage in the near future?

If so, in order to avoid disappointment, it is most important to first make an appointment with the Parish Priest prior to making any other bookings.



Do not leave your mobiles, purses, wallets, handbags unattended - others may think it is an answer to their prayers...

BEQUEATHING

Would you like to remember the Parish in your Will? Property, Money, Artwork, Plants...

There are many ways you can be remembered.

Do contact the Parish Office (03) 9359 3111 for further information. May God bless you!

ST. MARK'S CATHOLIC PARISH

A warm welcome to new parishioners.

Please let us know that you have joined our community and if there is anything we can do for you.



New to our Parish? ☐

Changing address? ☐

Need Thanksgiving Envelopes? ☐

Please Complete the details below and place in the collection plate at Mass or send to the Parish office.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

PARISH PRAYER

God our Father, bless this parish so that we may love you more.

Help parents to be good examples to their children and our youth to grow in strength as good Christians.
Encircle our families with your loving care.

To the sick and the weak grant health, to the aged bring serenity, and to those in sorrow, joy.

May we grow stronger in faith and may our love for one another become deeper in our daily living.
Amen.

QR CODE AND ACCOUNT DETAILS FOR THE THANKSGIVING PLEDGE



To make a thanksgiving payment, parishioners simply scan your MelbCatholic QR code with your mobile phone camera and follow a few easy steps. This QR code is unique to St. Mark's Church. Alternatively please make a direct transfer to our Parish Account.

Account Name: St. Mark's Church
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We thank you for your continuous support and help!



Next Weekends Rosters:

16th May (Sat):

6.00pm Reader: D. Abela.

Extraordinary Minister:

17th May (Sun):

10.00am: Reader: J. Mansour & T. Betham.

Extraordinary Minister: R. Mirabile, F. Cortara & G. Canfailla.

6.00pm: Reader: D. Borg.

Church Cleaning:

14th May (Thu) Team 2
A. Campana & S. Markus.

Counters:

12th May: L. Grech.
19th May: L. McGowan.

Thanksgiving: \$465(Env) \$604 (Loose). Presbytery: \$215 (Env) \$548 (Loose).

Thank you for your generosity & support.



all that's missing is U!



MONTH OF MARY, MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS, PRAY FOR US.

Pilgrim Virgin: 30th Apr - Stephan Family. 14th May - Markus Family.

Recently Deceased: Grazia Tuccitto and Eugenia Faba.

Death Anniversary: Filomena Ricotta.

13th May (Wed): Feast of Our Lady of Fatima.

14th May (Thu): Feast of St. Matthias, Apostle.

Easter House Blessing: Those who wish to have their homes blessed during this Easter time please contact the Parish office.

"The simple things are also the most extraordinary things, and only the wise can see them."

WITNESSING THE GOSPEL THROUGH UNITY



Peace and the unity of the Church have been the two recurring and foundational themes of the first year of the pontificate of Pope Leo XIV, who continues to ask for prayers for these intentions.

Pope Leo affirmed that The love of Christ urges us on because it possesses us, envelops us and captivates us. This is the power that attracts everyone to Christ... While unity attracts, division scatters. It seems to me that physics also confirms this, both on the microscopic and macroscopic levels. Therefore in order to be a truly missionary Church, one that is capable of witnessing to the attractive power of Christ's love, we must first of all put into practice his commandment, the only one he gave us after washing his disciples' feet: "Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another."

The words of Jesus on this matter indicate the heart of the mission: "This is how all will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another." The unity of the Church is thus manifested in this capacity to live, by grace, new relationships with brothers and sisters. It is manifested in this capacity to love one another and to forgive each other, allowing the communion that, in authentically lived Christian experience, prevails over every difference and division to shine forth.



8. 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.

NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE FOR 2026 PARISH MASS COUNT

This Annual Parish Mass count taken in May is important for pastoral planning activities by the Archdiocese. This year the four weekends of 2-3 May, 9-10 May, 16-17 May and 23-24 May have been selected for the count.



With sadness we once again announce the passing away of **Marta Sturt**. Her Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, 12th May at 10:30am. May her dear soul rest in gentle peace.

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS AND MOTHER FIGURES OF OUR PARISH!

"A society without mothers would be a dehumanized society, for mothers are always, even in the worst moments, witnesses of tenderness, dedication and moral strength."

"WHO WILL ANSWER?"

"I asked our Lord to do something "about the sick and the dying, those crippled with disease, "and he asked me, "Will you comfort one?"

"I asked our Lord to do something "about the thousands who starve to death every day, "and he asked me, "Will you feed one?"

"I asked our Lord to love the people "who seem so different from myself, "and he asked me, "Will you love one?"

"I asked our Lord to do something "about those who have no rights to speak out for justice, "and he asked me, "Will you speak for one?"

"I asked the Lord to do something "about the thousands of abandoned children "in city streets, "and he asked me, "Will you protect one?"

"In the streets and alleys I saw children naked, "hungry, and cold. "In my anger, I asked God, "Why do you allow such things? "Why don't you do something?" "He replied, "I did something. I made you."

As long as we see the world in forms of division, we'll continue to live in the dark. Daytime begins when we can see each other through the eyes of God, who loves us. My prayer for you is as Dorothy Day prayed:

"Lord, give us our daily bread to the hungry, "and hunger for you, to those who have bread to eat."



15th May (Fri): 7:00pm - Movie Night in the Hope Cafe! Movie: 13th Day from the diary of Sr. Lucia. Refreshments and drinks are served. All are welcome!

CATECHISM OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH

57. If God is omnipotent and provident, why then does evil exist?
To this question, as painful and mysterious as it is, only the whole of Christian faith can constitute a response. God is not in any way - directly or indirectly - the cause of evil. He illuminates the mystery of evil in his Son Jesus Christ who died and rose in order to vanquish that great moral evil, human sin, which is at the root of all other evils.