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SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2026

MASS TIMES

Saturday vigil 5:00pm; Sunday 9:00am, 10:30am, 5:00pm

Weekdays: Monday – Saturday 9:15 am, Wednesdays 7:30pm (7:15pm Novena, Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

OTHER DEVOTIONS & SERVICES

1st FRIDAY VIGIL MASSNext Mass: 3rd July

1st Friday of the month 7:30pm to Midnight Mass.

FILIPINO MASSNext Mass: 12th July

2nd Sunday of the month at 12pm.

MALTESE MASSNext Mass: 18th July

3rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30pm. Rosary 3:40pm.

INDONESIAN FAMILY MASSNext Mass: 18th July

3rd Saturday of the month at 7pm.

AGAPE RENEWAL PRAYER MEETING

Contact Jigimon – 0402 652 646.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:

1st Saturdays of every month (except school holidays), meeting in the church foyer.

AYA FELLOWSHIP

Young Adults, last Saturdays of the month for those aged 19–35. Trybooking now open.

CATECHIST R.E. CLASSES

Resumes Tuesday July 14th. Term 3 (4:15pm - 5pm). The following classes are offered:

Pre-Sacramental: Prep, 1s, 2s | First Reconciliation: Minimum Year 3 level | First Eucharist: Students who have already received First Reconciliation | Confirmation: Minimum Year 6 level.

Enquiries: May Park, 9407 6700. Enrolment QR code

CHILDREN'S LITURGY

Sundays 10:30am Mass. Pre-school and lower to middle primary school children are welcome.

DIVINE MERCY CHAPLET

Fridays, 2:45 pm in the chapel and Friday mornings after 9:15am Mass.

CONFSESSION TIMES

Wednesday 6:15pm – 7:15pm

Saturday 9:45am – 10:45am

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration & Benediction during these times.

HOUSE BLESSINGS

Please fill in the card in the foyer.

JESUS YOUTH YOUNG ADULTS

Thursdays, 7 pm. Contact Irene K. Jacob – 0481 829 529.

JUNIOR LEGION OF MARY

Wednesdays, 3:30 pm during school terms in the fellowship area. Contact Jackie.

LEGION OF MARY

Thursdays, 10:00 am in the church fellowship area. Contact Jackie – 0422 443 324.

LIFE TEEN

Sundays during the school terms 6–7:45pm for those in high-school. Contact Michelle, Parish Office 9407 6700.

MEN'S MEET & GREET GROUP

1st Wednesday of the month, 7:00 pm (Small Hall).

MOTHERS WHO PRAY FOR THEIR CHILDREN

Mondays, 6:30 pm - 8:00 pm in the Church fellowship area.

NOVENA TO ST ANTHONY (MALAYALAM):

Tuesdays, 6:30 pm.

NOVENA TO ST JOSEPH

1st Wednesday of the month after 9:15 am Mass.

PARISH CELLS OF EVANGELISATION:

There will be NO Cells All Leaders Meeting this Tuesday – 5th Tuesday of the month.

PASSIONIST FAMILY GROUP

Contact Regina – 0432 267 557.

PRAYER COMPANIONS

Prayers for people after Mass in the Chapel after 9 am & 10.30 am Masses.

ST ANTHONY'S PRAYER GROUP MASS

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm.

WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP

Fridays, 7:00 pm in the chapel. Contact Nancy, 0434 559 352.

PARISH CONTRIBUTIONS

1st Collection Presbytery Account: To support the priests of this parish, sick and retired priests, priests of various chaplaincies of the Archdiocese, and the Archbishop.

2nd Collection (Thanksgiving) Church Account: To support church operating costs (including debt repayment) and to support the growth and pastoral outreach of our parish and other agencies of the Archdiocese. Please Note: We kindly request that you do not put foreign currency in the collection, as it cannot be banked and causes malfunction to our counting machines. Please save it for your next overseas holiday!

Parish Contributions can be dropped off between 9am and 5pm each day at the parish office.

Envelopes: Please remember to write the amount on the front of your thanksgiving envelopes.

Parish Bank Account details for electronic payments

PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT

BSB: 083-347

Acc: 637480734

CHURCH ACCOUNT

BSB: 083-347

Acc: 637482019

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Dennis Clear

In Memorium: Rosalind Ann Yeo Gaik Lan, Jordan Beaine

Those who are ill: Don Hurdoyal, Michelle Commarmond, Keith Lambert, Emmanuel KJ, Jeffrey Canny, Pierce Ng, Angus Santosa, Fr Anthony Fox, Julieta Bordan, Kim Ki Tan, Greg Forrester, Nancy Gheno, Caterina Schiavello, Cliff Aquilina, David Wallace, Fr Terry Kean.

(From time to time we will modify the sick list. If you prefer a person to remain on the list please contact the parish office.)

The newsletter will be available each week on our website www.melbcatholic.org/millpark

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR A

SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2026

OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL HELP

Feast Day – 27th June

Dear Parishioners,

Last Wednesday, our parish celebrated 30 years since the commencement of the weekly Novena and Mass in honour of Our Lady of Perpetual Help, held every Wednesday at 7:30 pm.

For three decades, parishioners have faithfully gathered to seek Our Lady’s intercession and give thanks for the many graces received. We thank all who have supported this devotion over the years and pray that Our Lady of Perpetual Help will continue to guide and protect our parish community.

The 27th June is also a day of personal significance for me as the anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. I give thanks to God for the great grace of the priesthood over the past eleven years, and ask of your charity to pray for me in fulfilling the call of the Lord to serve his flock.

Yours in Christ, Fr Francis Denton.

70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE PASTORELLE SISTERS

Congratulations to the Pastorelle Sisters as they celebrate the 70th Anniversary of their Congregation. We give thanks to God for seventy years of faithful service, prayer, and dedication to the Church and the wider community May the Lord continue to bless the Sisters and their mission.

St Damian’s Parish, 5 Settlement Road, Bundoora.

The celebration will begin at 1pm with a Mini Concert, followed 2pm Eucharistic Celebration (Mass), concluding with afternoon tea. RSVP for catering Text or call 0401 356 298 or 0411 361 081

WE WELCOME THE MGLS THIS WEEKEND

YOUNG MEN OF GOD MOVEMENT

POWER Conference this July, a residential 3-day Catholic conference for young men focused on deepening in faith, strengthening brotherhood, and growing in leadership.

17-19 JULY - BELGRAVE HEIGHTS

Fr Mahir Murad, Samuel Clear, Josh Angrisano, Fr Michael Last (MGL), Fr Ken Barker (MGL), Jonathan & Karen Doyle

CHOIRS ON BREAK DURING JULY HOLIDAYS

Our choirs at Mass will have a break on the first two weekends in July: 4 – 5th and 11 – 12th July. We thank them for the talents they share with us faithfully every week.

CHILDRENS LITURGY BREAK DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS.

ST VINCENT DE PAUL WINTER APPEAL

Next weekend we will be collecting for the St Vincent DePaul Winter Appeal. Funds raised will go directly towards programs providing assistance to those experiencing homelessness, poverty and cost of living pressure.

BECOME A CATHOLIC Begins September (Date TBC) 7:30pm Thursdays, Church

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults program is a process of Christian formation offered to those who seek to become a Catholic. Please contact the Parish Office with any queries

PETER'S PENCE

Special Collection this weekend the 28-29th June (Scan to learn more!)

Let us resolve to bring his love everywhere, never forgetting that each of our sisters and brothers is a dwelling place of God and that his presence is manifested above all in the little ones, in the poor and the suffering

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THE DAWSON CENTRE COLLOQUIUM 2026

'Can we arrest the decline of Western Civilisation and if so, how?'

Many are aware of the global decline of Christian culture, morals and values that have defined the West and her institutions for almost two millennia. This one-day conference presents a wide range of speakers who will explore the various ways we can salvage the Christian West from the wreckage of Postmodern culture and rebuild an authentically human civilisation of love.

The Colloquium will include the following speakers:

Dr Kevin Donnelly

Dr David Daintree

Dr Mark Hobart

Mr John Roskam

Mrs Anna Krohn

Miss Catherine Sheehan

Mr John Smyth

Mr Michael Suttie

Mr Leigh Fetter

Fr Francis Denton

Peter August

TICKETS

St Peter's Catholic Church Toorak, VIC

Saturday, July 11 • 9 AM - 4 PM

INTRODUCTORY RITES	
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	Ps 46:2
All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!	
PENITENTIAL ACT	
I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, <i>And, striking their breast, they say:</i> through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.	
KYRIE	
V. Lord, have mercy.	R. Lord, have mercy.
V. Christ, have mercy.	R. Christ, have mercy.
V. Lord, have mercy.	R. Lord, have mercy.
Or:	
V. Kyrie, eleison.	R. Kyrie, eleison.
V. Christe, eleison.	R. Christe, eleison.
V. Kyrie, eleison.	R. Kyrie, eleison.
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 Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.	
Amen.	

LITURGY OF THE WORD	
FIRST READING	2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16
One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, ‘Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.’ One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. ‘What can be done for her?’ he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, ‘Well, she has no son and her husband is old.’ Elisha said, ‘Call her.’ The servant called her and she stood at the door. ‘This time next year,’ Elisha said ‘you will hold a son in your arms.’ The word of the Lord.	
R. Thanks be to God.	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2
R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.	
1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. R.	
2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, who find their joy every day in your name, who make your justice the source of their bliss. R.	
3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; it is by your favour that our might is exalted: for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. R.	
SECOND READING	Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11
When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life. But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.	
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	1 Pet 2: 9
Alleluia! Alleluia!	
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light.	
Alleluia!	
GOSPEL	Mt 10: 37-42
Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it. ‘Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me. ‘Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet’s reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man’s reward. ‘If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’ The Gospel of the Lord.	
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.	
NICENE CREED	
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, <i>At the words that follow, up to and including ‘and became man’, all bow.</i> and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead	

and his kingdom will have no end.	PAGE 3
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.	
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST	
SANCTUS	
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. Or: Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua. Hosanna in excelsis. Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Hosanna in excelsis.	
MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION	
P. The mystery of faith. We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection until you come again. Or: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again. Or: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.	
COMMUNION RITE	
AGNUS DEI	
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. Or: Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.	
COMMUNION ANTIPHON	cf. Ps 102: 1
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.	