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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 MASS 1 st Friday of the month 7:30pm to Midnight Mass. Next Mass: 4 Sept
FILIPINO MASS 2 nd Sunday of the month at 12pm. Next Mass: 13 Sept
MALTESE MASS 3 rd Saturday of the month at 4 pm. Confession 3:30pm. Rosary 3:40pm. Next Mass: 19 Sept
INDONESIAN FAMILY MASS 3 rd Saturday of the month at 7pm. Next Mass: 15 Sept
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 Classes have resumed for 2026. Term 3 (4:15pm - 5pm). Please contact the Parish Office for late enrolments. 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
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.
HOUSE BLESSINGS Please fill in the card in the foyer.

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.	Parish Bank Account details for electronic payments
AND (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.	PRESBYTERY ACCOUNT BSB: 083-347 Acc: 637480734
Special 2nd Collection: This weekend 22nd - 23rd August: The Archbishop’s Campaign Parish Contributions can be dropped off between 9am and 5pm each day at the parish office.	CHURCH ACCOUNT BSB: 083-347 Acc: 637482019
Envelopes: Please remember to write the amount on the front of your thanksgiving envelopes.	

PLEASE PRAY FOR
Recently Deceased: Fr Pene, Arthur Michael Dharmi, Philomena Taliana, Vittoria Bitonti, Marilyn Filippini
In Memorium: Malia Sei, Theresiamma Joseph, Jacinto & Mark, Carman Bezzina, Agatona Havier, Bossi Enrico, Maureen Gill, Russel Alan, Margaret Dimech
Those who are ill: Raffaele Sirianni, Johnny Atapans, Keith Lambert, Emmanuel KJ, Jeffrey Canny, Pierce Ng, Fr Anthony Fox, Julieta Bordan, Kim Ki Tan, Greg Forrester, Nancy Gheno, Caterina Schiavello, Cliff Aquilina.
(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

CONFESSION TIMES
Wednesday 6:15pm – 7:15pm
Saturday 9:45am – 10:45am
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Adoration & Benediction during these times.

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: The next Cells All Leaders Meeting will be on Tuesday, 1st September.
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, 7pm.
WORD OF LIFE PRAYER GROUP Fridays, 7:00 pm in the chapel. Contact Nancy, 0434 559 352.



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THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION

St Francis of Assisi Primary School

Congratulations to the Grade 6 students from St Francis of Assisi Primary School who are receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation this weekend.



We are blessed to have the **Most Reverend Thinh Xuan Nguyen**, Auxiliary Bishop of Melbourne to administer this Sacrament across four Masses this weekend.

Please keep these young people in your prayers as they continue to grow in faith, strengthened by the gifts of the Holy Spirit.

We sincerely thank Mark Basile, John Dwyer, all school staff, and parish choirs, particularly for the many ways they have prepared for and assisted with this weekend's celebrations.

Yours in Christ,
Fr Francis Denton P.P.

WOMEN’S SPIRITUALITY EVENING

Thank you to the **Women’s Spirituality Committee** for their hard work in hosting our annual dinner. All who attended had a great night and were edified by the testimony of our key note speaker, Sr Marie Bourke FMDM. We were able to raise \$670 to go towards Joseph’s Corner, which provides counselling and support services for local families affected by addiction.



JOSEPH'S CORNER
3 Birmingham St, Yarraville VIC 3013 | Ph: 03 9315 2480

RCIA 2026-2027
Starting Date: 17 Sept, 7pm
Thursdays **Location:** Small Hall! **Scan the code!**



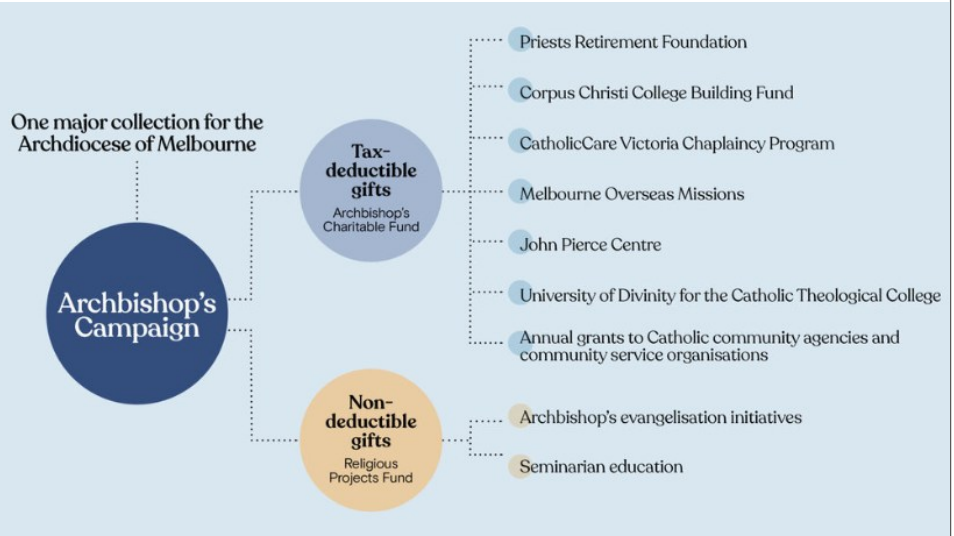
THE ARCHBISHOP’S CAMPAIGN - FINAL WEEKEND 22-23 AUG

Thank you for your generosity and support thus far for the Annual Archbishop Campaign. The 1st collection will be split between the Church and Presbytery Accounts. The 2nd collection will be for the Archbishops Campaign.



Courage!
Do not be afraid.
MATTHEW 14:27

One major collection for the Archdiocese of Melbourne



Archbishop's Campaign

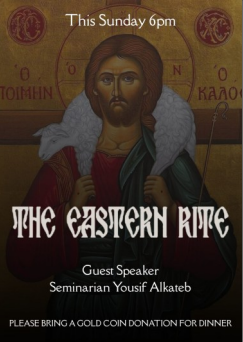
- Tax-deductible gifts** (Archbishop's Charitable Fund)
 - Priests Retirement Foundation
 - Corpus Christi College Building Fund
 - CatholicCare Victoria Chaplaincy Program
 - Melbourne Overseas Missions
 - John Pierce Centre
 - University of Divinity for the Catholic Theological College
 - Annual grants to Catholic community agencies and community service organisations
- Non-deductible gifts** (Religious Projects Fund)
 - Archbishop's evangelisation initiatives
 - Seminarian education



SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

6:00pm - 7:45pm - Large Hall

All high-school aged teenagers are invited to hear Seminarian Yousif Alkateb speak about the Eastern Rite and share his testimony.



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Restoring Justice

Building a Society for Virtue & Wisdom

Friday, 4 September 2026
6.30pm
Australian Catholic University | Tickets \$35



AN EVENING WITH JUDGES
AMUL THAPAR & ANDREW OLDHAM

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US COURTS OF APPEAL JUDGES THAPAR & OLDHAM

Time: Friday 4 September 2026 6:30pm
Location: Australian Catholic University



Join Judges Amul Thapar and Andrew Oldham of the **US Courts of Appeals** for **a rare evening** exploring timeless questions of wisdom, virtue, justice and the formation of character. Hosted by the Chesterton Academy of Melbourne

Tickets: Scan QR Code or Call John Smyth: 0406 747 123

INTRODUCTORY RITES	
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	Ps 85:1-3
Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.	
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	Isa 22:19-23
Thus says the Lord of hosts to Shebna, the master of the palace: I dismiss you from your office, I remove you from your post, and the same day I call on my servant Eliakim son of Hilkiah. I invest him with your robe, gird him with your sash, entrust him with your authority; and he shall be a father to the inhabitants of Jerusalem and to the House of Judah. I place the key of the House of David on his shoulder; should he open, no one shall close, should he close, no one shall open. I drive him like a peg into a firm place; he will become a throne of glory for his father’s house.	
The word of the Lord.	
R. Thanks be to God.	
RESPONSORIAL PSALM	Ps 137:1-3, 6, 8. R. v. 8
R. Lord, your love is eternal; do not forsake the work of your hands.	
1. I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. R.	
2. I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. R.	
3. The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. R.	
SECOND READING	Rom 11:33-36
How rich are the depths of God – how deep his wisdom and knowledge – and how impossible to penetrate his motives or understand his methods! Who could ever know the mind of the Lord? Who could ever be his counsellor? Who could ever give him anything or lend him anything? All that exists comes from him; all is by him and for him. To him be glory for ever! Amen.	
The word of the Lord.	
R. Thanks be to God.	

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION	Mt 16:18
Alleluia! Alleluia!	
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church the gates of hell will not hold out against it.	
Alleluia!	
GOSPEL	Mt 16:13-20
When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples, ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said, ‘who do you say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said, ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven; whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’ Then he gave the disciples strict orders not to tell anyone that he was the Christ.	
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.	

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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

Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work,
O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth
and wine to cheer the heart.