

May Is the Month of Mary



THE SEVENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL

MARIAN PROCESSION

Together on the Way

SUNDAY, **17 MAY 2026** | **2PM** to **4PM** | VICTORIA PARK to VICTORIA SQUARE

MARIAN PROCESSION

From Victoria Park to Victoria Square in the City. Each year the Archdiocese hosts the annual Marian Procession in honour of Our Lady. The event began in 1949, so it celebrates 77 years this year and continues to be the longest standing consecutive event in the Australian Catholic Church.

MESSA PER IL GRUPPO "CUORE IMMACOLATO DI MARIA"

questa **domenica 3 maggio alle 2pm** nella Chiesa di Mater Christi. Il gruppo si incontra generalmente la prima domenica del mese in una casa private e tre volte all'anno ha il privilegio di avere anche la S. Messa di domenica in chiesa.

IL GRUPPO "ROSARIO VIVENTE"

invita alla recita del **SANTO ROSARIO** ogni lunedì durante il mese di maggio alle 2pm. in chiesa La messa per il rinnovo delle tessere per tutti i membri sarà celebrata il **martedì 12 maggio alle 2pm.**



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Fifth Sunday of Easter —Year A

May 03, 2026

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MASSES SCHEDULE

Weekdays
 8:15am—Monday—Friday
 Saturday
 8:00am—Italian
 4:30pm—Spanish (Ant Sunday Mass)
 6:00pm—English (Ant Sunday Mass)
 Sundays
 9:00am—English
 10:30am—Italian
 6:00pm—English
 3:00pm—Albanian—2nd Sun
 3:00pm—Filipino— 3rd Sun
 Baptism—11:45am—Sunday
 Confession— 8:30-9:00am—Saturday
 Adoration— 7:00pm—Saturday

MANY ROOMS IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE

Jesus offers for us a spirituality; he shows we can listen to the Spirit of God within us as his disciples bravely did. The first reading narrates how, as the number of followers of Jesus was growing, they faced challenges organising the pastoral care. The disciples of Greek origin complain with those of Jewish ethnicity, and they overcame the challenge through dialogue and inclusion. We ought to be open to the constant work of the Spirit in our lives, especially within a faith community formed by people from diverse cultural backgrounds. Or else, clinging to matters of faith through the rigid perspective of religion and doctrine, we begin closing our hearts. Jesus says that in his *'Father's house there are many rooms.'* Jesus reveals a loving and inclusive Father. While spirituality encourages exploring the longing of the soul listening to the Spirit, pure religion tends to contain it. As a result, spirituality accepts and delights in the mystery, whereas religion leans towards certainty and doctrine out of fear of uncertainty. If we do not listen to Jesus and the Spirit, we could remain focused on the voices of blind loyalty to religious prejudice. For example: *'Obedience is more important than conscience,'* or *'People outside our religion are lost or dangerous.'* Religious prejudice transforms faith into fear and uses doctrine to exclude other people. Jesus is the door and the way leading us to a welcoming, inclusive and trustworthy God.

Mater Christi Feast Day & Scalabrini Day

Parish Community Feast Day & Fundraising for Scalabrinian Vocations



We celebrate the occasions commencing with Intercultural Mass on Sunday 31st May @ 10:30am.

followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall.

We will have raffles & parish groups or personal donations to the Scalabrinian Bursary Fund will be greatly appreciated.



SCRIPTURE READINGS

1st Reading — Acts 6:1-7

From the Acts of the Apostles.

About this time, when the number of disciples was increasing, the Hellenists made a complaint against the Hebrews: in the daily distribution their own widows were being overlooked. So the Twelve called a full meeting of the disciples and addressed them, 'It would not be right for us to neglect the word of God so as to give out food; you, brothers, must select from among yourselves seven men of good reputation, filled with the Spirit and with wisdom; we will hand over this duty to them, and continue to devote ourselves to prayer and to the service of the word.' The whole assembly approved of this proposal and elected Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus of Antioch, a convert to Judaism. They presented these to the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

The word of the Lord continued to spread: the number of disciples in Jerusalem was greatly increased, and a large group of priests made their submission to the faith.

The Word of the Lord.

Responsorial Psalm (Ps 32)

Resp: Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just; for praise is fitting for loyal hearts. Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp, with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. **R.**

For the word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. **R.**

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. **R.**



The Way, The Truth & The Life

2nd Reading — 1 Pt 2:4-9

From the first letter of St Peter.

The Lord is the living stone, rejected by men but chosen by God and precious to him; set yourselves close to him so that you too, the holy priesthood that offers the spiritual sacrifices which Jesus Christ has made acceptable to God, may be living stones making a spiritual house. As scripture says: See how I lay in Zion a precious cornerstone that I have chosen and the man who rests his trust on it will not be disappointed. That means that for you who are believers, it is precious; but for unbelievers, the stone rejected by the builders has proved to be the keystone, a stone to stumble over, a rock to bring men down. They stumble over it because they do not believe in the word; it was the fate in store for them. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a consecrated nation, a people set apart to sing the praises of God who called you out of the darkness into his wonderful light.

The Word of the Lord.

Gospel — John 14: 1-12

From the holy Gospel according to John.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God still, and trust in me. There are many rooms in my Father's house; if there were not, I should have told you. I am now going to prepare a place for you, and after I have gone and prepared you a place, I shall return to take you with me; so that where I am you may be too. You know the way to the place where I am going.' Thomas said, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going, so how can we know the way?' Jesus said: 'I am the Way, the Truth and the Life. No one can come to the Father except through me. If you know me, you know my Father too. From this moment you know him and have seen him.' Philip said, 'Lord, let us see the Father and then we shall be satisfied.' 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip,' said Jesus to him 'and you still do not know me? 'To have seen me is to have seen the Father, so how can you say, "Let us see the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak as from myself: it is the Father, living in me, who is doing this work. You must believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; believe it on the evidence of this work, if for no other reason. 'I tell you most solemnly, whoever believes in me will perform the same works as I do myself, he will perform even greater works, because I am going to the Father.' **The Gospel of the Lord.**

WHAT IS GOING ON?



We are celebrating the 48 Anniversary of Mater Christi Church opening (28/4/1978). We are grateful to God for our culturally diverse community.



In Loving Memory of Fr Anthony Paganoni
B. 1.10.1940 Piazza Brembana (Bergamo)
D. 9.04.2026 Arco (Trento) Italy.

VOLUNTEERS & SPONSORS APPRECIATION LUNCH



BY ST. HILARION SOCIETY

Sunday 17 May 2026 in the Scalabrini Hall preceded by the participation in the 10:30am Italian Mass.

A FRIENDLY NOTE ABOUT

MAINTENANCE OF THE PARISH

It is everybody's responsibility to maintain the church and the grounds as clean as possible.

In case you like to pick "some herbs/vegies/flowers/fruits from the garden", kindly ask first.

Use blue, green & yellow bins in the proper way.



PARISH CALENDAR

Sat 02/05	4:30 PM	Mass in Spanish - For retreat participants
	6:00 PM	Vigil Mass + Albina Spiniello (1st yr)
Sun 03/05	9:00 AM	Nikoll Ducaj
	10:30 AM	Vincenzo Tassone, Ottavio Tassone, Mariantonia Aloï, Tassone & Aloï DFM, Domenico Carrera, Rosangela Tassone, Carrera & Tassone DFM. Felice Antonio Damiani.
	2:00 PM	'Cuore Immacolato di Maria'
	3:00 PM	Spanish: Thanksgiving for end of Retreat
	6:00 PM	English Mass
Mon 04/05	8:15 AM	English Mass
	7:00 PM	Mass in Spanish + Maria Melania Plaza
Tue 05/05	8:15 AM	Italian Mass
	7:00 PM	Memorial: Assunta Rosa Carrera
Wed 06/05	8:15 AM	Guido Di Fabio
Thu 07/05	8:15 AM	English Mass
	5:00 PM	St Padre Pio Prayer Group
	7:00 PM	Memorial: Francesco Tripodi
Fri 08/05	8:15AM	English Mass
Sat 09/05	8:00 AM	Italian Mass

MINISTRY ROSTERS

May 03, 2026	Lectors	EOCM
6:00pm (Sat)	Raymond Sequeira Roselle Macalincag	Jenny DeGennaro Phil Della-Pietra
9:00am	Maria Boccacio Beena Theodore	Charles Zammit Frank Ienari
10:30am Italian	Giovanni Farinola Luisa Farinola	Anthony & Nicholas Farinola, M. Bigolin
6:00pm	Youth Mass	Ludwina Tan Jorge Contreras

May 10, 2026	Lectors	EOCM
6:00pm (Sat)	Nives Kresevic Teresa Jimenea	Rosa Mazzone Thom Jimenea
9:00am	Lucita Cabangal Elaine George	Francesca Boffo Rosa Brunello
10:30am Italian	Albina Perre Vito Zerella	A. Cirillo, Giovanni & Luisa Farinola
6:00pm	Daniel Guglielmin Precious Galgo	Rosemary Velardo Mimma Adami

COLLECTION (26/04/26)

1st Collection	2nd Collection	Special Collection	Total
\$2,150	\$1991	0	\$4,141