



St Anthony's Parish



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18th October 2020

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The link to the St Anthony's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayMeltonSouth>

The link to the St Bernard's Parish is: <https://bit.ly/CDFpayBacchusMarsh>

Please put your name and thanksgiving number if you know it as a reference.

Please note new PDFpay link. Thank you.

MASS AND DEVOTIONS

ANOINTING OF THE SICK

Anointing of the sick can be organised with the Priests directly, please call them.
Father Fabian 0403 435 471/Fr Lucas 0478 768 141 /Fr Marcus 0468 367 893

MASS TIMES—LIVE STREAMING FROM ST ANTHONY'S CHURCH

Monday-Saturday: 5.30pm Adoration/Rosary/Benediction
6.00pm Mass

Sunday: 10.30am Mass

MASSES AVAILABLE ON LIVE STREAMING— FACEBOOK AND YOUTUBE

St Anthony's Parish are live streaming Masses on YouTube.

The Masses are also being live streamed on Facebook. You can watch Masses by going to the website: stanthonypadua.com.au. Click the link for Live Masses.

The Masses are coming through the St Anthony's Facebook page—St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church Melton South (you will need to have a Facebook account to be able to view the Masses).

ST ANTHONY'S FACEBOOK

Please visit our Facebook page.:

[St Anthony of Padua Catholic Church](#)

[Melton South](#) Live Masses streaming from St Anthony's daily.



MASS AT ST PATRICK'S CATHEDRAL

The 11am Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral will be televised every week during the COVID-19 restrictions, on Channel 31 (often listed as Channel 44 on digital TVs). Also 'Mass for you at Home' is televised on channel 10 every Sunday at 6am. Please share this news with friends and family who might be limited to TV viewing. Please check your TV guides for changes.

PARISHIONER'S FIRST COLLECTION/SECOND COLLECTION OR PARISH APPEALS

Parishioners who normally give cash each weekend for the collections, if they wish to donate, are now able to go to the link below and make their payments online.

Parishioners are able to make quick and easy recurring thanksgiving payments or can choose a one-off offering from the comfort of their own home.

When making an offertory online, parishioners have the option to choose which collection they would like to partake in, as they usually would during Sunday Mass - first collection, second collection or a parish appeal.

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RCIA BEGINNING IN NOVEMBER— ST ANTHONY'S AND ST BERNARD'S PROGRAM

Are you or someone you know interested in becoming Catholic? Non-Catholics are prepared for reception into the Catholic Church through the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA). RCIA involves weekly catechetical sessions and culminates with reception of the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation, Holy Communion) at Easter 2021. One RCIA cycle will be run for both St Anthony's and St Bernard's beginning the first week of November. Meetings will be conducted in person when possible or by Zoom if necessary.

Contact Fr Marcus on 0468 367 893 for more information.

LIGHT IN THE DARKEST OF TIMES

"A light that shines in the dark, a light that darkness could not overpower"—John 1:5

Loving, ever-living and compassionate God,

You understand the pain of loss, the heartache of bereavement,

May we hold in our hearts all those whose families or friends have died.

You are a light that shines in the darkest times,

Guide us and heal us in our sickness and sorrow.

You comfort us in times of fear,

May we comfort each other, even as we keep apart.

You console and lead us in times of doubt and confusion,

May we follow the light of your love and spread hope.

You move our hearts to acts of generosity,

May we be led to share what we have with those in need.

God of life, We thank you for the signs of your light in the midst of our darkness,

May we be signs of your compassion in the heart of your world.

Amen.

Prayer: Linda Jones/CAFOD

Source: Institute of the Sisters of Mercy of Australia and Papua New Guinea



WORLD MISSION SUNDAY - OCTOBER 18

October 18, 2020 is World Mission Sunday. Every Catholic community and parish throughout the world is involved in World Mission Sunday. It is a day that we show that all Catholics are missionary disciples who all have a role to play in the missionary activities of the Church. It is a global effort to bring spiritual and material assistance to those who

long for the love of Christ. Your kind support will help new Churches to become strong and vital faith communities. Please continue to pray for those who serve in mission countries and please be generous in your support of their work. Thank you in advance for any financial support that you can provide on this World Mission Sunday.

The process is simple: one only needs to send the word **“GIVE”** to the number: 0488 854 436. This prompts an immediate reply which provides a link to a platform to make a donation.



eSAFETY COMMISSIONER RESOURCE - ONLINE SAFETY FOR GRANDPARENTS AND CARERS

The eSafety Commissioner has recently published a free e-book resource 'Online safety for grandparents and carers' which provides advice about online safety issues that children and young people may experience. This resource provides “key advice about online safety issues that can affect children and young people” including practical tips to help grandparents and carers to talk about these issues with children and young people and manage them. Helpful topics include: setting up devices safely; managing time online; preventing unsafe contact from strangers as well as a guide to some of the most popular sites and apps. Grandparents and carers can order a hard copy or download and view the resource online: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/seniors/online-safety-grandparents-carers>



CATHOLIC ARCHDIOCESE
OF MELBOURNE

ST ANTHONY'S RENOVATION



St Anthony's
Parish

After many months of preparation and works, our renovations are complete!
A huge congratulations to Fr Fabian and all who worked so hard on the project. Click on this link to watch a video tour and to get a taste of what awaits you when Masses resume!
<https://stanthonyofpadua.com.au/>



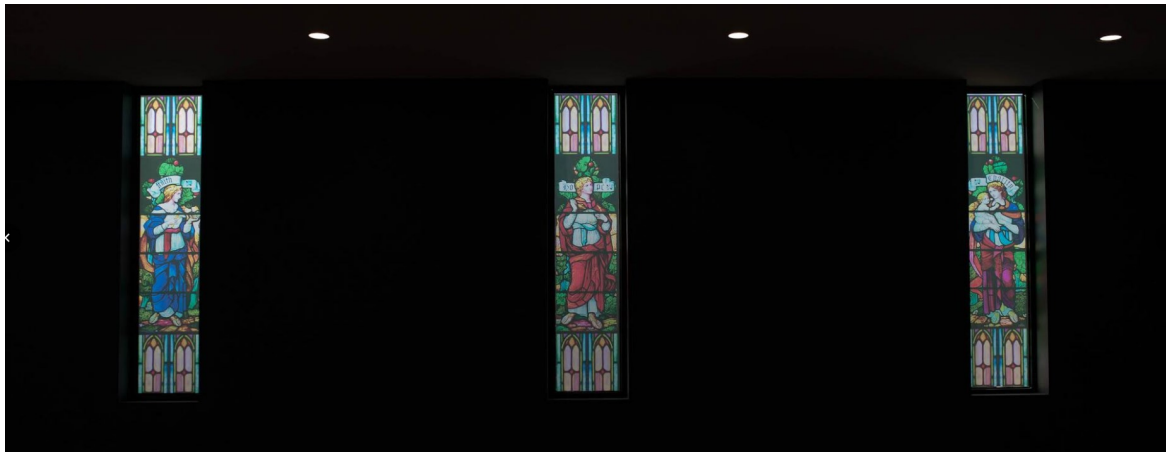
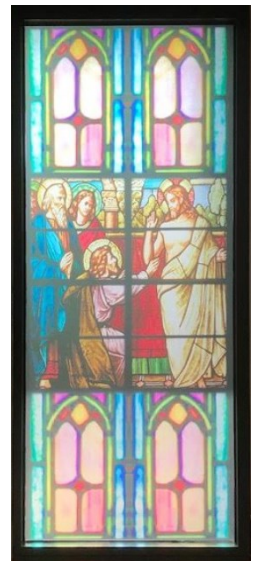
CHAPEL WINDOWS

These beautiful windows are in our new chapel. The windows cost \$8,000, if you are able to donate towards the cost, it would be greatly appreciated.

NAB Bank details.
Acc Name **ST ANTHONYS CHURCH**
BSB **083 347**
Account No **641915964**.

Please put in your Full Name for record keeping purposes.

Thank you.



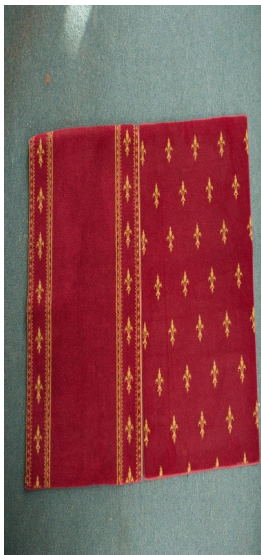
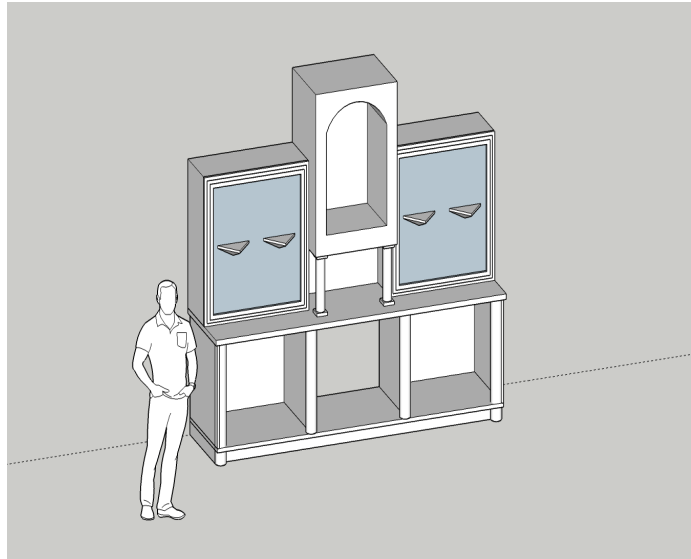


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Dear Parishioners of St Anthony's,

Just an update on where we are at with the furnishings for the new chapel. The following items need your generous contribution; **High Altar**, Two White Angels, **St Anthony's Statue**, Carpet, **2 Pews** with upholstery for the seat and kneeler. **Only if you are in a financial position to help make this happen** and wish to contribute towards the furnishings, I am providing our **NAB** bank details. Ac Name **ST ANTHONYS CHURCH**, BSB **083 347** Account No **641915964**. Please put in your Full Name for record keeping. If you need to talk to me please contact me on 0403 435 471.

Many Blessings
Fr Fabian



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BACCHUS MARSH

Dear Parishioners

We are thrilled to be able to resume public Masses at St Bernard's from Sunday, 18th October 2020, even in a limited fashion. Under 'Step 3' of the 'Roadmap for Reopening', we are able to celebrate Masses **outdoors** for 10 people. Obviously outdoor Masses are logistically challenging, which is why we will only be offering Sunday Masses at St Bernard's at this stage.

Registration is essential.

To register for a Mass, visit www.stbernardsbacchusmarsh.com.au and click the icon 'Register to attend Mass'. Those who do not have access to the internet can register by calling the Parish Office. **Please spread the word to anyone you know about our return to public Masses.**

We will be opening Masses for registration in fortnightly intervals (every second Monday). At this stage, you are limited to **one Mass per person per fortnight**. Once the new round of Masses is opened, you can book a new time.

Given there are many surrounding regional parishes that have not yet resumed public Masses, it is likely that people from other parts of Victoria will register to attend Mass at St Bernard's. Whilst this may slightly limit the ability of our people to attend Mass as frequently as they desire, we must remember that we are all brothers and sisters in Christ. Every Catholic has the right to attend Mass at whichever church they like. If you see some unfamiliar faces at Mass, please do your utmost to make them welcome. We should rejoice that people would seek the presence of Christ at St Bernard's.

To ensure that everyone can get fair and safe access to Mass, we ask you to observe the guidelines below:

- Masses will be celebrated outdoors in the courtyard between the church and the hall;
- Only residents of Regional Victoria should book to attend Mass at St Bernard's;
- One Mass per person per fortnight;
- Confessions available 30 minutes prior to Mass;
- Seating will be provided but you may like to bring an old cushion/pillow on which to kneel;
- Please remember to observe the 1 hour fast before Holy Communion, especially for afternoon Masses;
- Masks must be worn while attending Mass, except during the reception of Holy Communion;
- The Archbishop has strongly urged Catholics to receive Holy Communion on the hand for the time being; nevertheless, if you approach to receive Holy Communion on the tongue you will not be refused – overseeing the distribution of Holy Communion is the responsibility of the priest and under no circumstances should members of the congregation attempt to instruct each other on the reception of Holy Communion – if you are not comfortable receiving Holy Communion for health reasons, you are not obliged to do so;
- After Mass, please try to leave the property promptly to ensure crowds do not develop between Masses.

If you cannot attend Mass at the time you have registered, please make sure you cancel your booking. To cancel your booking, go to the email that confirmed your original booking. At the very bottom of the email, there will be a link to cancel.

Fr Lucas and I look forward to welcoming you back to St Bernard's. We have been praying for you constantly during these difficult days.

In Christ

Fr Marcus W Goulding

Assistant Priest 0468 367 893

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ALL VOLUNTEERS IN OUR PARISH MUST HAVE A CURRENT WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECK

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We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Peter Biechun, Kevin Francis Doyle, Barry Finn, Paul & Hazel Harding, Laura Leslie, Beryl Lloyd, Kathleen Pinto, Louise Pereira & Josph Scicluna

Please pray for the Sick:

Nickolia & Klara Butkovic, Maria Caruana, Mary Caruana, Chinnamma Joseph, Judy Layton, Peter Manicaro, Reg Marslen, Damien Michael, Kevin Michael, Tony Michael, Veronica Michael, Wanda Novak, Caleb O'Brien, John Osborne, Peter Poole, Irene Rahilly, Catherine Roberts, Peter Roberts, Pat Roberts, Charlie Spiteri, Dolores Turcsan, Clint Abela Wadge, & John Xuereb and all those who have requested our prayers.

(PLEASE LET US KNOW WHEN YOUR LOVED ONE IS NO LONGER REQUIRED ON THIS LIST)

FAITH ON FIRE PRAYER GROUP

Every fortnight on Thursday at 7.00pm. We pray the Rosary, Stations of the cross, Divine Mercy chaplet and do a Bible reading and discussion.

Next meeting **To be advised**

We pray for the recently deceased:

Kevin Bridges

We pray for those whose death anniversaries occur at this time:

Isabel Aquino, Patricia Knight, and Margaret Scott.

Please pray for the Sick:

Noah Barlow, Chaiel Balcombe, Michael Barrett, Peter Bennett, Steven Braszel, Kevin Bridges, Tina Bower, John Canty, Fred Capuano, Gary Ching, Josephine Cilia, Robyn Cola, Ted Cooling, Marianne Cuskelly, Lindsay & Kathleen Dally, Judy Delahey, Jack DeLuca, Allison Evans, Helen Evans, Justin Fernandez, Pasquale Gagliarbi, Mario Galea, Cynthia Goodyear, Gwen Green, Joe Gristi, Adam Hillier, Elle Hillman, Kiahni Holamotutama, Alicia Holborn, Chaiel Jackson, Matthew Jansen, David Kasprzak, Michael Larkin, Marie Maloney, Patricia Marechal, Brian Marshall, Debbie Marshall, Jordanis Mary Pauline McDonald, Ian McKechnie, Marcus Meno, Paul Mullin, Arthur Pape, Michael Paterson, Georgia Peacock, Mitchell Prendergast, Peter Roberts, Ken Shaw, Terry Sims, Marian Smith, Elizabeth Stehmann, Susan Trist, Dolores Turcsan, Stephen Van Eede, John Van Orsouw, Angela Vicum, Louis Vogels, Barry Walsh, Mary Walsh, Cath Wheelahan, Jayne Wilkins, Patricia Yazbek, & Betty Young.

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FATIMA STATUE

These families are praying together for the mission of the Parish:

Group 1: **Jojo & Wilma Chua** **0423 953 843**

Group 2: **Gavin & Alison Pereira** **0423 960 538**

Group 3: **Vilma Pinto** **0400 070 263**



NEO-CONSTANTINOPOLITAN 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,

[bow during the next line]

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.

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



TAKE FRESH COURAGE

In 1902, at the age of 60, Mary MacKillop suffered a stroke. Her mind was unaffected and her speech intelligible, but, with her right side paralysed, she had to make major adaptations to her life. She now walked with a stick and, towards the end of her life, was eventually confined to a wheelchair. She dictated letters, but also learnt to write with her left hand and took up typing – the typewriter being at the time quite a new invention. She continued to govern the Congregation of the Sisters of St Joseph as Mother General and, over the next seven years, visited Sisters all over the country, opening up new works and responding to needs wherever she found them.

Certainly, we notice deterioration in significant aspects of Mary's life as a result of the stroke. But we also notice enrichment. Having to depend more on others, she seems to speak and write words of encouragement more often. Her letters repeat what is at the core of faith and spirituality. She was in constant pain – she described it as being like a giant toothache all through her body – but she found deeper meaning in suffering as displaying in her own body the cross of Christ for our time (cf. Colossians 1: 24).

In this, the tenth year after Mary's canonisation in Rome on 17 October 2010, many people around the world have experienced the COVID-19 virus as a kind of communal stroke. We have been paralysed in some ways and have had to adapt to deprivations of all kinds. It is an unfamiliar world in which we carve out our future. There is a background fear in society. We are challenged to find new approaches to life. As in the case of any trauma, our first challenge is to come to grips with reality. Ignoring the situation won't make it go away. In the process, we must, of course, take whatever steps are needed to safeguard our emotional and mental health. Accepting help if needed is part of this. When we are helpless, maintaining pride won't help.

I think of Mary MacKillop, a strong and independent woman, now having to have someone bathe, dress and feed her in the weeks following her stroke. People who have lost their livelihoods and have to depend on the charity of others can feel incompetent and resentful. We grieve with them as they adjust to their new situation. An old adage says, 'Failure is not fatal: it is the courage to continue that counts.' We admire those who show courage. We give them bravery awards and recognise the qualities they display as they battle against the odds. 'Character is formed in adversity', they tell us. While all of this is true, those going through hard times often feel less than courageous. They just keep putting one foot in front of the other. It is only in looking back that we can acknowledge that something greater than ourselves kept us going despite the anguish we felt at the time.

For Mary MacKillop, her trust was in a God whose love sees us through every evil 'Let us pray for the ever dear Will of our good God to be done, and in the end we shall see what peace and happiness will result from all our sorrows', she wrote. When something goes wrong, our first instinct is to find information that will make us feel better. At the same time, nature reminds us that we are all inter-connected. For our own emotional health and that of society we need to identify the positive and take advantage of it.

The picture of Mary MacKillop at her typewriter can urge me to try the new in our time. How many techno-ignorant grandparents delved into Zoom during the months of lock-down in order to remain connected to loved ones? The present situation calls us to explore paths untrodden in order to retrieve values that are timeless but whose existence is being threatened.

Mary MacKillop was in New Zealand when she had her stroke. What is noticeable in her story is the way so many people rallied to help her. The local Bishop arranged for her to be taken from Rotorua to Auckland by train to which the Department of Railways attached a special invalid carriage and the Doctor make the journey with her – all gratis. One of the Sisters wrote: 'They took her up so gently from the bed to the ambulance, four priests carried her down very steep stairs, directed by the Bishop and the Doctor – and then on to the station, so gently.' The ability to empathise with those who are suffering calls out the best in us. We think of the response of so many when tragedy strikes. Who could ignore last summer's victims of bushfires? Yet we know that, for some strange reason during this epidemic, our society has, on occasion, brought a hostile attitude to the suffering of those on temporary visas, for example, and racism has reared its ugly head. Do we let compassion-fatigue make us less than human? Empathy with those who need our protection is required now more than ever.

Ten years ago, we gave public recognition of God's action in the life of Mary MacKillop, such that she could be held up as a model for all disciples of Jesus Christ. Her example reverberates around the world. Tapping into the Christian symbolism of the Cross enabled her to live into her post-stroke reality with courage, love and hope. Our post-pandemic world will be different. Will we enter it aimlessly, or can we use this 'time-between' to identify what truly matters in life? What gives our lives meaning? Researchers already note that children confined to online learning now refer to 'we' rather than 'I' and have a greater appreciation of family than before. Yet even family cannot fully satisfy the ultimate yearning of our hearts. Where do we touch the depths?

'Think of (Saint) Mary MacKillop and learn from her to be a gift of love and compassion for one another, for all Australians and for the world.' Pope (Saint) John Paul II Sydney, 19 January 1995
Mary Cresp rsj

PRAYER

*Mary MacKillop join us
in our gratitude on this
10th anniversary of your canonisation
Be with us
in this time of crisis in our world
as we gather fresh courage around us
for working in God's healing mission.
Keep us participating
as a people of the gospel
engaging with our neighbours
for the good of all
and serving with Christ
in our common home.
Holy Spirit strengthen us.
Amen*



LITURGY OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE PROCESSION

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

FIRST READING Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whom he has taken by his right hand
to subdue nations before him
and strip the loins of kings,
to force gateways before him
that their gates be closed no more:
It is for the sake of my servant Jacob,
of Israel my chosen one,
that I have called you by your name,
conferring a title though you do not know me.
I am the Lord, unrivalled;
there is no other God besides me.
Though you do not know me, I arm you
that men may know from the rising to the setting of the sun
that, apart from me, all is nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM: 95

Response: Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. **R.**

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. **R.**

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. **R.**

Worship the Lord in his temple,
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king,'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. **R.**

SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 1:1-5

From Paul, Silvanus and Timothy, to the Church in
Thessalonika which is in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ; wishing you grace and peace from God the Father and
the Lord Jesus Christ.

We always mention you in our prayers and thank God for you
all, and constantly remember before God our Father how you
have shown your faith in action, worked for love and
persevered through hope, in our Lord Jesus Christ.

We know, brothers, that God loves you and that you have been
chosen, because when we brought the Good News to you, it
came to you not only as words, but as power and as the Holy
Spirit and as utter conviction.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL Matthew 22:15-21

The Pharisees went away to work out between them how to
trap Jesus in what he said. And they sent their disciples to him,
together with the Herodians, to say, 'Master, we know that you
are an honest man and teach the way of God in an honest
way, and that you are not afraid of anyone, because a man's
rank means nothing to you. Tell us your opinion then. Is it
permissible to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' But Jesus was
aware of their malice and replied, 'You hypocrites! Why do you
set this trap for me? Let me see the money you pay the tax
with.' They handed him a denarius, and he replied, 'Whose
head is this? Whose name?' 'Caesar's,' they replied. He then
said to them, 'Very well, give back to Caesar what belongs to
Caesar - and to God what belongs to God.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

Behold, the eyes of the Lord
are on those who fear him,
who hope in his merciful love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

NEXT WEEK'S READING

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Exodus 22:20-26;

Second Reading: Thess 1:5-10;

Gospel: Matt 22:34-40



The life of Catholic worship and piety XXXIX

Cathedrals, Shrines and Basilicas

Is a basilica the same as a cathedral? What about a shrine? If not, what makes them different?

Basilica, cathedral, and shrine are distinct terms, but not mutually exclusive. For instance, a basilica may be a shrine, and a cathedral may be a basilica. A description of each will be helpful.

The basilica structure was developed by the ancient Romans for their monumental public halls located on the *fora* or public squares. Strictly speaking, the basilica is a parallelogram with the width of the building being neither greater than one-half nor less than one-third the length.

At one end was the entrance with a portico, and at the other end was the apse. There was one main aisle flanked on either side by an aisle (or two, or even three) with columns separating the aisles. Since the ceiling of the main aisle was higher than that of the side aisles, a clerestory was added atop the columns to allow light to enter the basilica. Many examples of ancient basilicas exist, particularly in Italy.

When the Church was allowed to have churches after the legalisation of Christianity under the Emperor Constantine, the basilica form was easily adapted. Actually, many of the old public basilicas or pagan temple basilicas were transformed into churches. The bishop's *cathedra* (throne or seat) was located in the apse flanked by seats for the clergy. In front of the *cathedra* was the altar, with a canopy or *baldachino* over it. Near the altar was the pulpit.

Because of the size of the basilica, the Blessed Sacrament was reserved in a side chapel or even in a suspended tabernacle near the altar. The congregation gathered in the main aisle, the nave. Church basilicas usually had a forecourt enclosed with a colonnade; the forecourt had a well where the faithful could wash their hands and lips before entering for Mass. Later modifications to the strict Roman style were made, like the addition of transepts, during the Romanesque and Gothic periods (what we call the Middle Ages).

Later the term basilica was used to identify churches of historic and spiritual importance. Usually, these churches are built in the basilica style, but the key criterion is that they are places of historic and spiritual importance. The Holy Father officially designates a church as a "basilica". Therefore, when we speak of the Basilica of St Peter in Rome, the title "basilica" refers to the historic and spiritual importance of the Church itself and the honour bestowed upon it by the Pope.

Traditionally, a basilica has displayed a *conopoeum* or pavilion (something looking like a big umbrella) made with alternating silk panels of red and yellow, the colours of the papal government, and topped with a cross. This *conopoeum* was originally used to shelter the patriarch. Other traditional basilica items are the *clochetta* (a

musical kind of device composed of a handle, a bell, and the insignia of the basilica, and used in procession) and the *cappa magna* (a violet cape worn by the canons (basilica officials) during liturgical services).

Lastly, each basilica has a "holy door" which is opened only during a time of special pilgrimage as declared by the Holy Father; for example, the year 2000 was declared a "Holy Year", and the holy door of St Peter's was opened (as well as the holy doors of all other basilicas) and a special indulgence was granted to pilgrims who visited and fulfilled the other requirements.

Traditionally, a distinction is also made between a major basilica and a minor one. Six of the seven major basilicas are in Rome: St Peter, St John Lateran, St Mary Major, St Paul Outside the Walls, St Lawrence and St Sebastian. The seventh, the Holy Cross, is in Jerusalem. The first four of these basilicas are technically called the "primary major basilicas". These seven major basilicas remain the important pilgrimage churches when visiting Rome.

A minor basilica is any other important church in Rome or throughout the world which has been officially designated a "basilica" by the Holy Father. Examples of minor basilicas in Australia are St Patrick's Cathedral in Melbourne and St Mary of the Angels Basilica of in Geelong. Another is Our Lady of Victories Basilica in Camberwell.

A cathedral is the chief church of a diocese and in itself is also a parish church. The bishop is technically the pastor of the cathedral parish, and appoints a rector to manage its spiritual and temporal affairs. The word cathedral comes from the Latin, *cathedra*, meaning "throne". The *cathedra* represents the position and authority of the bishop (or archbishop), and the place where he resides in the territory of his jurisdiction. The *cathedra* (throne) is located within the cathedral near the altar, oftentimes in the apse. A cathedral may also be a basilica. For instance, the Cathedral of St Patrick in Melbourne, as mentioned above, is also a basilica. St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney is another seat of an archdiocese in Australia that is also a basilica.

A shrine is a church or other sacred place where a relic is preserved; or where there has been an apparition, like the Shrine of Our Lady of Knock in Ireland and the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico City. A shrine may also be a place designated to foster a belief or devotion; for example, the Shrine of Our Lady Ta' Pinu, just up the road here between Melton and Bacchus Marsh. Shrines are regulated by the local bishop, and national shrines are designated as such by the national conference of bishops.

To bring this all together, St Mary's Cathedral and minor basilica in Sydney is also a shrine as it houses a relic of St Francis Xavier. Thus one church may be simultaneously a basilica, a cathedral and a shrine.