

MAY



THE CATHOLIC PARISH OF THE
Holy Family

MOUNT WAVERLEY

Jesus, Mary and Joseph, I give thee my heart and soul.

Welcome to Holy Family

As we continue with the great season of Eastertide, walking in the light of the Resurrection, we have much to reflect on, and much to pray for at this time.

For those persecuted for their faith

Over the past weeks, we have been confronted once again with images of violence and hatred, this time directed towards our brothers and sisters, fellow Catholics, who became victims of terrorism as they gathered to celebrate the triumph of Jesus over hatred and violence. Let us as a community continue to pray for all those who lost their lives, and commit ourselves once again to building a civilisation of tolerance, peace and love.

For those who lead our society

Over the next few weeks, we will exercise our important responsibility of voting for our elected representatives and leaders. Included in this month's newsletter is an excerpt from the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference statement on the forthcoming election. I encourage you to take the time to read through this statement as you prepare to exercise your democratic responsibility. Let us pray for all our civic leaders, that they be committed to building a society not only of prosperity but also of peace, justice and fairness for all.

For those seeking and questioning

This month, we begin the ALPHA Program and look forward to welcoming over 15 participants who will spend the next few months searching, questioning and deepening in their own understanding of Jesus Christ and the role he plays in their lives. Let us, as a community, ensure these searchers of our prayers and pray also for our team of over 50 volunteers who are making this program possible.

For those preparing for their First Holy Communion

We pray also for the children of our Parish who are preparing at this time to receive their first Holy Communion. With their families and friends to assist them, may they be truly open to the great grace that is given to each one of us in the Eucharist.

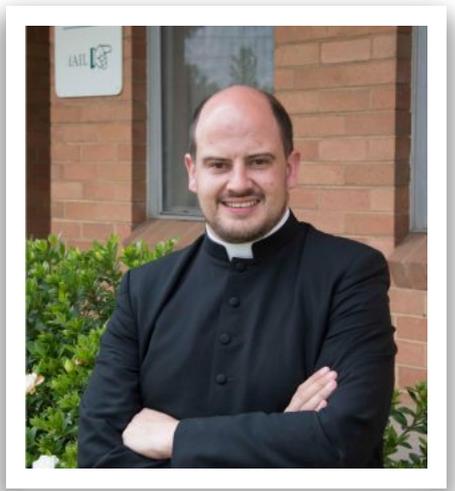
In this month of May, let us turn to Mary our Mother, Queen of peace, and seek her intercession in these and in all things.

Mary, Mother of the Church and Mother of each one of us...Pray for us.

God Bless,



Fr Nicholas Pearce



Prayer of Saint Francis

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:

where there is hatred, let me sow love;

where there is injury, pardon;

where there is doubt, faith;

where there is despair, hope;

where there is darkness, light;

where there is sadness, joy.

O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek

to be consoled as to console,

to be understood as to understand,

to be loved as to love.

For it is in giving that we receive,

it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

and it is in dying that we are

born to eternal life.

Amen.



Sundays this Month

5 MAY

Third Sunday of Easter

In the face of Peter's triple denial of him, the risen Jesus three times asks Peter, "Do you love me?" No amount of personal sin can eradicate from Peter's heart the awareness of the fact that he does love Jesus. Peter was made for this love and nothing can make him forget it.

READINGS:

Acts 5:27-32,40-41
Apocalypse 5:11-14

PSALM:

Psalm 29(30):2,4-6,11-13

GOSPEL:

John 21:1-19

12 MAY

Fourth Sunday of Easter

On this Good Shepherd Sunday, the Risen Christ consoles us: "The sheep that belong to me listen to my voice; I know them and they follow me." In particular, this weekend we remember the need for every Christian to pray daily for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood.

READINGS:

Acts 13:14,43-52
Apocalypse 7:9,14-17

PSALM:

Psalm 99(100):1-3,5

GOSPEL:

John 10:27-30

19 MAY

Fifth Sunday of Easter

At the Last Supper, Jesus tells the Eleven: "As I have loved you, you also must love one another. By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples." Through this communion of love, "God lives among men."

READINGS:

Acts 14:21-27
Apocalypse 21:1-5

PSALM:

Psalm 144(145):8-13a

GOSPEL:

John 13:31-33,34-35

26 MAY

Sixth Sunday of Easter

At the Last Supper, Jesus makes a promise: "If anyone loves me, he will keep my word and my Father will love him, and we shall come to him and make our home with him." The same is offered to us when we refuse to let our hearts be troubled, but cling instead to the name of Christ.

READINGS:

Acts 15:1-2,22-29
Apocalypse 21:10-14,22-23

PSALM:

Psalm 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

GOSPEL:

John 14:23-29



Easter Greetings

Written by: Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli

Happy Easter, friends in Christ. Happy Easter in the name of Jesus, the Risen One.

When Jesus appeared among his friends after the Resurrection, the first thing he did was to show them the wounds of his crucifixion. "Here," he said to them, "see my once-nailed hands and feet; look at my pierced side." The person who stood before his friends was no ghostly hologram of someone they once knew; it was Jesus himself, alive. After three days in the tomb, and now brimming with divine energy, Jesus did not hide the wounds of his death from his friends. Instead, he carried them with him into the resurrected life.

Those transfigured wounds of Jesus matter to us, his friends today. His death was no fake; his resurrection no trick. With his own body—once wounded in death—he now brings new possibilities to us all. Our way ahead with Him does not mean a rejection of our past, but a transfiguration of it. Jesus is our hope of a new path.

This Easter, all of us are being invited to taste something of this joy of the Resurrection, to look on Jesus' resurrected wounds and see hope for the world. This is because our own wounds and sorrows, our griefs and struggles, our anguishes and angers, have all been absorbed into the healed wounds of Jesus.

So begins my first sharing in the Easter Season with you as your archbishop. I've been looking forward to it, because we have been walking through loss and grief in the Church here in Melbourne, and we are so in need of the Lord who wants us to share his Easter joy.

Christ is alive; and he wants us to be alive. The Risen Lord, who will never abandon his people, is offering us the strength to set out on a new path with him. As shattered and as wounded as our local Church can seem, the Risen Lord, in his gloriously wounded body, is inviting us to share in his life and to walk with him.

Archbishop Peter Andrew Comensoli was born in the Illawarra on 25 March 1964, the fourth son and last child of the late Mick and Margaret Comensoli. He was baptised at St John Vianney Church, Fairy Meadow, the parish in which he would receive the sacraments of Christian initiation as well as priestly ordination. Undertaking an early education with the Good Samaritan Sisters and later with the Marist Fathers, Archbishop Comensoli also spent four years in the banking sector while studying Commerce at the University of Wollongong. In 1986, Archbishop Comensoli commenced his studies for the priesthood at St Patrick's College, Manly, and was ordained for the Diocese of Wollongong on 22 May 1992. He holds a Bachelor of Theology and Bachelor of Sacred Theology from the Catholic Institute of Sydney, a Licentiate of Sacred Theology in moral theology from Accademia Alfonsiana (Rome), a Masters of Letters in moral philosophy from the University of St Andrews (Fife, Scotland) and a Doctorate of Philosophy in theological ethics from the University of Edinburgh (Scotland).

You can watch a video of the Archbishop's Easter Message online at www.melbournecatholic.org.au



A sacrament of love, a sign of unity

Written by: **Mariana Hladik**

Reflecting on the past few weeks, when we took part in the celebration of the Easter Triduum, we immersed our senses in the beauty and tradition of the greatest feasts in the liturgical year. The *Catechism of the Catholic Church* explains that, “the beginning of the Easter Triduum as its source of light, the new age of the Resurrection fills the whole liturgical year with its brilliance. Gradually, on either side of this source, the year is transfigured by the liturgy” (CCC 1168). While indeed Easter is the “Feast of feasts”, the “Solemnity of solemnities” (CCC 1169), and therefore deserves the ceremonial emphasis which it is given, we should remember to carry this same devotion for the liturgy throughout the year. I know from personal experience that it is easy to slip into a habit of routine commitment, while in doing so, we lose sight of the significance of this liturgical season, which is highlighted each time the Mass is celebrated. I can so quickly forget the intrinsic beauty and transcendent worth that we have gifted to us each and every time we enter into the celebration of the Mass and receive the Eucharist.

So, let us take a moment to quickly contemplate the overwhelming reality which the Mass offers us — an opportunity that we can, if so desired, partake in on a daily basis — it is a gift above all other gifts. The key here, and one that I have come to learn, is that the more we come to understand what the Mass is, the more we will grow in this innate desire to participate in it.

The Mass gives us the opportunity to remember and appreciate what it means to be Catholic. It is undeniably filled with an abundance of spiritual symbolism, church tradition and supernatural meaning. Each time we are drawn into a commemoration of the “Passion, Resurrection, and the glory of the Lord Jesus” (CCC 1167), we are reminded of the fundamental elements of our faith and, at the core, the centre and the pinnacle of each Mass, we are given the most

beautiful, life-giving gift through reception of the Holy Eucharist. St. John Paul II writes in his encyclical, *Ecclesia De Eucharisti*, that it is from the Eucharist that “the Church draws her life” and “her nourishment.” How profoundly blessed are we to be given such an incredible gift?! For in the Eucharist is “contained the whole spiritual good of the Church” (CCC 1324) — Christ himself, fully and truly present.

Therefore, just as Easter is the “Feast of feasts” (CCC 1169), so too, “the Eucharist is the “Sacrament of sacraments” (CCC 1169).

“ It is in its essence a sacrament of “love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a paschal banquet ‘in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us’” (CCC 1323).

When I take these facts to heart and reflect on the magnitude of this reality, I feel overwhelmingly blessed. Blessed to be Catholic, blessed to have such an amazing opportunity – to live in communion with Christ Himself.

Understanding the Mass and the Sacrament of the Eucharist leads to understanding the privilege we have been given. A privilege on which we can so often lose focus, or take for granted. Therefore, as we continue in this Eastertide and move toward the next liturgical season, may we make this our aim – to deepen our appreciation, grow in our understanding of the Mass and embrace its transcendental beauty.

What's on at Holy Family



Parishioners' Luncheon

24 MAY, 11:30AM

Help us celebrate the Feast of Our Lady Help of Christians and be transported to Fatima as our guest speakers, Kath and Terry Payne, share with us their experience of a pilgrimage to this beautiful Shrine. RSVP by Tuesday 21st May.



Blessed Is She

SUNDAY, 5 MAY, 3:00PM & SUNDAY, 19 MAY, 3:00PM

Join the women of the parish as they explore their faith, reflect on scripture, pray together and build a community of spiritual sisterhood.

3:00PM: START
4:30PM: CONCLUSION
WHERE: PARISH LIBRARY



Alpha

WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY, 7:00PM & WEDNESDAY, 15 MAY, 7:00PM

Alpha is an opportunity to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, open and informal environment. The evenings will involve dinner, an informative video and group discussion.

7:00PM: START
9:10PM: END
WHERE: HOLY FAMILY SMALL HALL



Baptism Preparation Day

SUNDAY, 19 MAY, 10:30AM

A day of preparation for all parents looking to have a child baptised at Holy Family in May or July. For more information, contact the Parish Office on 9807 9494.

10:30AM: MASS & PRESENTATION OF BAPTISM CANDLES
WHERE: SMALL HALL



Family Mass

SUNDAY, 19 MAY, 10:30AM

Please join us for our Term 2 Family Mass as we pray especially for the children who are preparing to receive their First Holy Communion.

10:30AM: MASS



First Holy Communion Family Night

WEDNESDAY, 8 MAY, 7:00PM

A fun and informative night for the families enrolled in the First Holy Communion Sacramental Program. For more information, contact the Parish Office on 9807 9494

7:00PM: START
WHERE: HOLY FAMILY PRIMARY SCHOOL



Voluntary Assisted Dying Legislation

MONDAY, 13 MAY, 7:00PM

Please join us as our speaker, Associate Professor Natasha Michael, explains the new legislation regarding Voluntary Assisted Dying.

7:00PM: TALK
WHERE: CHURCH



Politics in Service of Peace

A STATEMENT BY THE CATHOLIC BISHOPS OF AUSTRALIA FOR THE 2019 FEDERAL ELECTION

Christian faith is not a private matter. It shapes how we live our lives in public, as well as how we relate to God. Politics can be the object of criticism, even scorn, but it is an arena in which we can express our faith and therefore the truth of our humanity.

As citizens who are Catholic, we have the opportunity to participate in the electoral process, to use our voice and our vote for the benefit of the whole community. As bishops, we offer this statement as a way of sharing key points of Catholic teaching that you may want to reflect upon as we prepare for the federal election.

“WE ALL HAVE A ROLE IN PROMOTING PEACE – WHICH MEANS SPEAKING TO OUR FELLOW AUSTRALIANS WITH LOVE NOT HATE, WITH RESPECT NOT CONTEMPT, WITH UNDERSTANDING NOT INDIFFERENCE.”

The ongoing revelations of child sexual abuse have undermined the credibility of the Catholic Church, and particularly the credibility of bishops. We have no monopoly on truth, but we offer these reflections in a spirit of solidarity, as people who also have to consider our vote carefully, who can draw upon a deep wisdom concerning the common good and who are called to care for the most vulnerable in our community.

No political party fully aligns with Catholic teaching, but we can point to clear and enduring principles which can help us make the kind of responsible judgements that allow us to be both faithfully Catholic and authentically Australian. A brief explanation of Catholic social teaching is provided on the page following this statement. [Editor's note: See webpage listed below for this explanation.]

Election campaigns can be fractious; there will be claims and counter-claims; emotions will run high. But despite difficult and sometimes hostile debates, Australia is blessed to have peaceful contests, free of the physical violence known in other countries.

We have a responsibility to present our views clearly and, if necessary, to disagree, while still remembering that all people are made in the image of God and therefore deserve our respect.

Pope Francis has reminded us that “good politics is at the service of peace”. We all have a role in promoting peace – which means speaking to our fellow Australians with love not hate, with respect not contempt, with understanding not indifference.

Start conversations with people you don't know; volunteer for community groups; go to public events. We all need to be more open, interested and engaged in order to combat the crude tribalism that is infecting Australia and other nations at this time.

Prayer is an essential part of the process of discerning how to vote, reminding us there is a greater truth and allowing that truth to enter us more deeply. Democratic processes stripped of transcendent truth risk becoming soulless, with majorities deciding issues based on power rather than the consideration of truth and the common good.

Our democracy needs the active participation of all its citizens – Catholic or not, religious or not. It's our responsibility as citizens to advocate for the good of the whole community. We very much appreciate the strong bipartisan support in the federal parliament for both the National Apology to Victims and Survivors of Institutional Child Sexual Abuse and the National Redress Scheme.

We recognise these as just two examples of the contribution politicians can make to the common good. We also welcome the continued bipartisan commitment to the National Disability Insurance Scheme and look to further cooperation on the Royal Commission into Violence, Abuse, Neglect and Exploitation of People with Disability. Many families and individuals struggle to make ends meet. The dignity of employment is the key aim, but that's not always possible for people facing myriad challenges. Charities, including Catholic agencies, make an enormous contribution by providing community support for people facing hard times.

We acknowledge the challenge of helping regional, rural and remote Australians to access adequate health care, ensuring there's better transparency of out-of-pocket fees and making sure all patients enjoy access to the medical treatment they need, regardless of their insurance status. Australia has a long and proud tradition of Catholic schooling with more than 765,000 students in almost 1,740 Catholic schools.

[...]

Governments must also provide for sustainable aged care services, continue to improve the quality regulatory framework in aged care and provide older people and their families with choice and control over the services they receive. We recognise the human dignity of unborn children and the great challenge many women face when confronted with an unexpected or difficult pregnancy. How can our community support women and their families in creating a more supportive and child-friendly community? What factors are causing women to take the agonising decision of abortion? In grappling with these questions, we remember that no society can be judged healthy when the womb itself becomes a dangerous place.

Australia is seeing an alarming increase in mental health

problems, especially among the young. It is also seeing rising levels of violence in personal relationships and families. Resourcing sound social and pastoral education, free of ideological theory, is an essential task of a social welfare state. For more than a century, the Catholic Church has advocated for the value of work, a just living wage and dignified employment conditions, while endorsing the good of economic prosperity. Government policy plays a crucial role in promoting the right economic balance between advancing the dignity of workers and encouraging entrepreneurial creativity.

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These are some of the many important issues for Catholics to consider when voting in this election.

In offering this statement, we want to highlight some principles of Catholic social teaching which may help you consider your vote.

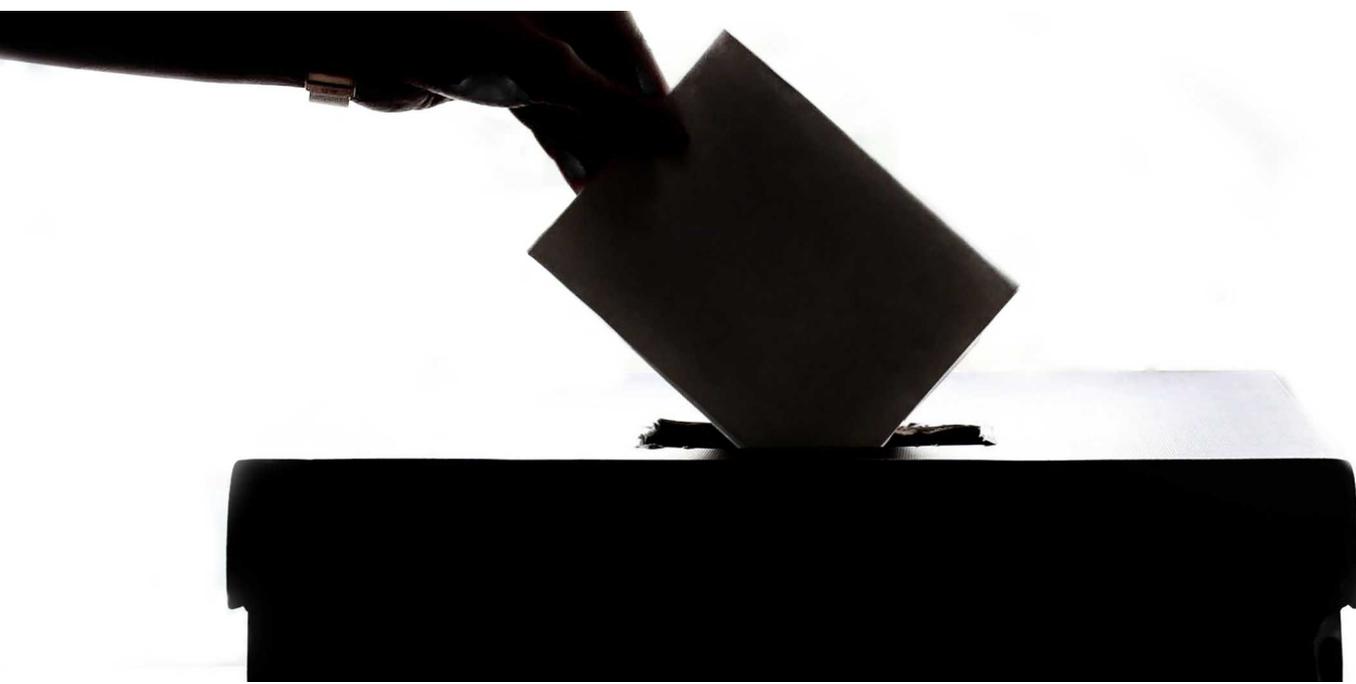
As Catholics, we look to the city of God. This obliges us to take our place firmly and faithfully in the human city that we are called to join others in building. That's why we take elections and our participation in them as seriously as we do. Politics is by no means everything, but the political process is very much part of building a truly human city that looks to the city of God. Here, as a service to the whole community, we propose key elements of what that building requires.

+ Mark Coleridge

President, Australian Catholic Bishops Conference

You can read the full text online at :

<https://www.catholic.org.au/acbc-media/media-centre/media-releases-new/2186-election-statement-politics-in-service-of-peace/file>



Around the Parish



Our Commitment to End-of-Life Care

On 29 November 2017, the Victorian Parliament passed the Voluntary Assisted Dying Act 2017. This Act enables Victorians who are suffering and who meet certain eligibility criteria to request access to voluntary assisted dying and comes into effect on the 19th of June 2019. What does this change in legislation mean to us and those we care for in our families and Parish? Our Christian and palliative care tradition provides us with a unique alternative in caring for those with a serious illness or approaching the end of life.

Please join us on **Monday, May 13th at 7:00pm** for a talk on the new Voluntary Assisted Dying legislation. Our speaker is Associate Professor Natasha Michael, a senior clinician and academic at a large Palliative Care service in metropolitan Melbourne.

"Euthanasia is a triumph of selfishness, not compassion"

Pope Francis



Australian, Young and Catholic!

By Joe Melhem - Youth Minister

My first experience of an Australian Catholic Youth Festival was one filled with joy. I remember watching a video at the first plenary of the festival (plenary is a fancy word for gathering) and the lady said that this feeling of joy was something much deeper than happiness, which is what I felt when I saw 20,000 young Catholics gathered at Sydney Olympic Park. The stadium was packed out and the atmosphere was electric! We had amazing Catholic musicians lead us in song and worship, and there were also amazing speakers giving talks, which inspired me to give my 'Yes' to God and to follow him all the days of my life. ACYF really highlighted that I was not alone and that I'm not the only Catholic in Australia – in fact, there were thousands of others! And it was fun! Truly a joyful and life-changing experience for me. ACYF is happening at the end of this year in Perth! I and a few others want to lead a pilgrimage from Holy Family, so stay tuned for more information. There are plans for fundraising commencing soon, so any support from parishioners would be greatly appreciated!

"Join us in Perth 2019 for a graced time" Archbishop
Peter A. Comensoli

Holy Family Noticeboard

Food for the Soul

Available from the Piety Stall after all Masses.

SPECIAL PRICE

\$20.00 each

Holy Family Play Group

1st & 3rd Tuesdays of the month during the term.

9:00am-10:30am - Holy Family Hall

All pre-schoolers and their parents/carers welcome to come along. Morning tea provided.

Alpha Thank You

Thank you to all those who generously assisted in the recent Alpha Cake Stall Fundraiser. A total of over \$1,100 was raised! Your help and support was greatly appreciated.

Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help

The novena prayers to Our Lady of Perpetual Succour are said on:

1st Saturday of each month

9:00am - Holy Family Church

Ecumenical Sunday

Holy Family Parish will join with other Christian churches to celebrate Ecumenical Sunday on Sunday 2nd June 2019. Members of our Parish are encouraged to visit other Christian churches in Monash, and in return we will welcome members of other congregations to Holy Family.

PARISH OFFICE

9807 9494

St Vincent De Paul Members

The next meeting of The St Vincent de Paul Society will be held on:

Monday 3rd June

7:30 pm - Parish Library

Spirituality for Seniors

Spirituality for Seniors is an informal catch-up and a discussion group for members of the Parish.

2nd & 4th Wednesday of the Month

1:30pm - 3:00pm - Parish Library

All Welcome

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Kevin Delaney: 9807 4861

Mothers' Prayer Group

Are you a mum, looking for some time out to pray and an opportunity to meet other mothers? Join us on a monthly basis at the Mothers' Prayer Group.

1st Saturday of the Month

4:00pm - 5:30pm - Parish Library

All Welcome

Contact Us

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9:30am - 2:30pm (Mon- Fri)

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Community

HALL BOOKINGS

Small and Large Hall is
available for family and
group bookings.

Parishioners' rates available.
Please contact the Parish Office
for more information.

COLUMBARIUM AND MEMORIAL GARDEN

Plots are now available for
reservation for Parishioners
and Families.

Please contact the Parish Office
for more information.

Regular Mass Times *

MONDAY

6:30pm
2nd, 3rd, 4th & 5th Mondays of
the Month

TUESDAY

7:00am

WEDNESDAY

9:15am
Followed by morning tea

THURSDAY

7:00am
7:30pm **KOREAN**

FRIDAY

9:15am

SATURDAY

6:00pm

SUNDAY

8:30am
10:30am
1:30pm **KOREAN**
5:00pm

* Weekly Mass Schedule may
change from time to time. Please
check the Parish website for the
most up-to-date information.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

TUESDAY

7:00pm - 8:00pm

WEDNESDAY

8:00am - 9:00am

FRIDAY

8:00am - 9:00am

Confession Times

SATURDAY

5:15pm - 5:45pm

SUNDAY

9:45am - 10:15am

Baptisms

Sundays following 10:30am Mass.
Please ring the Parish Office for
preparation and scheduling of
Baptism.

Weddings

By appointment with the Parish
Priest.



P 1300 845 526



P 0413 100 685 - Francis (Kim)

Active Cleaning

P 0418 382 505 - Simon



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