

PATRONAL FESTIVAL MARY, MOTHER OF THE LORD

Sunday 17 August 2025

8am The Eucharist
10am Festive Sung Eucharist

Principal Celebrant: Fr Stuart Soley SMMS Homilist: Mother Cara Greenham-Hancock

Welcome to St Mary's Anglican Church North Melbourne Thank you for joining us today

TODAY'S LITURGY

Our part: The congregational parts are printed in **bold**.

Music: Please join in the hymns and other music during the

Liturgy.

Mass Setting: Missa Sanctae Maria by CJ Willcock, SJ.

PRELUDE

'Magnificat primi toni' by D Buxtehude BuxWV 203.

INTRODUCTION

From its beginnings the Church has honoured Mary as the mother of the Lord, the God-bearer. We celebrate her festival today, remembering her humility, her acceptance of God's will and her unique place in the story of our salvation.

FROM FR STUART

BLESSED PATRONAL FEAST DAY!

It is so good to welcome you all to our celebrations today as we celebrate our Patron Saint, Mary!

As I wrote in my article for *Ave*, we are fortunate to be part of a faith community whose church is dedicated to Mary. She teaches us so much about being a faithful disciple – in contemplation, in saying yes to God's presence and goodness, in singing, in prayer and work for God's kingdom of justice and peace, in pointing us to Jesus.

These are the characteristics of every faith community, every parish, every church – whatever name you give.

You have had priests and people in this parish who have nourished each of these charisms over the decades and in every season. May we, encouraged by Mary, continue to be like her in our following Jesus.

We start this celebration on Friday with Evensong. Music will be sung by the Polyphonic Voices under the direction of Michael Fulcher.



At Sunday's celebration, Mother Cara Greenham Hancock will be our guest homilist. She is the Assistant Priest at Saint Peter's Eastern Hill. This photo is of when Mother Cara was ordained in Saint Paul's Cathedral. She served a curacy at Saint Stephen's and Saint Mary's in Mount Waverley before moving to Saint Peter's.

Welcome Mother Cara, we hope this the first of many visits!

Mother Cara and I are members of the Sodality of Mary – the SMMS – after our names. It is an international grouping of priests and others who desire to be good and holy priests. It is a source of nourishment to us both. The Sodality's full name is Sodality of Mary, Mother of Priests and it has a particular devotion to Our Lady in helping to form our lives as priests and followers of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many people have worked hard over the past few weeks to prepare for our celebration, the hospitality committee, Beverley and the choir and Laura in the office. Thanks, one and all.

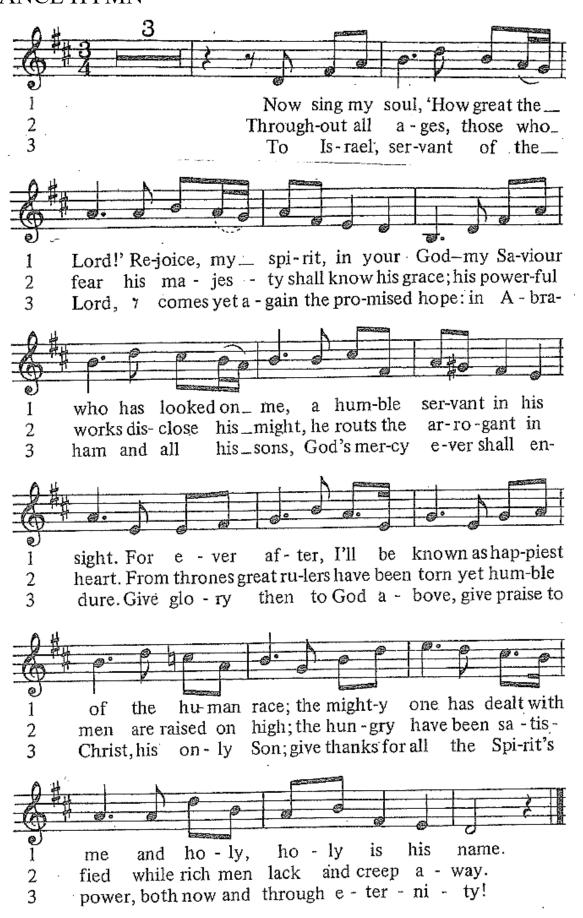
AVE

Thanks to David Keuneman who worked hard to bring an edition of *Ave* ready for this Patronal Festival weekend. Do go online to read it – it is jam packed with fine articles, poetry and perspectives – or pick up a hard copy in the porch!

Finally, a prayer by another Sodalist, Fr Steven Shakespeare, who lives and works in Liverpool in the United Kingdom:

Mighty One, whose power does not reside in fleshless lonely purity, whose word is enwombed at the heart of creation: we praise you for Mary, whose hospitable Yes made a place for love; whose song of transformation makes thrones and rulers tremble; whose prayer is heard because she is one of us; through Jesus Christ, Mary's Child, Amen.

ENTRANCE HYMN



CWB 754 - Jerusalem DLM C Hubert Parry 1848-1918. Based on Luke 1.46-55, Michael Saward.

RESPONSORY AND PRAYERS AT THE ICON OF MARY

Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord;

Let it be to me according to your word."

Blessed is she who believed that there would be

A fulfilment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

Mary treasured all these words

And pondered them in her heart.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

THE PRAYER

Fr Stuart leads the prayer to which we respond: Amen.

He censes the icon and the entrance procession continues with verse two,

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

+ In the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen. The Lord be with you: And also with you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

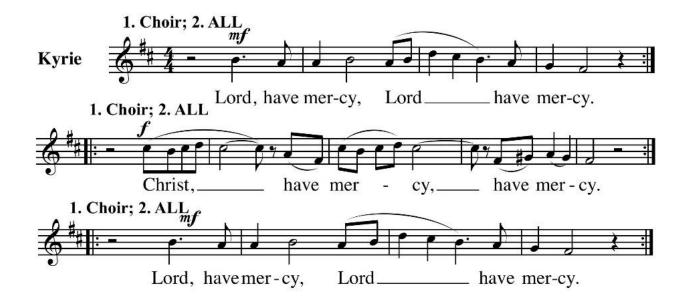
Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON

[Said at 8am, sung at 10am – see below]

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy



THE CONFESSION

The confession is introduced ending with words: let us confess together

Merciful God, our maker and our judge, we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, and in what we have failed to do: we have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves; we repent, and are sorry for all our sins. Father, forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ABSOLUTION

GLORIA

[Said at 8am, sung at 10am (overleaf)]

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;

you are seated at the right hand of the Father: received our prayer. 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.



COLLECT

Loving God, who chose the blessed virgin Mary to be the mother of your incarnate Son: grant that we, who are redeemed by his blood, may share with her in the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Please sit.

A reading from the book of Revelation:

God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant was seen within his temple. A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to deliver a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a scepter of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne, and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days.

Then I heard a loud voice in heaven proclaiming,

"Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah.

(Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a; 10ab)

Hear the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

PSALM 45



1. The daughters of kings are among your loved ones. On your right stands the queen in gold of Ophir. Listen, O daughter, give ear to my words: forget your own people and your father's house.

2. So will the king desire your beauty.
He is your lord, pay homage to him.
They are escorted amid gladness and joy; they pass within the palace of the king.

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary by Colin Mawby

SECOND READING

A reading from the first letter of Saint Paul to the Corinthians:

But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. For since death came through a human, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human, for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. But each in its own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

(1 Corinthians 15:20-26)

Hear the word of the Lord: Thanks be to God.



Alleluia, alleluia!

Blessed is she who believed that the promise made her by the Lord would be fulfilled.

Alleluia!

The Lord be with you:

And also with you.

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Luke:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country, where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me? For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy. And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

And Mary said,

"My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on the lowly state of his servant. Surely from now on all generations will call me blessed, for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name; indeed, his mercy is for those who fear him

from generation to generation.

He has shown strength with his arm;

he has scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He has brought down the powerful from their thrones

and lifted up the lowly;

he has filled the hungry with good things and sent the rich away empty. He has come to the aid of his child Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, according to the promise he made to our ancestors,

to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

And Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

(Luke 1.39-56)

For the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE HOMILY Please sit

We believe in one God,

the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is,

seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,] all may
and became truly human.] bow

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

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.

We 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 worshipped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each section:

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

And at the end:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

We are the body of Christ. **His spirit is with us.**The peace of the Lord be always with you **And also with you.**

OFFERTORY HYMN



CWB II 418

Text: Une femme don't on n'a rien dit, Didier Rimaud SJ, 1922-2013; trans C Willcock SJ b. 1947.

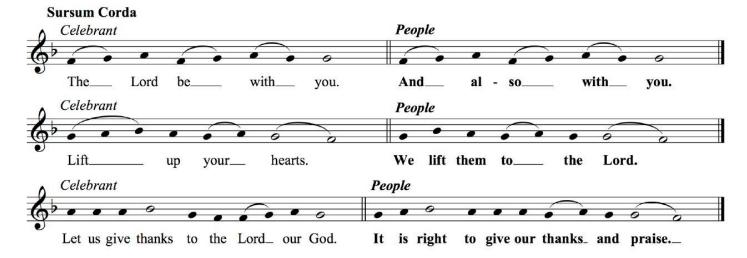
Tune: BENEDICTAES, 10.9.9.9 with refrain; C Willcock SJ © 1979, C Willcock SJ. Published by OCP, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved.

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this bread to offer, fruit of the earth and work of human hands, it will become for us the bread of life. **Blessèd be God for ever.**

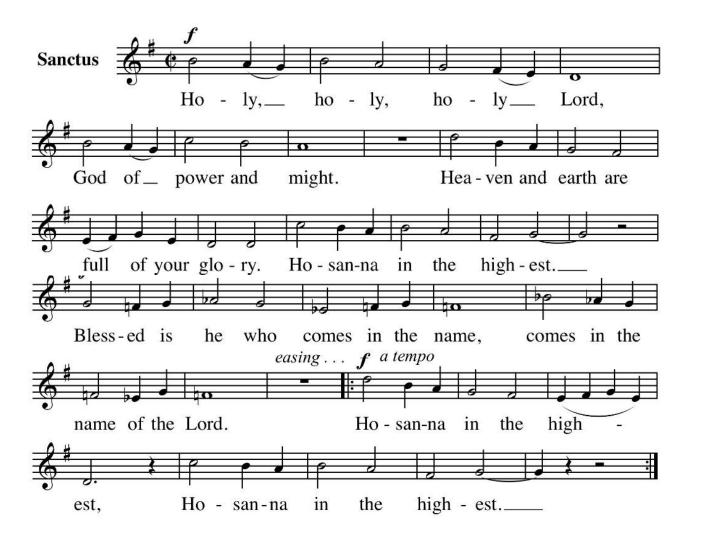
Blessèd are you, Lord God of all creation, through your goodness we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become for us the cup of salvation. **Blessèd be God for ever.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER



It is indeed right ...

... for ever praising you and saying:



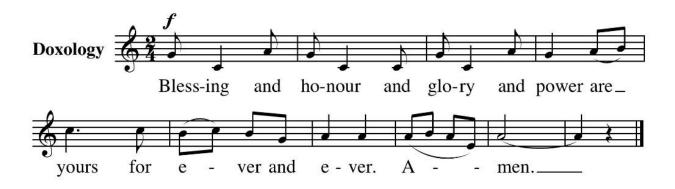
The prayer continues ...

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:



The prayer continues ...

... ending with:



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

AGNUS DEI



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION

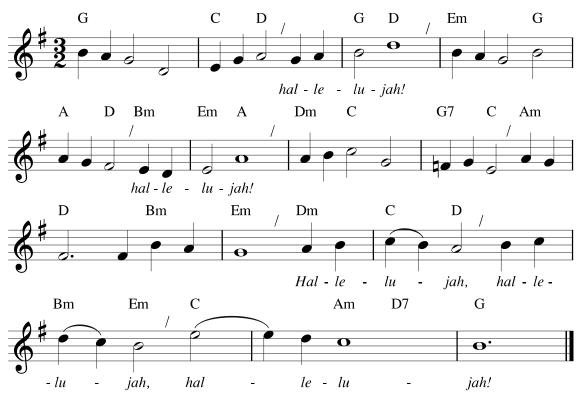
Anthem: 'Salve Regina' by C Maxim.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, your word proclaims our salvation; your table gives us life. Grant us the humble obedience we see in Mary, that we too may respond as willing servants. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Father, we offer ourselves to you as a living sacrifice through Jesus Christ our Lord. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

HYMN AFTER COMMUNION



1. Mary, mother of our Lord, *Alleluia*! bore the true and living Word. *Alleluia*! May we, too, consent today and, with her, our God obey. *Alleluia*, *alleluia*, *alleluia*!

- 2. When she did not understand, *Alleluia!* what would come of God's command, *Alleluia!* still she served the Holy One; may we, too, in faith go on. *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
- 3. Mary, listening, took part, *Alleluia!* treasured all things in her heart; *Alleluia!* so, with Mary, may we find Jesus' wisdom, strong and kind. *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
- 4. Mary, weeping, at the cross, *Alleluia!* loved her son and knew the cost; *Alleluia!* may our love, as hers, be strong though the way of pain be long. *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
- 5. Mary knew the Spirit's power, *Alleluia!* in the church as wind and fire; *Alleluia!* may our church be open still to the Spirit's gracious will. *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Tune: TIS 396, Text: #29 Mary, mother of our Lord Words by Elizabeth J Smith.

NOTICES

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

BLESSING

The Lord be with you,

and also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Who made heaven and earth.

Blessed be the name of the Lord,

Now and for ever.

May the Father, who has loved the eternal Son from before the foundation of the world, shed that love upon you his children.

Amen.

May Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one things earthly and heavenly, fill you with joy and peace.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer, give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

Amen.

♣ And the blessing of God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit come down upon you, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

'Fuga sopra il Magnificat' by JS Bach BWV 733.

All are invited for refreshments in the Parish Hall after the Service.

PARISH NEWS

FOR YOUR PRAYERS

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

For an end to violence throughout the world and other places of conflict. For the unlocking of humanitarian aid in Gaza.

For the homeless, for those straightened circumstances.

FOR THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

For the church worldwide – in every country, town and city For the life of our parish and its ministries.

For Archbishop-elect, Ric as he prepares to come to Melbourne.

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Please pray for those in need: the sick, those struggling to make ends meet, those who mourn and those who are lonely.

By name we pray for: Susan Pilbrow, Isaiah, Sue, Bishop Scott Lowrey, Edith, Vasu, Peter, Gerald, Bishop Clarence Bester, Fr Frank Moloney, Martin, the Roussell and Statham family and other families who mourn.

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Norah Lillian Killip, Mavis Alice Elizabeth Lloyd, Fr Ken Cahill, Carole Roussell and Fr Peter Douglas Treloar.

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK

Edna Rankin, Mary Causon, Henry Wallace Judd and Gweneth Marjorie Ford.

IF YOU HAVE PRAYER INTENTIONS

If there is a name to be included, please email <u>office@stmarys.org.au</u> (Names will be listed for 1 month unless otherwise specified).

NOTICES – IN THE PARISH AND BEYOND

2025 AVE – PATRONAL EDITION

The latest AVE are available from the front porch of the Church, and you can also read online from our website https://www.stmarys.org.au/ (head towards the bottom left hand corner).

FROM THE HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

More volunteers for Sunday morning teas are needed, you will be helping with set up/clean up as well as food preparation. Please speak to Susan Gribben if you would like to know more, we especially need people for **Sunday 31 August**.

TRNITY COLLEGE CHORAL EVENSONG

UoM Trinity College Choral Evensong will be held tonight, <u>Sunday 17</u>
<u>August</u> at 5pm, with Guest Speaker: The Honourable Dr Monique
Ryan. For info https://www.trinity.unimelb.edu.au/whats-happening/events/sunday-evensong-sem-2-2025

ST MARY'S EVENTS

• Sandpiper Trio (flute, cello & piano) will be performing on <u>Sunday</u> 31 August, 3pm in the Church. Works by Dillon, Tann, Faure & Haydn, tickets are \$35/\$30/free under 18. For bookings, please visit <u>www.trybooking.com/DBZHB</u>

TO HELP THOSE IN NEED

Thank you for your food donations to Anglicare Victoria/St Mark's Community Care. For tax deductible donations please visit https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/ - 'Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society' - 'St Mary's North Melbourne—Relief Program'.

SUPPORTING THE LIFE AND MINISTRY OF ST MARY'S

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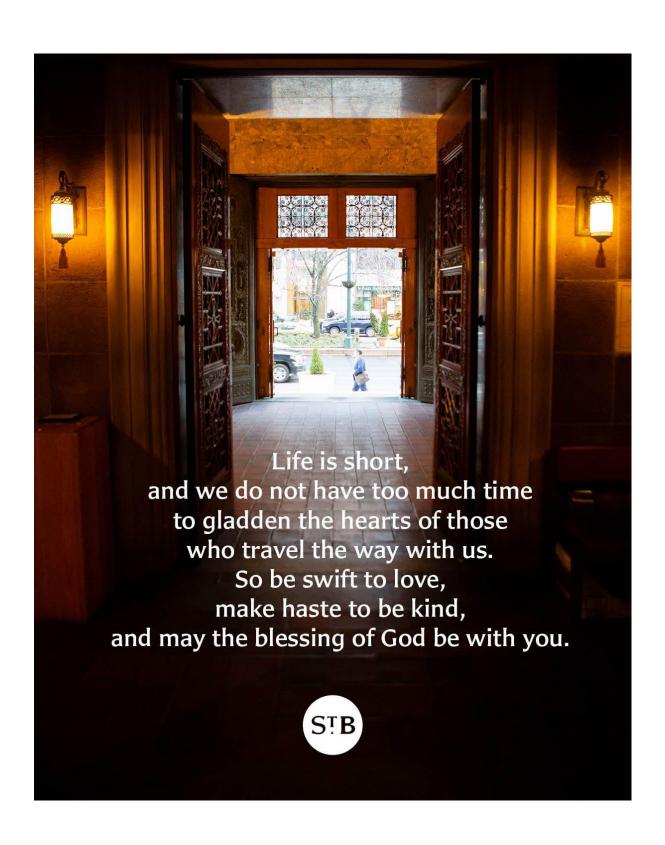
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From Saint Bartholomew's, Park Avenue, NYC:



LITURGIES AT SAINT MARY'S

MORNING PRAYER

Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.30am.

Click the link: https://bit.ly/49910N4

Meeting ID: 826 4665 0345, Passcode: 464706.

THE EUCHARIST

Thursday at 12 pm.

St Mary's Roster				
	Sunday 17 August 2025	Sunday 24 August 2025		
	Patronal Festival	Ordinary Sunday 21		
8:00am Reader	Andrew McKinlay	Jen Langmead		
10:00am	Fabien Nunes	John Blanch		
Readers	Robert Gribben	Katie Holmes		
Serving Team	Sam Miller (SD)	Alice Christofi		
	Peter O'Donoghue	Peter O'Donoghue		
	Alice Christofi			
	Anne Sunderland			
Welcome	Michael Golding	Sam Miller		
Introduction &	Geoff Jenkins	Alice Christofi		
Intercession				
Video/AV	Adam Wing	Fabien Nunes		
Kids Corner &	Harriet Jenkins	Harriet Jenkins		
Sunday School	Rosie Moloney	Rosie Moloney		
Morning Tea	Susan Gribben	Elizabeth Brookes		
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