Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

The Combined Societies of Mary



This Feast was Requested by Jesus Christ Himself in 1675 John14:23: "Those who love Me listen to My Voice and obey Me. The Father will

love him and We will draw close to him and make a dwelling place within him."

First Class Relics of St Margaret Mary Alocoque plus the First Class relic of her confessor St Claude de le Colombiere

Friday 27th June 2025 7.00 pm Adoration, Prayers of the Feast, Holy Mass **St Joseph's Church 71 Orrong Rd Elsternwick** *Further information phone Joy Hunt 9509 2207 www.combinedsocietiesofmary.com*

The Sacred Heart- The Remedy of All Our Ills

God never revokes His promises. The promises Jesus made concerning this devotion remain forever. But what does devotion to His Heart actually mean? It means in essence entering His Heart that is infinite in love and mercy and allowing us to be enveloped by His intense, infinite and burning love:

The forms that this devotion take, such as the images and prayers are not the ends in themselves but a means; the means to enter into this love. That being said, if we have really entered into His love, we will also love the symbols and images associated as both beautiful reminders and as testimonies.

It is only in this context that the promises (some of which you find below) make sense, and in this sense one could only say: "Of course Jesus would grant the following to all who are united so intimately with Him !" and do as He requested. He explained to St Margaret Mary that to those who have this devotion He would grant the following:

"I will establish peace in their homes.

I will comfort them in all their afflictions.

I will be their secure refuge during life, and above all, in death. I will bestow abundant blessings upon all their undertakings.

Sinners will find in my Heart the source and infinite ocean of mercy.

Lukewarm souls shall become fervent.

Fervent souls shall quickly mount to high perfection. I will bless every place in which an image of my Heart is exposed and honoured.

Of course being in the Heart of Jesus means following his loving directions. He asked for a special Feast to honour His Heart. If we really love His Heart should we not really want to celebrate in a special manner? With this in mind we warmly invite you and encourage you to come along to our very special celebration at St Joseph's Church in Elsternwick on Friday night 27th June.

Please do join us on this occasion to make the Heart of Jesus rejoice and to avail yourself of all the graces that God wants to give us. Especially, if it is difficult for you to do, please do make an extra effort as Jesus will never be outdone in generosity. The first class relics of both St Margaret Mary and her confessor St Claude de la Colombiere will be present for personal veneration at the end of the evening.

A beautiful miraculous and permanent healing occurred a few years back at this same Church and Feast at the veneration of the relic.

Let us not forget the beautiful promise of Jesus: "*Those who spread this devotion will have their names written on My Heart, never to be effaced.*" One way to spread the devotion is to invite others to what promises to be a beautiful grace filled evening of prayer and blessings. Jesus will bless you for whatever efforts you make.