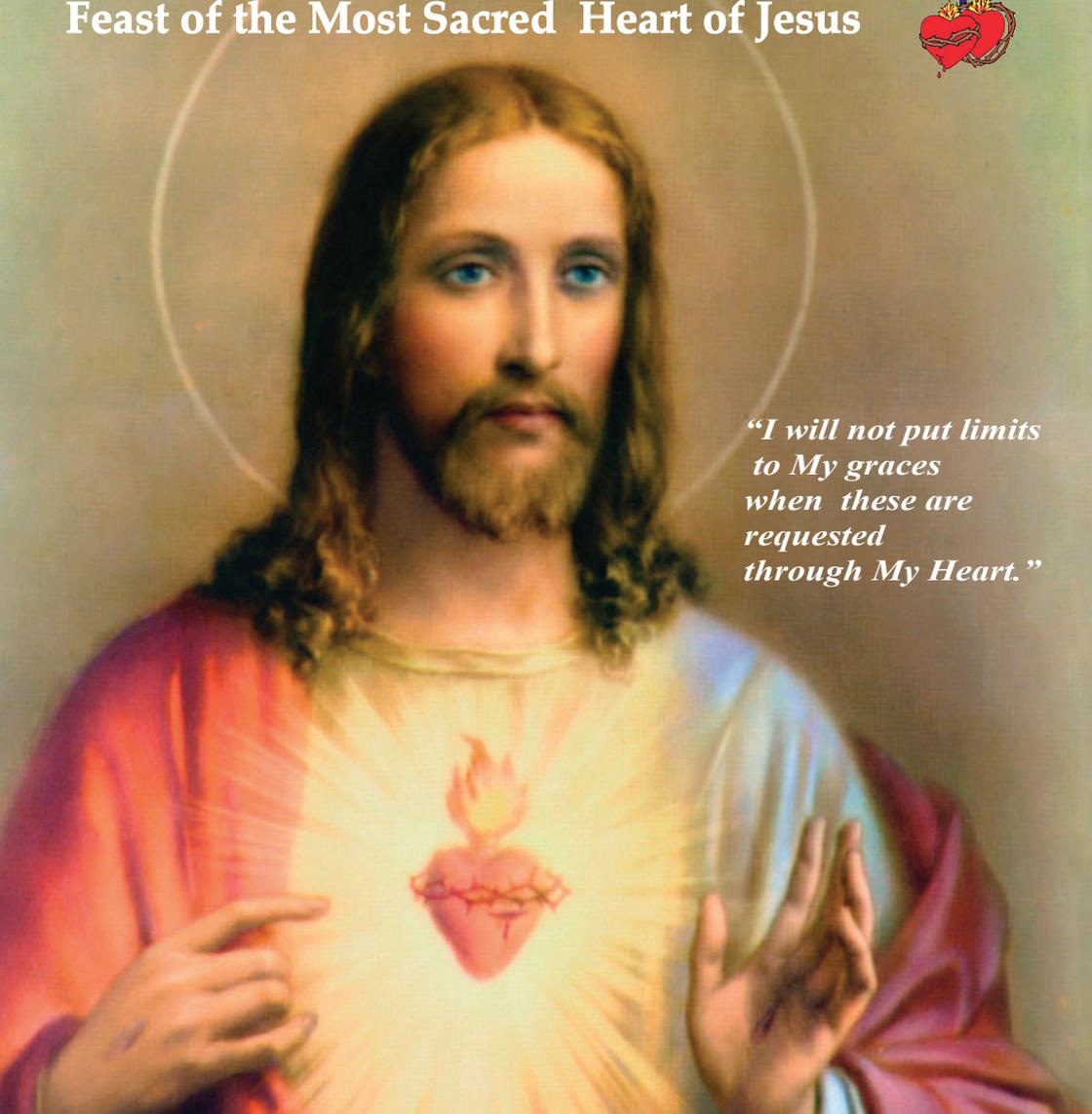


The Combined Societies of Mary
Feast of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus



*“I will not put limits
to My graces
when these are
requested
through My Heart.”*

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

Friday 24th June 2022

7.00pm Adoration, Prayers of the Feast, Holy Mass
St Joseph's Church 71 Orrong Rd Elsternwick

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Come to the Heart that Burns for Love of Us

This is an exceptional Feast. Whilst there are many celebrations related to Our Lord, there are only two which are the result of the actual and specific request of Jesus Himself. This Feast is especially beautiful in that the focus is on the overwhelming, **tender and transforming love of Jesus**: A love which is so intense and so personal.

Jesus promised great things for those who do come to Him by means of the devotion to His Sacred Heart. No matter where you are on your journey to God this Feast is for you. If you consider yourself a great sinner without much hope then be encouraged by this promise from Jesus: ***“Sinners will find in My Heart an infinite ocean of mercy.”***

If you feel you may be a little on the lukewarm side then we have this promise: ***“the lukewarm will become fervent”***. Then finally, if you feel you are already fervent we have this promise: ***“Fervent souls will rapidly grow in holiness and perfection.”***

So what is it that makes this devotion so powerful? It is its ability to make the heart open to that infinite source of grace that is contained in the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus.

Jesus in His communications with St Margaret Mary spoke to us in a manner that one would associate with someone who is madly in love. And Jesus is indeed madly in love with us. He assures us of His incredible love for us. He speaks to us about how the lack of response of souls wounds His Heart, but then reassures us that if we do respond to His love, then this is a great Joy for Him.

Jesus made the request that the First Friday after the Feast of Corpus Christi should be the Feast of His Most Sacred Heart. Jesus seems to intentionally link these two Feasts. The two feasts indeed go hand in hand. In Corpus Christi the real presence is honoured. In the Feast of the Sacred Heart, Jesus reveals the reason why He becomes present in the host: So as to allow us to become inflamed with His Divine Love, to be purified and cleansed. Jesus is underlying the fact that He becomes present in Holy Communion out of an incredible love for us and that He wants us to respond with all our affection, all our love, all our hearts and all our souls.

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 healing occurred a few years back through this veneration.**

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.