



CONSECRATION OF ST PETER'S CHURCH TOORAK

Friday 5 July 2024

7:00pm

581 Toorak Road, Toorak, VIC, 3142

Fr Brendan Hayes and the Parish Committee
would like to invite you to

the Solemn Consecration of St Peter's Church Toorak

by

The Most Reverend Peter A Comensoli DD, Archbishop of Melbourne

The Mass will be followed by refreshments in the Parish Centre.

RSVP: Sunday 30 June 2024

If you would like to attend the Consecration and the refreshments, please take a copy of this flyer and complete the details. You may wish to email it back to the parish office, armadale.toorak@cam.org.au, place it in the collection plate at Sunday Mass, or return it to the Parish Office during office hours. (Tuesday – Friday 10:00am – 4:30pm)

Full Name of All Attendees:	
Telephone Number:	
Email Address:	
Attending Consecration:	Please Circle: YES / NO
Attending Refreshments:	Please Circle: YES / NO
	Any Dietary Requirements: Please Circle: NO / YES: _____

Although St Peter's Church was blessed and opened for Sacred Worship on Sunday 4th November 1934 it was not consecrated. The reason may be that it was always intended to extend and finish the building before the Consecration could take place.

- 1934 Sanctuary and front of the Nave
- 1965 Nave and the main Entrance
- 2020 Side Chapel and Confessional Room

The other reasons for the delay may have been the Depression of the 1930s and World War II, as well as the adequacy of the building for the number of parishioners at the time.

The Church is now complete, and the proper Consecration may be carried out.

The Consecration of a Church is usually carried out by the Bishop of the Diocese in which the Church is situated, because he is the Chief Shepherd of the Diocese.

As a sign of the setting apart of the building for religious use, the principal altar, which is used for the celebration of the Eucharist, is blessed with words and anointed with Sacred Chrism. Authenticated relics are also placed in the altar. These relics are of St Alphonus Rodriguez (1533-1617), a Jesuit brother, and Blessed Anne Marie Javouhey (1779-1851), founder of the Sisters of St Joseph of Cluny.



The walls of the church are blessed and anointed with Chrism, together with the four Consecration Crosses which are permanent fixtures. Then the building is properly set apart/fit for the celebration of the Eucharist, the other Sacraments and all other religious purposes.

The consecrated building fittingly reflects the sanctity of God's holy people who gather to worship as the community of the faithful.