

handed you over to me: what have you done?' Jesus replied, 'Mine is not a kingdom of this world; if my kingdom were of this world, my men would have fought to prevent my being surrendered to the Jews. But my kingdom is not of this kind.' 'So you are a king then?' said Pilate. 'It is you who say it' answered Jesus. 'Yes, I am a king. I was born for this, I came into the world for this: to bear witness to the truth; and all who are on the side of truth listen to my voice.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH—Nicene Creed
I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day 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. I 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 adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

After the priest raises the paten with the bread and prays, and then the chalice, we respond to each prayer:

R. Blessed be God for ever.

P. Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

R. May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

P. As we offer you, O Lord, the sacrifice by which the human race is reconciled to you, we humbly pray that your Son himself may bestow on all nations the gifts of unity and peace. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. Lift up your hearts.
R. We lift them up to the Lord.
P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
R. It is right and just.

PREFACE OF CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

After the Preface, we sing or say:

All: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

P. The mystery of faith.
All: When we eat this Bread and drink this Cup, we proclaim your Death, O Lord, until you come again.

COMMUNION RITE

P. At the Saviour's command and formed by divine teaching, we dare to say:

All: Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

P. Deliver us, Lord, we pray . . .

All: For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours now and for ever.

P. Lord Jesus Christ, who said . . .

R. Amen.

P. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

R. And with your spirit.

P. Let us offer each other the sign of peace.

All exchange a sign of peace.

LAMB OF GOD

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P. Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

R. Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

COMMUNION ANTIPHON Ps 28:10-11

The Lord sits as King for ever.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having received the food of immortality, we ask, O Lord, that, glorying in obedience to the commands of Christ, the King of the universe, we may live with him eternally in his heavenly Kingdom. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. May almighty God bless you, the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.
R. Thanks be to God.



BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

'BORN FOR THIS'

The apocalyptic messages of the last weeks now arrive at the climax of our liturgical year: it is the end! In the first reading Daniel regales us with the vision of 'one like the son of man' coming on the clouds of heaven. Our psalm response chants, 'The Lord is 'King'.

We are taken to the passion narrative of John's Gospel: 'Are you the King of the Jews?' It is Pilate who asks. In this moment Jesus speaks with the clarity of the truth: 'My kingdom is not from this world'. Questioned further, he declares, 'You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice.'

This short passage confirms what we already know that Jesus the Christ is 'the Word' who 'became flesh and lived among us, and we saw his glory, the glory that is his as the only Son of the Father, full of grace and truth.' (1:14). The 'I Am' statements in John's Gospel proclaim Jesus as 'the bread that came down from heaven' (6:41), 'the bread of life' (6:48), 'the living bread' (6:51), 'the light of the world' (8:12), 'the gate for the sheep' (10:7), 'the good shepherd' who lays his life down for his sheep (10:11), 'the resurrection and the life' (11:25), 'the way, the truth and the life' (14:6), 'the true vine' (15:1), 'the vine, and you are the branches' (15:5). This litany reveals the One in whom we believe and to whose voice we listen. Today we celebrate the One who was born for this.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE / B

24 NOVEMBER 2024

BEARING WITNESS TO THE TRUTH. Jesus Christ is the faithful witness. His role as king is to bear witness to the truth that God is love (1 Jn 4:8, 16). He does this through his words but most especially through his death on the cross. By listening to his voice and participating in the Eucharistic banquet we are drawn closer to him. Then, as sharers in his kingship, we are commissioned to go out and promote the kingdom of God in our world.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Apoc 5:12; 1:6

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity; and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

GREETING

P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

PENITENTIAL ACT

P. Brethren (brothers and sisters), let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate the sacred mysteries.

P. Lord Jesus, you have revealed yourself as the way to the Father: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You have poured out on your people the Spirit of truth: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the Good Shepherd, leading us to eternal life: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father, / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, / Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / 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

P. Almighty ever-living God, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of the universe, grant, we pray, that the whole creation, set free from slavery, may render your majesty service and ceaselessly proclaim your praise. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Dan 7:13-14

A reading from the prophet Daniel
His sovereignty is eternal.

I gazed into the visions of the night. And I saw, coming on the clouds of heaven, one like a son of man.

He came to the one of great age and was led into his presence.

On him was conferred sovereignty, glory and kingship, and men of all peoples, nations and languages became his servants.

His sovereignty is an eternal sovereignty which shall never pass away, nor will his empire ever be destroyed.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 92:1-2, 5. R. v. 1

R. The Lord is king; he is robed in majesty.

1. The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; / the Lord has robed himself with might, / he has girded himself with power. **R.**

2. The world you made firm, not to be moved; / your throne has stood firm from of old. / From all eternity, O Lord, you are. **R.**
3. Truly your decrees are to be trusted. / Holiness is fitting to your house, / O Lord, until the end of time. **R.**

SECOND READING Apoc 1:5-8

A reading from the book of Apocalypse
The ruler of the kings of the earth . . . made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God.

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness, the First-born from the dead, the Ruler of the kings of

the earth. He loves us and has washed away our sins with his blood, and made us a line of kings, priests to serve his God and Father; to him, then, be glory and power for ever and ever. Amen. It is he who is coming on the clouds; everyone will see him, even those who pierced him, and all the races of the earth will mourn over him. This is the truth. Amen. 'I am the Alpha and the Omega' says the Lord God, who is, who was, and who is to come, the Almighty.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mk 11:9, 10

Alleluia, alleluia! Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our father; blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 18:33-37

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

You say that I am a king.

'Are you the king of the Jews?' Pilate asked. Jesus replied, 'Do you ask this of your own accord, or have others spoken to you about me?' Pilate answered, 'Am I a Jew? It is your own people and the chief priests who have

PARISH WEBSITE

https://melbcatholic.org/s/dandenong

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If you urgently need a priest please call 9791 4611, if Father does not answer, please leave a message and he will call you back.

WEEKEND MASS TIMES

Saturday Morning: 9.15am

Saturday Evening: 6.00pm

Sunday: 8.30am, 10.30am and 5.30pm

WEEK DAY MASS TIMES

Monday to Friday: 9.15am

Friday (9.45am –12.30pm Exposition of Blessed Sacrament, concluding with Benediction at 12.30pm)

ANOINTING MASS

Last Friday of every month 9.15 am

DAILY ROSARY

After morning Mass Mon-Sat (Friday will be before Mass)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday after 9.15am Mass and 5pm to 5.45pm before 6pm Mass or upon request

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Centre on 9791 4611

MARRIAGE

Please book the Church at the same time as you book your venue. As marriage preparation is an essential condition of marriage, you must book your preparation course at least 4 months prior to the wedding. Further details can be obtained from Fr. Sebastian

HOUSE BLESSING

If any Parishioner would like their house to be blessed, please contact Franca or at the Parish office on 9791-4611 to make a booking with either Fr Sebastian

COMMUNION AND ANOINTING OF SICK

Please inform the Parish Office on 9791-4611 if a sick person is seriously ill, homebound or hospitalised and wants to receive Holy Communion or the Sacrament of Anointing.

Any parishioners who take Communion to the sick, could you please put your name and the person you are taking Communion to, into the Communion to the Sick book. This book is kept in the sacristy.

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Principal: Timothy Hogan

St. Mary's Community Centre 7064 3928

Bookings: Miguel Matamala 0402 155 192

BINGO AT ST MARY'S

St. Mary's Bingo is on Tuesdays at 12noon & Saturdays at 6.30pm in St Mary's Community Centre, New St, Dandenong



REFLECTION by Fr Michael Tate

Not from, but for, the World

What are we to make of the famous reply of Jesus to Pilate: ‘My kingdom is not of this world’? Left there, it sounds as though Jesus is talking about a realm which is far removed from terrestrial concerns. Perhaps our task as his followers is to meditate into a blissful nothingness, to live other-worldly lives.

It is a poor translation, and it should read: ‘My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would have fought to stop my being handed over.’ Of all the ways in which our Lord could have contrasted his realm with all the other ways in which societies are ruled, he chose a contrast about the use of force. Rather, his reign springs from his Father’s will that humanity should live together in a realm of non-violence.

We can easily criticise the blasphemous use of barbaric violence in the supposed service of religion. It is the most extreme opposite of Our Lord’s teaching which He embodied in his practice. But, even for us, the challenge is there to restrain too-ready resort to armed violence and to humanely moderate its exercise where it is used to protect the innocent. We could pause for a moment to pray for the coming of the Kingdom, not as an ‘out of this world’ experience, but in the words of the Our Father: ‘Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.’

PARISH PILGRIMAGES 2025

Dear Parishioners as you are aware Holy Father Pope Francis has announced that 2025 will be the year of Jubilee, something which happens every 25 years. The theme is “Pilgrims of Hope”.

St Mary’s Parish as announced earlier this year is organising to visit some of the sacred shrines of eastern europe e.g. Divine Mercy (Poland), Infant Jesus (Prague), Medjuogorje (Bosnia) and also some of the Marian Shrines Lourdes (France), Fatima (Portugal) and other Holy places in Italy

Divine Mercy Pilgrimage (May 2025)

Marian Shrines of Europe Pilgrimage (June 2025)

FLYERS ARE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH FOYER

Embark on a spiritual journey of illumination this Advent and Christmas with The Light: Advent and Christmas Daily Reflections 2024 The Light is a comprehensive 88-page book of daily reflections designed to deepen your spiritual journey from the beginning of Advent (1 December 2024) through to the Baptism of the Lord (12 January 2025), offering profound insights and contemplative thoughts that invites you to explore the depths of your faith and anticipate the joy of God’s presence in the world. The Light is more than just a guide; it is a beacon of hope and renewal, leading you through the enduring narratives of Advent and Christmas that have touched the hearts of the faithful across generations. Whether you are looking to deepen your understanding, find spiritual solace, or celebrate the essence of the seasons, this book is an invaluable companion for your spiritual path. The book only cost \$5.00 and is available at the Piety Stall.



St. Mary’s Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adult

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

EVENT: PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS

DATE: FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER

WHERE: Church TIME: 6:30pm

EVENT: SIMBANG GABI

DATE: SUNDAY, 15TH DECEMBER-23RD DECEMBER

WHERE: Church TIME:7:30pm

EVENT: ST MARY’S NEW YEARS EVE DINNER DANCE

DATE: TUESDAY 31ST, DECEMBER 2024

TIME: 8PM-MIDNIGHT

WHERE: ST MARY’S COMMUNITY CENTRE, NEW STREET, DANDENONG

COST: \$45 PER HEAD

TICKETS WILL BE ON SALE AFTER EACH MASS



OUR PARISH WELCOMES

Ciella Elissa Monique who will be baptised this weekend. We pray for her and hope that she and her family will continue to grow deeper in faith.

9 DAY NOVENA TO THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF MARY PRIOR ST MARY’S PARISH FEAST DAY

The 9 day Novena begins on Saturday 30th November before the 6:00pm mass concluding on our Feast Day, Sunday 8th December 2024

Novena will be recited before all masses

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Thursday of the month. THURSDAY 5TH DECEMBER after morning mass followed with Adoration concluding with Benediction at 8:30pm. We will need at least 3 volunteers to cover the day and evening hours. A sign up sheet is in the church foyer if you would like to reserve your spot.

There will be individual confessions from 6:00pm-8:30pm

Bro. Nicolas will be hosting ADVENT REFLECTIONS every Tuesday in Advent 3rd, 10th & 17th December 2024 7:00-8:00pm. Parish Meeting Room 1 all are welcome.

MEMORIAL MASS

November Memorial Mass We will remember all the dearly departed, especially those who have died over the recent year.

Saturday 30th November 2024 at 9.15am . All welcome (please bring a photo of your loved one and place it on the sanctuary floor)

ROSTER WEEKEND 30 NOV—1 DEC READERS

6:00pm: Marina & Pamela

8:30am: Tim & Kasia

10:30am: Clara & Michelle Lobo

5:30pm: Angela & Michelle Tordillo

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

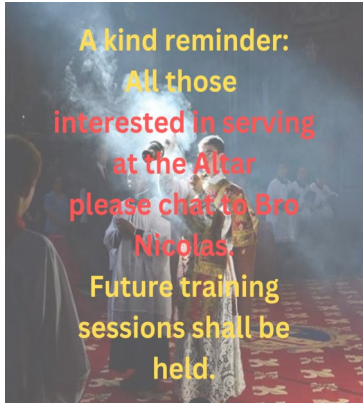
6:00pm: Ruth, Margaret & Maxine

8:30am: Ulalia, Wigbertha & Marilyn

10:30am: Stefania, Suzie & Ofelia

5:30pm: Neville, Sharmini & Graham

A kind reminder: All those interested in serving at the Altar please chat to Bro Nicolas. Future training sessions shall be held.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Domenico Carullo

Anniversaries:

Bernadette McCabe, Teresa Cappello, Douglas Wood, Peter Hendricks, Therese Dissanayake, Maria da Conceicao Miguel, Joaquina Guterres Mu, Fernando Leong, Eda & Dudley Callaghan, Maree & Hugh Joseph, Bridget Jackson, Tootsy & Ernie Joseph, Silvia & Herbert Dalley, Eardley Jackson

Sick:

Rosa Maria Santos, Long Phan, Ush Henry Bangkal, Leti Luki, Kathleen Nelson, Jim Lynch , Bernardo, Ray Gilligan, Frank Pezzaro, Janet Augustine, Bridget Phyl-land, Desmond Hopper, Chris Grubb, Sol-ofuti, Samantha Vasanthy, Kevin, Maria Perez, Alan John Borninkhof, Angela Anthony, Ray Simmons, Frank Camara, Rita Breen, Katrina, Tasileta Lolesio, Jim, Lucia Germano, Imelda Quatre-bornes, Sandra Wills, Reuben Jacobs, Maddie, Herve, Asis Zullah, Nacera Burekovic, Charlie Mastrogiovanni, Carla Lunardi, Russell D’Costa

(The privacy legislation requires us to have written permission by an authorised person before any name can be printed)in the Marian.

(IF THERE ARE ANY NAMES THAT NEED TO COME OFF THE SICK LIST PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE)

REGULAR GROUP MEETING ST MARY’S PARISH

LEGION OF MARY:

Saturday afternoons 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Fellowship Room followed by Rosary before 6pm Mass

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP :

Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the church

AL-ANON : Tuesday evenings at 8pm in the Fellowship Room. For more information call 1300 252 666

VINCENTIAN RETREAT CENTRE:

Fridays Mass with healing prayer 7pm

ST EPHREM CHALDEAN CHURCH:

Sundays Mass (Arabic) 12.30pm

ST MARY’S FRIENDSHIP CLUB:

3rd Wednesday of month lunch meet at Dandenong RSL.12pm

MENS GROUP

1st Thursday of month (Marian Room) 6pm

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

1st Sunday of month (Parish Centre) 6:30pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thanksgiving: \$2427.50

Presbytery \$566.00 Loose: \$1658.00

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If you would like to make direct payments to our bank accounts, the details are:

St Mary’s General Account: (Thanksgiving & Donations)

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For contributions to support our priests and the Archdiocese

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