

P. The Lord be with you.

**R. And with your spirit.**

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

**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**

*You cannot be slaves both of God and of money.*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things can be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own? 'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

**The Gospel of the Lord.**

**R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

*Longer form Lk 16:1-13*

## 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. Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. 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 I-VIII OF THE SUNDAYS IN ORDINARY TIME

*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 118:4-5

**You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.**

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. Through Christ our Lord.

**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,  $\text{✠}$  and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### RELEASE OF DEBT

Today's Gospel returns us to a favourite repetitive Lukan theme. It is about the disciples' attitudes to wealth and possessions. The teaching takes the form of a story from Jesus. The main character is a rich landowner – a character with which some in Luke's Gospel community could well identify with given that they, too, were property owners.

There's a problem which the owner identifies. He presumes that his manager has been 'wasteful with his [the owner's] property'. We are not sure what 'wasteful' means in this case and we can superimpose our expectations from our Western ideas on to what might be going on. But there could be another agenda at play from Luke's world. Wealth came about through other people becoming poorer. The evangelist wants the wealthy to reconsider their responsibility to poorer Gospel members. The manager could be acting to redistribute wealth in a way that the property owner considers 'wasteful.' The manager's 'redistribution program' might also be operating later when he considers what he will do after he has been fired from his position because of the greed of his landowner.

The release of debt that the manager brings about from those in debt (a key petition in the 'Lord's Prayer') is a release from greater poverty. The wisdom that emerges from the story and is explicated in the final lines of the Gospel is about the use of wealth. It is, for the faith community, the building up of friendship and, for the disciple, to be free. This is being released from being possessed by possessions. Today's Gospel is a timely reminder for us in a world of wealth, bitcoins and foreign exchange.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TEL: 9791-4611/OFFICE HOURS 9AM-3PM MONDAY-FRIDAY/EMAIL: dandenong@cam.org.au

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

21 SEPTEMBER 2025

SLAVES OF GOD OR MONEY? The Christian community must contribute to the welfare of the broader human society. We have a duty to pray for civil leaders and to act justly in our places of work. We must do what we can to ensure that the institutions of our society are devoted to the well-being of all citizens. If we ourselves are devoted to God and not to money, we will bring great riches to our society.

### INTRODUCTORY RITES

#### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

**I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.**

**Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for 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

**Gloria 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. O God, who founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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

Amos 8:4-7

*A reading from the prophet Amos  
The Lord spoke against those who buy the poor for money.*

Listen to this, you who trample on the needy and try to suppress the poor people of the country,

you who say, 'When will New Moon be over so that we can sell our corn, and sabbath, so that we can market our wheat?

Then by lowering the bushel, raising the shekel,

by swindling and tampering with the scales, we can buy up the poor for money, and the needy for a pair of sandals, and get a price even for the sweeping of the wheat.'

The Lord swears it by the pride of Jacob, 'Never will I forget a single thing you have done.'

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### RESP PSALM

Ps 112:1-2, 4-8. R. cf. vv. 1, 7

**R. Praise the Lord, who lifts up the poor. (or Alleluia!)**

1. Praise, O servants of the Lord, / praise the name of the Lord! / May the name of the Lord be blessed / both now and for evermore! **R.**
2. High above all nations is the Lord, / above the heavens his glory. / Who is like the Lord, our God, / who has risen on high to his throne / yet stoops from the heights to look down, / to look down upon heaven and earth? **R.**
3. From the dust he lifts up the lowly, / from the dungheap he raises the poor / to set him in the company of princes, / yes, with the princes of his people. **R.**



#### SECOND READING

1 Tim 2:1-8

*A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy*

*Let prayers be offered to God for everyone; he wants all people to be saved.*

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and humankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

**The word of the Lord.**

**R. Thanks be to God.**

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

2 Cor 8:9

**Alleluia, alleluia!  
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!**

**PARISH WEBSITE**  
https://melbcatholic.org/s/dandenong

**PARISH PRIEST:** Fr. Sebastian Arockia  
**PARISH SECRETARY:** Franca Van Boxtel  
**FINANCE OFFICER:** Deslene de Niese  
**PARISH CENTRE MANAGER:**  
Mr. Miguel Matamala

*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)

**ANNOINTING MASS** -Last Friday of every month 9.15 am

**DAILY ROSARY**—After morning Mass Mon-Sat (Fridays will be before Mass)

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

**BAPTISM, MARRIAGE OR HOUSE BLESSING**—Please contact the Parish Centre on 9791 4611

**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.

**REGULAR GROUP MEETING**  
**ST MARY’S PARISH**  
**LEGION OF MARY:**  
Saturday mornings after 9:15am mass in the Fellowship Room followed by Rosary

**SPANISH PRAYER GROUP :**  
Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the church

**ST MARY’S FRIENDSHIP CLUB:**  
3rd Wednesday of month lunch meet at Dandenong RSL.12pm

**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

**PARISH OFFICE CLOSED TUESDAY 23RD SEPTEMBER AND THURSDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER**

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
St. Mary’s Parish has been selected for inclusion in the Archdiocese's Safeguarding Audit. All parish volunteers must have a current Working with Children Check that links St. Mary’s Parish as one of their volunteer organisations. Volunteers are also required to undergo Safeguarding training which can be done online.  
**To access the online training go to :**  
**[www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org](http://www.safeguarding.melbournecatholic.org)**  
**To login, you will need:**

- your unique Working with Children Check ID/VIT ID number**
- an email address**

A signed code of conduct is also required.  
**(COPIES ARE AVAILABLE IN CHURCH FOYER)**  
**If you need any help with this please contact the parish office on 9791-4611**

**LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE IN LOVE...A MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND IS A GIFT FOR EVERY MARRIED COUPLE**  
And every married couple deserves this very special weekend. Time-out for the two of you to focus on your most precious relationship. You will come away feeling more deeply connected and with tools to help keep your renewed intimacy alive. No group sharing is required. The weekend is based on Catholic values and couples of all faiths are very welcome. **We offer 2 further weekends in 2025. Please check our website for more details and to book your special weekend:**  
October 10-12: St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South. Starts Friday evening at 7pm and finishes Sunday afternoon around 4:30pm  
Information/Bookings: Please phone **Mercy & James 0409 183 676** or Email: **[vicbookings@wwme.org.au](mailto:vicbookings@wwme.org.au)** Website: **[wwme.org.au](http://wwme.org.au)**

**THE MISSIONARY SISTERS OF ST PETER CLAVER**  
Will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 18 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be forwarded to the Missionaries of St Francis de Sales for their boys’ home in the Diocese of Doba, Chad, Africa. Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.

**GOD AND BEER**  
**MALE AND FEMALE HE CREATED THEM**  
Our next God and Beer evening will explore the theme Male and Female He Created Them. Drawing on St John Paul II’s Theology of the Body, our presenters will reflect on what it means to be created as male and female, and how this truth shapes our relationships, our capacity for love, and our call to authentic communion. Together, we’ll consider how God’s plan for humanity can guide us in navigating questions of identity, marriage, and human dignity today. This promises to be an evening of good conversation, fellowship, and faith. We hope you’ll join us!  
**Topic:** Male and Female He Created Them **Speaker:** Matt MacDonald and Stephanie De Niese  
**Date:** Monday 13th October  
**Time:** 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk  
**Venue:** Notting Hill Hotel, **[Steakhouse Room](#)**, 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd., Notting Hill  
**Tickets:** **[Free \(but limited\)](#)**

**St. Mary’s Primary School** Phone: 9791 7650, New St, Dandenong. **Principal:** Terry Gardiner  
**St. John’s Regional College** Phone 8793 2000 Caroline St, Dandenong. **Principal:** Timothy Hogan  
**St. Mary’s Community Centre:** Tel 7064 3928 **Bookings:** Miguel Matamala 0402 155 192

**PLEASE PRAY FOR**

**Recently Deceased:** Antonio Rodrigues

**Anniversaries:** Regina Puvi, Angelo Johnpulle

**Sick:** Rosa Maria Santos, Long Phan, Ush Henry Bangkal, Leti Luki, Kathleen Nelson, Jim Lynch , Bernardo, Ray Gilligan, Frank Pezzaro, Janet Augustine, Bridget Phyland, Desmond Hopper, Solofuti, 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, Maddie, Herve, Asis Zullah, Nacera Burekovic, Charlie Mastrogiovanni, Carla Lunardi, Russell D’Costa, Satty Lee, Ping Lo, Keith Reynolds, Robyn, Fr Brendan Lane, Rosario Giaquinta, Anne Richards, Gervais Tourmentin, Fr Michael Shadbolt, Ashleigh Wills, Anthony Morri, Lyma Payne  
*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)**

**40 DAYS FOR LIFE CAMPAIGN- SEPTEMBER 24- NOVEMBER 2**  
[The international pro-life campaign, 40 Days for Life, will be running in Melbourne this year from 24th September to 2nd November. To sign up or for more details, please go to **[40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne](http://40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne)**. You can also speak to your parish contact, Andrew Vaccaro at 0404 390 824 or **[avaccaro@internode.on.net](mailto:avaccaro@internode.on.net)**. A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex if you'd like to be part of a team effort. Donations gratefully accepted and will go towards supporting local pregnancy support:

**MARCH FOR THE BABIES**  
Come and show your support and march for the babies at 1.00pm Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> October - Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring St and Wellington Pde, Melbourne. Wear pink and blue for the Babies!  
**[www.marchforthebabies.com](http://www.marchforthebabies.com)** This is the 17<sup>th</sup> annual March for the Babies, and every year since 2009, thousands of Victorians have gathered peacefully with grief and hope to remember the ever-increasing number of babies killed by abortion in this state since the Government legalized abortion-till-birth on October 10, 2008

**RCIA – The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults**  
Will commence in September. If you know of any family member or friends who would like to become a Catholic, or any Catholic who has missed the sacraments of Holy Communion and Confirmation, they are welcome to join this year’s group. Please contact the Parish Office for more information on 9791-4611

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**First Friday Healing Mass (Fr Aurelio Fragapane) Friday 3rd October 6:30pm-9:30pm**  
**Melbourne Cup Dinner Dance—Friday 31st October 2025 8pm-Midnight (St Mary’s Community Centre)**  
**New Year’s Eve Ball 2025—Wednesday 31st December (St Mary’s Community Centre)**

**ST MARY’S SOCIAL CLUB.** Meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of every month. Time: 12noon to 2:30pm **Venue:** St Mary’s Marian Room 26 New Street, Dandenong **No tickets, \$10:00 ENTRY FEE per person (includes lunch)** If you wish to attend please put your name and details on the sign up sheet in sheet in Church foyer.

| ROSTER—27th & 28th September 2025                                     |                                                                                  |
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| <b>READER</b><br><b>SATURDAY 6PM</b><br>Susan Rodrigues & Shiyen Dias | <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b><br><b>SATURDAY 6PM</b><br>Bibiana, Ruth & Margaret |
| <b>SUNDAY 8:30AM</b><br>Bev & Greta Pereira                           | <b>SUNDAY 8:30AM</b><br>Greta, Rebecca & Joanna                                  |
| <b>SUNDAY 10:30AM</b><br>Pamela Spink & Ofelia Alvarado               | <b>SUNDAY 10:30AM</b><br>Stefania, Suzie & Volunteer                             |
| <b>SUNDAY 5:30PM</b><br>Eva Jacobs & Michelle Tordillo                | <b>SUNDAY 5:30PM</b><br>Graham , Wilma & Marie Michel                            |

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Thanksgiving:** \$1075.00  
**Presbytery** \$387.00 **Loose:** \$1745.00

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

**St Mary’s General Account: (Thanksgiving & Donations)**  
**NAB BSB:** 083 347  
**ACC. No.** 483196852

**For contributions to support our priests and the Archdiocese Presbytery Account:**  
**NAB BSB:** 083 347  
**ACC. No.** 460761193

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