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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 Mt 17:5
**This is my beloved Son, with whom I am
well pleased; listen to him.**

life.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

PRAYER IS KEY
On this Sunday we accompany Jesus up
a mountain with three of his first-called
disciples, Peter, John and James. The
intention of Jesus' mountain-ascent, as
Luke notes, is 'to pray'.
Luke locates this event at the beginning
of Jesus' journey to Jerusalem, where
suffering and death await. This journey
will occupy almost half the Gospel.
The journey is one of instruction. Jesus
instructs his disciples, Luke's audience
and us on how to be authentic in a
culture where status and materialism
seduce. Prayer is key. Like the prophets
of the First Testament, Jesus, the prophet,
speaks truth and confronts compromised
leadership. This will come at a high cost.
Luke's Jesus knows this. The mountain is
sacred, perceived as closer to the Heavens
and God's abode. Jesus prays to God
seeking discernment in what will unfold.
This prayer, in which the disciples are also
caught up, brings him into communion
with two First Testament figures, Moses
and Elijah, representatives of the Torah
(Moses, whom Israelites believed inspired
the first five books of the Bible) and
the Prophets (Elijah). Their presence
is Luke's reminder that God's loving
accompaniment of and revelation to the
Israelites continued through Jesus into
Luke's day. This scene is helpful for
our Lenten journey. Prayer, especially
in times of struggle and the search for
discernment, is key.

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life. In today's Gospel Jesus takes three of his disciples
aside and reveals himself to them in his glory as the Son of God. His aim is to
strengthen their faith in him as they make the difficult journey to Calvary. Jesus does
something similar for us in the Sunday Eucharist. He invites us to step aside from our
daily chores to pray, to listen to his word and be nourished by him. Strengthened, we
go out from Mass ready to take up our journey along the way of the cross.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26:8-9
**Of you my heart has spoken: Seek his
face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.**

GREETING
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Grace to you and peace from God our
Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
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. You were sent to heal the contrite of
heart: Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. You came to call sinners: Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
You are seated at the right hand of the
Father to intercede for us: 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.
The Gloria is not said during Lent.

COLLECT
P. O God, who have commanded us to listen
to your beloved Son, be pleased, we pray, to
nourish us inwardly by your word, that, with
spiritual sight made pure, we may rejoice to
behold your glory. 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.

Such will be your descendants' he told him.
Abram put his faith in the Lord, who counted
this as making him justified.
'I am the Lord' he said to him 'who brought
you out of Ur of the Chaldeans to make you
heir to this land.' 'My Lord, the Lord' Abram
replied 'how am I to know that I shall inherit
it?' He said to him, 'Get me a three-year-old
heifer, a three-year-old goat, a three-year-old
ram, a turtledove and a young pigeon.' He
brought him all these, cut them in half and
put half on one side and half facing it on the
other; but the birds he did not cut in half.
Birds of prey came down on the carcasses but
Abram drove them off.
Now as the sun was setting Abram fell into
a deep sleep, and terror seized him. When
the sun had set and darkness had fallen, there
appeared a smoking furnace and a firebrand
that went between the halves. That day the
Lord made a Covenant with Abram in these
terms:
'To your descendants I give this land,
from the wadi of Egypt to the Great River.'
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 26:1, 7-9, 13-14. R. v. 1
R. The Lord is my light and my salvation.
1. The Lord is my light and my help; /
whom shall I fear? / The Lord is the
stronghold of my life; / before whom shall
I shrink? **R.**
2. O Lord, hear my voice when I call; / have
mercy and answer. / Of you my heart has
spoken: / 'Seek his face.' **R.**
3. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; / hide
not your face. / Dismiss not your servant in
anger; / you have been my help. **R.**
4. I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness /



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we undertake alone; as Christians, we are called to walk together, to support one another, and to be a Church that listens and accompanies. Lent invites us to embrace this call by strengthening our faith, opening our hearts to others, and committing ourselves anew to prayer, fasting, and charity.

Hope is at the heart of our journey. St. Paul reminds us: "Hope does not disappoint" (Rom 5:5). We are invited to trust in God's promise of eternal life and to allow this hope to shape our Lenten pilgrimage toward the joy of Easter. May this season be one of grace, drawing us closer to Christ and to one another.

We hope that you will be able to utilise all the Lenten initiatives on offer in order to help you prepare for Easter.

Let us journey together in hope, renewed in faith and love.

Happy Lent! Fr Sebastian Arockia MSFS



ST MARY'S PARISH—FUNERAL NOTICE



AGOSTINO NAPOLITANO

25/03/1932-06/03/2025

MONDAY 17TH MARCH AT 11AM

KIMBERLEY VIVIENE TIRANT

05/10/1992-24/02/2025

TUESDAY 18TH MARCH AT 11AM

(NANCY) ANNIE MARGARET HUSSEY

25/1/1933- 6/3/2025

WEDNESDAY 19TH MARCH AT 11AM

St Mary's Parish, Dandenong—Saturday 5th April 2025

Led by Fr Joby George VC

Mass, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession , Prayers, Worship and Healing.

Starting at 9:30 concluding at 3:30pm

(tea/coffee and light lunch included)

Please register your attendance on the signup sheet in church foyer.



Parish Social Committee & Festival Committee

We are forming our Parish Social Committee & Festival Committee so

Quadré Gomes, Sandra Wini, Rebecca Jacobs, Maddie, Herve, Asis Zahari, Nacera Barakovic, Carla Lunardi, Russell D'Costa, Satty Lee, Ping Lo, Dale Reynolds, Keith Reynolds, Robyn, Marlene
(The privacy legislation requires us to have written permission by an authorised person before any name
(IF THERE ARE ANY NAMES THAT NEED TO COME OFF THE SICK LIST PLEASE CONTACT)

WORLDWIDE MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER A ministry in the Catholic Church offering couples a weekend of discovery for their marriage. Enhance communication and rekindle the passion in your marriage!

When: 25-27 April 2025 **Where:** St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna South For additional information contact us: Mobile 0409 183 676

Email: vicbookings@wwme.org.au Website: wwme.org.au

PRAYER FOR LIFE—SATURDAY 22ND MARCH 2025

Mass in reparation for abortion,

9am at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne

Followed by Rosary Procession. ALL WELCOME

Celebrant: Fr Benneth Osuagwa

Sponsored by: Helpers of God's Precious Infants

DANDENONG DEANERY COUNCIL

LISTENING TO THE VOICES THAT ECHO -The Year of the Jubilee

DATE: Wed 19th March 2025

VENUE: St John's Regional College, Graduate's Restaurant
Caroline Street, Dandenong

New start time: 5.45pm for a 6pm start.

COST: \$48 3 course meal Wine & Beer. Guest Speaker: TBA

RSVP: by Frid.14th March at the latest Paddy 0422 296 961 or email: Dandenong-deanery@live.com.au Cash / Cheque or direct into bank only, as we do not have Card facilities.



CALENDER

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EVENT

18 Mar (Tues)	Catechism Classes—Reconciliation
19 Mar (Wed)	RCIA Classes
20 Mar (Thur)	Catechism Classes-1st Eucharist and Confirmation
23 Mar (Sun)	Baptisms
1 April (Tue)	Catechism Classes –Reconciliation
2 April (Wed)	RCIA Classes
3 April (Thur)	Catechism Classes—1st Eucharist and Confirmation
5 April (Sat)	Parish Lent Reflection Day
13 April (Sun)	Palm Sunday
17 April (Thur)	Holy Thursday (Lord's Supper)
18 April (Fri)	Good Friday (Passion of the Lord)
19 April (Sat)	Easter Vigil
20 April (Sun)	Easter Sunday (Resurrection of the Lord)

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