

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

1 SEPTEMBER 2024

washing their arms as far as the elbow; and on returning from the market place they never eat without first sprinkling themselves. There are also many other observances which have been handed down to them concerning the washing of cups and pots and bronze dishes. So these Pharisees and scribes asked him, 'Why do your disciples not respect the tradition of the elders but eat their food with unclean hands?' He answered, 'It was of you hypocrites that Isaiah so rightly prophesied in this passage of scripture:

This people honours me only with lip-service, while their hearts are far from me. The worship they offer me is worthless, the doctrines they teach are only human regulations.

You put aside the commandment of God to cling to human traditions.'

He called the people to him again and said, 'Listen to me, all of you, and understand. Nothing that goes into a man from outside can make him unclean; it is the things that come out of a man that make him unclean. For it is from within, from men's hearts, that evil intentions emerge: fornication, theft, murder, adultery, avarice, malice, deceit, indecency, envy, slander, pride, folly. All these evil things come from within and make a man unclean.'

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. May this sacred offering, O Lord, confer on us always the blessing of salvation, that what it celebrates in mystery it may accomplish in power. 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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord, and profess your Resurrection 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 30:20

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Renewed by this bread from the heavenly table, we beseech you, Lord, that, being the food of charity, it may confirm our hearts

and stir us to serve you in our neighbour.

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, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

'LISTEN TO ME'

Returning to the Gospel of Mark this week, we have an edited version of a dispute raised by the Pharisees and some of the scribes from Jerusalem about some of Jesus' disciples eating loaves with unwashed hands. Particularly in light of our recent pandemic experiences, we may have some sympathy with them. Yet as the narrative unfolds, we are given further background, that this is but one of the observations of their tradition. The prescriptions about washing do not stem for the Torah, the Law, but are local interpretations by specific groups.

Importantly we can join the extended crowd to hear Jesus say, 'Listen to me.' The same words are used by the prophets to call the people of Israel to listen to the word of God. Here it is a call to pay attention to Jesus' words that 'nothing that goes into a person from outside can defile.' It is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions can grow.

Today let us pick up on Jesus' call to 'listen to me' as we read and pray with the scriptures. Let us also hear Pope Francis reminding us, 'The believer does not turn to the Holy Scriptures to support his or her own philosophical and moral view, but because he or she hopes for an encounter; the believer knows that those words were written in the Holy Spirit, and that therefore in that same Spirit they must be welcomed and understood, so that the encounter can occur.' (Pope Francis audience, 27 Jan. 2021)

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

Unauthorised reproduction of this bulletin prohibited. Published with ecclesiastical approval by ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS, PO Box 906, Strathfield NSW 2135. Tel 02 9394 3400 Fax 02 9394 3444. Scripture readings from the Jerusalem Bible, published and © 1966, by Darton, Longman and Todd Ltd and Doubleday & Co. Inc. are used by permission of the publishers. Psalm text from The Psalms, A New Translation, © 1963, The Grail (England), HarperCollins. New translation of the Order of Mass from The Roman Missal © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Artwork by Sr Dorothy Woodward sj. Layout, commentaries and illustrations © St Pauls Publications, 2024. No 677. Website: www.stpauls.com.au

CLINGING TO HUMAN TRADITIONS. We can sometimes do something good for an evil motive. For instance, we may help others, not to relieve their difficulties but to put them in our debt. Acts that flow from evil intentions are always evil even if they masquerade as good. If the seed of God is planted deep within us the intentions that arise from our hearts will be good and loving. Our motives for worshipping God and helping others will be pure.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:3, 5

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

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 are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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.



SECOND READING James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
A reading from the letter of St James.

Be doers of the word.

It is all that is good, everything that is perfect, which is given us from above; it comes down from the Father of all light; with him there is no such thing as alteration, no shadow of a change. By his own choice he made us his children by the message of the truth so that we should be a sort of first-fruits of all that he had created.

Accept and submit to the word which has been planted in you and can save your souls. But you must do what the word tells you, and not just listen to it and deceive yourselves.

Pure unspoiled religion, in the eyes of God our Father is this: coming to the help of orphans and widows when they need it, and keeping oneself uncontaminated by the world.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION James 1:18

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Father gave us birth by his message of truth, that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

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

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

You forget the commandments of God to hold on to human tradition.

The Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered round Jesus, and they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with unclean hands, that is, without washing them. For the Pharisees, and the Jews in general, follow the tradition of the elders and never eat without

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Sebastian Arockia
SEMINARIAN: Bro Nicolas Calandra
PARISH SECRETARY: Franca Van Bostel
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)

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.

St. Mary's Primary School Phone: 9791 7650
New St, Dandenong.
Principal: Terry Gardiner
St. John's Regional College Phone 9791 3366
Caroline St, Dandenong.
Principal: Timothy Hogan
St. Mary's Community Centre 9792 4884
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*



IMPORTANT NOTICE
THIS COMING WEEK 9:15AM WE WILL HAVE EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT AND MORNING PRAYER OF THE CHURCH FOLLOWED BY BENEDICTION
(NO MORNING MASS MONDAY 2ND SEPT TO FRIDAY 6TH SEPT)

OUR PARISH WELCOMES

Bakam, Kelly, Anna, Jessica, Adira, Teresa, Sara, Stella, Nimona, Dunge & Sifvan who will be baptised this weekend. We pray for them and hope that they and their families will continue to grow deeper in faith.



THE OPEN DOOR—Movie Afternoon

Come and enjoy a movie called the “The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry” with us and discuss its meaning and relevance to our connection and community. When: Thursday 12 Sept 1.30pm – 3.30pm
Where: 110 Ann St, Dandenong
Enquiries: Ph 9791 8664 or E: Theopendoor@ssjg.org.au
Suggested Donation: Gold Coin

1ST SATURDAY OF THE MONTH—FATIMA DEVOTIONS
7TH SEPTEMBER 2024



8.00am Rosary
9.15am Mass (Followed by procession)
10.00am Confessions

24HOUR ADORATION

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Thursday of the month. **THURSDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER** after morning mass followed with **24 hour Adoration** concluding with Benediction on Friday before 9:15am Mass. We will need at least 3 volunteers to cover the day and night hours. A sign up sheet is in the church foyer if you would like to reserve your spot.



PARISH PILGRIMAGES 2025

As you are aware, His Holiness Pope Francis has extended an invitation for the faithful to join the Jubilee Year in Rome and other Holy Places in 2025.

ST MARY'S PARISH WILL BE ORGANISING 3 PILGRIMAGES FOR 2025

1. Divine Mercy Pilgrimage (June 2025)
2. Marian Shrines of Europe Pilgrimage (Aug/Sept 2025)
3. India and its famous landmarks (End of Oct-Nov 2025)

More information to come. Expression of interest, please email the parish office or please see Fr Sebastian or Parish Office.



DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR SINGING?

Our Sunday 8:30am choir is looking for more members to join their choir. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office on 9791-4611

ST MARY'S PARISH - YOUNG ADULTS

All university students and young adults (ages 18 -30) meet every month for a dinner, formation, and a discussion/prayer.

SUNDAY EVENING 8TH SEPTEMBER

Guest Speaker : Ray Isla
6:30pm (After 5:30pm Sunday Mass)

MEN'S GROUP

*** Scripture * Fraternity * Prayer**
EVERY MONTH FIRST THURSDAY 6PM
NEXT MEETING 5TH SEPTEMBER
MARIAN ROOM—26 NEW STREET,
DANDENONG
MORE INFO CONTACT: ISAAC PAUL
isaacpaul86@gmail.com

40 Days For Life Campaign 2024

40 Days For Life are holding a **World Day Against Abortion event on Saturday 7th September at St. Philip's Catholic Parish, 60 Junction Road, Blackburn North.** Details are in flyers in the entrance www.trybooking.com/CUGWI The speakers booked promise to make this an event worth attending. We hope to see you there!

40 Days for Life will be running again this year from **25th September to 3rd November.** We are looking for volunteers and a sign-up drive is happening on Sunday 8th September – please look out for the 40DFL sign up sheet in the foyer and add your name to the volunteer list or ask about what's involved <https://www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne>

GOD & BEER

Many Catholics are unaware that the Catholic Church contains many 'churches' or rites in addition to the Roman Catholic Church (aka Latin Rite). These are often referred to as the Eastern Catholic Churches. Some of the more well-known of these are the Byzantine, Maronite, Melkite and Syro-Malabar. United in faith and in unity with the Pope, these Eastern Catholic Churches often have different rites of the Mass, some married priests and distinctive customs all while maintaining full communion with the Catholic Church and possessing the fullness of the Catholic faith. Due to recent waves of immigration from Eastern Europe, Asia and the Middle East, these Catholics have also become a significant part of the Catholic Church in Australia.

Fr Collin Nunis is currently the Assistant Parish Priest of St Joseph's Melkite Catholic Parish in Fairfield and also works at the Catholic Development Fund. Malaysian-born, Fr Collin began discerning a vocation with the Eastern Catholic Churches upon relocating to Australia in 2008. He completed his studies for the priesthood at CTC in 2020 and was ordained to the priesthood in the Melkite Catholic Church in 2022.

Topic: The Eastern Catholic Churches **Speaker:** Fr Collin Nunis
Date: Monday 9th September 2024
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, VIC
Contact: John - jtsmyth@gmail.com **Tickets:** GodandBeer.com.au

ROSTER WEEKEND 7TH SEPT-8TH SEPT 2024 READERS

6:00pm: Alister & Dayang
8:30am: Tim & Kasia
10:30am: Clara & Michelle Lobo
5:30pm: Sanduni & Leni
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
6:00pm: Maxine & Elizabeth
8:30am: Ulalia, Wigbertha & Marilyn
10:30am: Ofelia, Orito & Thorwald
5:30pm: Neville, Sharmini & Graham

Thank you to everyone who has so generously already made a pledge or gift to the 2024 Archbishop's Campaign. Every gift, large or small, is greatly appreciated! If you are yet to make a gift, you can still do so. This campaign supports the vital ministries of the Church in our Archdiocese, Campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards are still available in the church foyer. You can also make a gift on line at Melbournecatholic.org/

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Stanley Jayasinghe, Maria & Nicola Paola, Antonio Patane, Robert Wood & Gulius Francois, Denzil Bocks, Lucienne & Joseph K/nell,

Sick: Rosa Maria Santos, Long Phan, Ush Henry Bangkal, Leti Luki, Kathleen Nelson, Anthony Andrew, Jim Lynch, Bernardo, Ray Gilligan, Frank Pezzaro, Janet Augustine, Bridget Phyland, Desmond Hopper, Chris Grubb, Solofuti, Samantha Vasanthy, Kevin, Jim, Maria Perez, Alan John Borninkhof, Angela Anthony, Ray Simmons, Frank Camara, Rita Breen, Katrina, Tasileta Lolesio, Andrew Jackson, Imelda Quatre-bornes, Charlie Mastrogiovanni, Frank Holohan, Sandra Wills, Reuben Jacobs, Maddie, Herve

(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

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thanksgiving: \$1767.00
Presbytery \$333.00 **Loose:** \$2045.00
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, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adult

