

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.

To whom will all this wealth of yours go?

A man in the crowd said to Jesus, 'Master, tell my brother to give me a share of our inheritance.' 'My friend,' he replied 'who appointed me your judge, or the arbitrator of your claims?' Then he said to them, 'Watch, and be on your guard against avarice of any kind, for a man's life is not made secure by what he owns, even when he has more than he needs.'

Then he told them a parable: 'There was once a rich man who, having had a good harvest from his land, thought to himself, "What am I to do? I have not enough room to store my crops." Then he said, "This is what I will do: I will pull down my barns and build bigger ones, and store all my grain and my goods in them, and I will say to my soul: My soul, you have plenty of good things laid by for many years to come; take things easy, eat, drink, have a good time." But God said to him, "Fool! This very night the demand will be made for your soul; and this hoard of yours, whose will it be then?" So it is when a man stores up treasure for himself in place of making himself rich in the sight of God.'

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. Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. 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 Wis 16:20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven

endowed with all delights and sweetness in every taste.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Accompany with constant protection, O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them,

make them worthy of eternal redemption. 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

WHAT IS TRULY IMPORTANT

Unfortunately, arguments do sometimes happen within families on the death of a family member. These often revolve around property, ownership and how the Will is divided. Family disputes are not unknown. The same occurred in Luke's day.

Today's Gospel begins with the dispute between two brothers over an inheritance claim. One of them wants Jesus to arbitrate. But Jesus moves the issue to the deeper level of encounter. He names it as greed. The wisdom that emerges is that human security is never guaranteed by property ownership or possessions. This is a familiar theme in Luke's Gospel. It is an issue among those whom Luke addresses. Reading behind the lines of today's Gospel, the evangelist responds to concerns about wealth, greed, inheritance disputes and inner tensions.

The second part of the Gospel explores these issues further: A farmer decides to build bigger barns to store his harvest. But what he has forgotten is that he is not the one responsible for the bumper harvest. It is the earth. In his avariciousness he has lost his ecological connectedness. Greed blurs his spiritual vision and sensitivity to God's earth. The farmer seeks rather a life of ease and comfort. The evangelist reminds the Gospel's audience to keep things in perspective. The disciple's real focus is on one's soul and relationship with God. Today's Gospel is a sobering reminder of what is truly important.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

3 AUGUST 2025

BECOME RICH IN THE SIGHT OF GOD. Today we reflect on the call we all have to love God by sharing what we have with others. The rich man in today's Gospel chose foolishly to hoard his possessions. If we are prepared to risk putting what we have at the service of others, we may find ourselves poor in material terms but rich in the eyes of God. A treasure awaits us in heaven, along with many blessings in this life.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 69:2, 6

O God, come to my assistance;

O Lord, make haste to help me!

You are my rescuer, my help;

O Lord, do not delay.

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

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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.

COLLECT

P. Draw near to your servants, O Lord, and answer their prayers with unceasing kindness,

that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Eccl 1:2; 2:21-23

A reading from the book of Ecclesiastes
What do people gain by all their work?

Vanity of vanities, the Preacher says. Vanity of vanities. All is vanity!

For so it is that a man who has laboured wisely, skilfully and successfully must leave what is his own to someone who has not toiled for it at all. This, too, is vanity and great injustice; for what does he gain for all the toil and strain that he has undergone under the sun? What of all his laborious days, his cares of office, his restless nights? This, too, is vanity.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17. R. v. 1

R. In every age, O Lord, you have been our refuge.

1. You turn men back into dust / and say: 'Go back, sons of men.' / To your eyes a thousand years / are like yesterday, come and gone, / no more than a watch in the night. **R.**

2. You sweep men away like a dream, / like grass which springs up in the morning. / In the morning it springs up and flowers: / by evening it withers and fades. **R.**

3. Make us know the shortness of our life / that we may gain wisdom of heart. / Lord, relent! Is your anger for ever? / Show pity to your servants. **R.**

4. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING Col 3:1-5, 9-11

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians
Seek the things that are above, where Christ is.

Since you have been brought back to true



life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

That is why you must kill everything in you that belongs only to earthly life: fornication, impurity, guilty passion, evil desires and especially greed, which is the same thing as worshipping a false god; and never tell each other lies. You have stripped off your old behaviour with your old self, and you have put on a new self which will progress towards true knowledge the more it is renewed in the image of its creator; and in that image there is no room for distinction between Greek and Jew, between the circumcised or the uncircumcised, or between barbarian and Scythian, slave and free man. There is only Christ: he is everything and he is in everything.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 5:3

Alleluia, alleluia! Happy the poor in spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs! 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 WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 4TH AUGUST 2025

ARCHBISHOP’S CAMPAIGN: In 2024, the Archdiocesan Development Office introduced a streamlined approach to fundraising. This approach, called the Archbishop’s Campaign, is a single annual campaign and reduces the number of separate special Sunday plate collections in parishes each year. The Campaign supports key Archdiocesan ministries and reduces the number of times parishioners are asked to give each year. **Tax-deductible donations** go to the Archbishop’s Charitable Fund, which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, the University of Divinity Building Fund and other deductible gift recipient entities such as Catholic community agencies and service organisations. **Non-deductible donations** go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund, which supports seminarian formation and evangelisation initiatives such as the Australian Catholic Youth Festival and World Youth Day. Any unallocated and loose collections will go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund. The Archbishop’s Campaign will run over three weekends in August with the **23-24 August (Giving Weekend)**

KSC ARCHBISHOP’S DINNER- August 29, 2025 The 25th Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop’s Dinner for the Priests Support and Education Fund will feature guest speaker Dr Andy Mullins (Education Specialist) and will be a great opportunity to meet Archbishop Comensoli, while contributing to the education of Victoria’s seminarians. To be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Friday August 29th, anyone interested in attending, would like more information, or make a donation to the Fund to assist our seminarians should contact Andrew Vaccaro at avaccaro@internode.on.net, or 0404 390 824 by August 8th. For further details, refer to the advertisement on the Bulletin Boards.

CATHOLIC MISSION sincerely thanks the parish community of St Mary’s for your generous and compassionate support of this year’s Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Your contribution of \$373.00 has been gratefully received and will help provide vital care for mothers in Zambia, and empower local Church workers across more than 1,000 mission dioceses around the world.

CATHOLICCARE COMMUNITY, wish to thank the parish community of St Mary’s Parish, Dandenong for your generous support of this year’s CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. We are deeply grateful for your parish’s donation of \$644.65. Your compassionate generosity directly supports the most vulnerable members of our community-those facing homelessness, mental health challenges, relationship breakdowns, grief and trauma, and those newly arrived in Australia as refugees or asylum seekers.

FUNDRAISING IDEAS & TEAMS In recent times we have had many maintenance issues in the parish office, presbytery and church such as fencing, security and general maintenance. We would like to add air conditioning to the hall & church & refurbish the parish office. In order for these to occur we need to organise fundraising events to fund these activities. We are looking for volunteers to form a fundraising team, to come up with ideas and to co-ordinate the fundraisings activities at St Mary's. If you would like to be a part of this fundraising team, please contact the parish office either by phone or email by **Friday 8 August 2025.**

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:

Anniversaries: *Elena Aiono Taulia, Anthony & Philomena Rowland, Vernon, Lionel, Trevor Rowland & Departed Rowland Family, Doris Walker, Sebastian Manickam,*

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

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

AUSTRALIAN CATHOLIC YOUTH FESTIVAL - (ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago. Run over three days, the festival provides young people from all across Australia with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is excited to be hosting ACYF from 30 November – 2 December 2025 and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne.



You are warmly invited to our full-day **WOMEN'S RETREAT: PILGRIMS OF HOPE:** A Journey with the Lord “Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.” Romans 12:12. In this Jubilee Year 2025, you are invited to step away from the busyness of life and enter into a day of rest, reflection, and renewal. Join other women of faith for a retreat that draws us into the heart of what it means to be pilgrims of hope—walking together through life’s joys and trials with our eyes fixed on Jesus Christ, the source of our hope. The retreat will be led by Fr Nicholas Pearce. Holy Mass will be celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli. The day includes Adoration, Confession, music by Alyssa Agius, and time for rest and renewal with other women of faith. The talks, morning tea and lunch will take place at the Park Hyatt. Please join us! **DATE:** Saturday 6 September 2025 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM. To book: https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing/1407033

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—9th & 10th AUGUST 2025	
READER SATURDAY 6PM Marina Walles & Pamela Hickman	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SATURDAY 6PM Ruth, Margaret & Maxine
SUNDAY 8:30AM Belen Satuito & Teresa De Feo	SUNDAY 8:30AM Ulalia, Wigbertha & Marilyn
SUNDAY 10:30AM Clara Marasigan & Michelle Lobo	SUNDAY 10:30AM Stefania, Suzie & Ofelia
SUNDAY 5:30PM Sanduni Madawalla & Leni Domin	SUNDAY 5:30PM Neville, Sharmini & Graham

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thanksgiving: \$1209.00
Presbytery \$360.00 **Loose:** \$1117.00

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