

**GOSPEL** Mt 22:34-40  
P. The Lord be with you.  
**R. And with your spirit.**  
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.  
**R. Glory to you, O Lord.**  
*You shall love the Lord your God and your neighbour as yourself.*

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: you must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

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.

**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. Look, we pray, O Lord, on the offerings we make to your majesty, that whatever is done by us in your service may be directed above all to your glory. 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** cf. Ps 19:6  
**We will ring out our joy at your saving help and exult in the name of our God.**  
**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**  
P. May your Sacraments, O Lord, we pray, perfect in us what lies within them, that what we now celebrate in signs we may one day possess in truth. 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 in peace.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**BREAKING OPEN THE WORD**  
**THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT**  
As with last Sunday’s Gospel, we find ourselves again on the Temple Mount—the sacred place where the Torah was taught and people were encouraged to live its demands and invitations. As Matthew’s Gospel approaches its concluding chapters, however, the Temple also becomes the arena for another trial, continuing from last Sunday. Jesus’ religious opponents set theological traps, seeking to expose him as an imposter and false teacher. This time the question concerns the greatest of the 613 commandments discerned in the Torah. It is a formidable test. Throughout his Gospel, Matthew presents Jesus to a Jewish community of followers living decades after the Galilean ministry of Jesus. The teaching Matthew records in the mid-80s CE reaches back to the original teaching of Jesus in the 30s. Both then and now, Jesus draws upon the Torah to identify the two commandments that stand at the heart of faithful living. The first comes from Deuteronomy: to love God with one’s whole being—heart, soul and mind. This command was so central to Jewish faith that it was symbolically carried on the body, clothing and doorposts of the home, and recited frequently each day in prayer. From this all-encompassing love of God flows the second commandment: to love one’s neighbour as oneself. The two cannot be separated. Love of God finds its expression in how we love and treat others. These commandments remain at the heart of our Christian heritage. They continue to shape our relationship with God and with one another, calling us beyond religious observance alone into a life grounded in love.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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THIRTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A 25 OCTOBER 2026

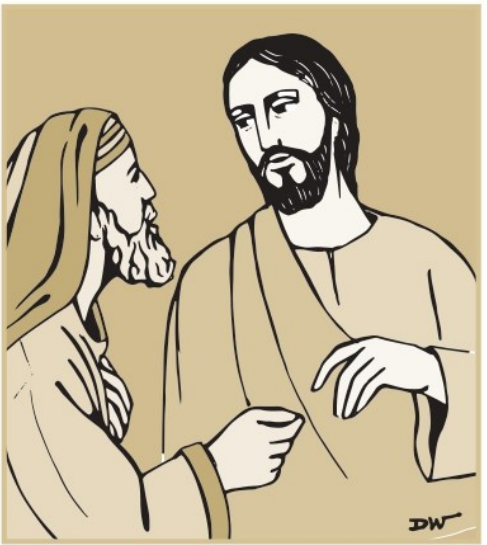
OBSERVE THE SORT OF LIFE WE LIVE. In every society people observe the actions of others. When many people ignore a particular law others conclude that it is alright for them to do the same. Children often imitate the behaviours of their parents. When we practise the law of love in our lives we benefit not only those who need our help but also those who observe our actions.

**INTRODUCTORY RITES**  
**ENTRANCE ANTIPHON** cf. Ps 104:3-4  
**Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength; constantly seek his face.**

**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.**  
P. 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.  
**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.**



2. Long life to the Lord, my rock! / Praised be the God who saves me. / He has given great victories to his king / and shown his love for his anointed. **R.**

**SECOND READING** 1 Thess 1:5-10  
**A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Thessalonians**  
*You turned away from idols to serve God and await his Son.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

The word of the Lord.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**  
**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** Jn 14:23  
**Alleluia, alleluia! / All who love me will keep my words, / and my Father will love them and we will come to them. / Alleluia!**

**COLLECT**  
P. Almighty ever-living God, increase our faith, hope and charity, and make us love what you command, so that we may merit what you promise. 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** Ex 22:20-26  
**A reading from the book of Exodus**  
*If you are harsh with the widow or the orphan, my anger will rage against you.*  
The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this, “You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.”

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.  
“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

The word of the Lord.  
**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESP PSALM** Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51. R. v. 2  
**R. I love you, Lord, my strength.**  
1. I love you, Lord, my strength, / my rock, my fortress, my saviour. / My God is the rock where I take refuge; / my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold. / The Lord is worthy of all praise: / when I call I am saved from my foes. **R.**

## ST MARY'S PARISH, DANDENONG

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### 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 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

### **Book of Remembrance**

In November, we begin our month of remembrance of family members, friends, and neighbours who have gone home to God. One way to remember and pray for our loved ones is by writing their names in the Book of Remembrance.

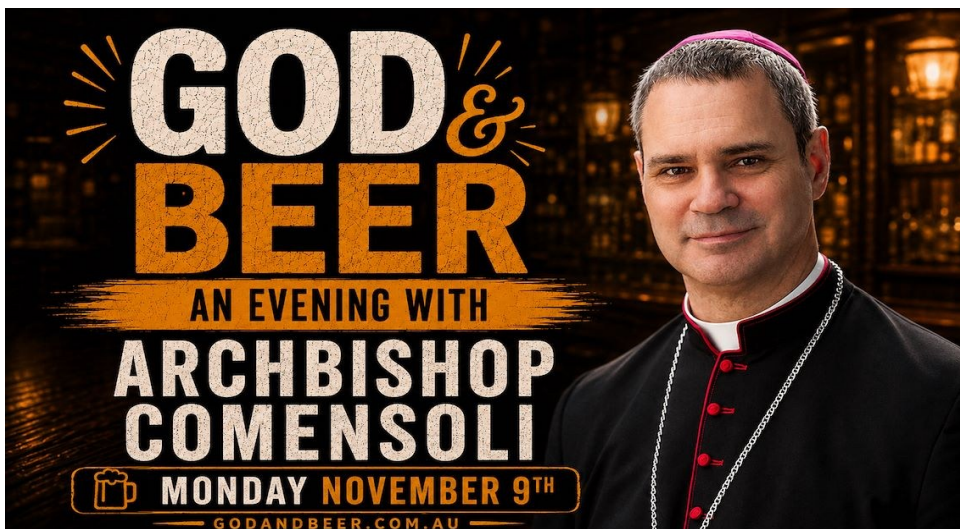
A Book of Remembrance will be on display in the church foyer for the month of November. You are welcome to add a deceased loved one's name to the books.

**MONDAY 2ND NOVEMBER 2026  
(ALL SOULS DAY)**

Mass times: 8am, 9:15am & 7pm

**NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER**

Eternal rest grant unto them,  
O Lord; And let perpetual light  
shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace. Amen



### **To Know Christ Jesus with Archbishop Peter Comensoli**

Join us for a special evening of God and Beer with Archbishop Peter A. Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne, speaking on the theme "To Know Christ Jesus." At the heart of the Christian faith is not simply a set of ideas, moral teachings or traditions, but a person: Jesus Christ. What does it really mean to know Him, rather than merely to know about Him? And how can a deeper friendship with Christ transform the way we pray, live, love and understand our place in the world? Archbishop Comensoli will reflect on what it means to encounter Christ personally and to grow in relationship with Him in the midst of ordinary life. Come along for a relaxed evening of good food, a drink, conversation and an opportunity to explore the heart of the Christian life. This promises to be an evening of good conversation, fellowship, and faith. We hope you'll join us!

**Topic:** To Know Christ Jesus

**Speaker:** Archbishop Peter Comensoli

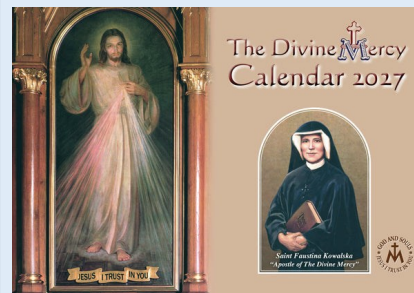
**Date:** Monday 9th November

**Time:** 6.30pm (dinner, drinks and socialising), 7.30pm (talk begins).

**Venue:** [Dunlop Pavilion](#) (DW Lucas Oval) East Malvern Panthers Football Netball Club (2026 Premiers!), Dunlop St, East Malvern

**Tickets:** Free! (booking essential) **Tickets at** [Godandbeer.com.au](http://Godandbeer.com.au)

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### **FIRST FRIDAY HEALING MASS (ST MARY'S PARISH) 6TH NOVEMBER 2026**

6:30pm to 9:30pm

Rosary, Praise & Worship, Mass,  
Adoration & Healing Prayers

### **CELEBRANT:**

Fr Rembert Fernando MGL.



### **ST GERARD'S 70TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER DANCE SATURDAY 28 NOVEMBER 2026**

Put on your dancing shoes and dance the night away! This year marks the 70th anniversary of our parish and we will be holding a dinner dance as part of the celebration. Live music provided by Demo4 and smorgasbord feast catered by Jolly J. A night not to be missed! **Tickets available via**

<https://app.tickets.org.au/StGerard/DinnerDance>

### **Melbourne Cup Dinner Dance – Cancellation**

Due to disappointing ticket sales, it has been decided to cancel the Melbourne Cup Dinner Dance. Anyone who has already purchased a ticket will be fully reimbursed.

For further information or to arrange your reimbursement, please see Bernard Barr on 0412 372 566  
We apologise for any inconvenience and thank everyone for their understanding.

### **OFFICE HOURS FOR THE NEXT WEEK (26th-30th OCTOBER 2026)**

**MONDAY –CLOSED  
TUESDAY TO FRIDAY 9AM to 1PM**

### **WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Thanksgiving:** \$1745.50

**Loose Collection:** \$892.45

**Presbytery:** \$2119.70

**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**

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR**

#### **Recently Deceased:**

**Anniversaries:** Fr Anthony Guelen, Eileen Winfield, Chris Kokoszka, Roman Kokoszka, Martin & Pamale Weller, G D & C Weller, AJ Thomas, Benedict Thomas, Frank & Lillian Antony, Aiono Petelo Taulia

**Sick:** Rosa Maria Santos, Long Phan, Ush Henry Bangkal, Leti Luki, Kathleen Nelson, Jim Lynch, Bernardo, Ray Gilligan, Frank Pezzaro, Janet Augustine, Bridget Phyland, Solofuti, Samantha Vasanthi, Kevin, Maria Perez, Angela Anthony, Ray Simmons, Frank Camara, Tasileta Lolesio, Jim, Lucia Germano, Imelda Quatrebornes, Sandra Wills, Maddie, Audrey, Herve, Asis Zullah, Nacera Burekovic, Samantha Romano, Charlie Mastrogiovanni, Carla Lunardi, Russell D'Costa, Satty Lee, Patrizia, Ping Lo, Fr Brendan Lane, Anne Richards, Ashleigh Wills, Anthony Mori, Lyma Payne, Vreni Bien, Rosario Giaquinta, Joanna Van Der Ven, Ricky, Robyn Campbell, Tayla Fredericks, Maria Cappello, Jacques Rampal

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### **31st OCTOBER –1st NOVEMBER (ROSTER)**

| <b>EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS</b> | <b>READERS</b> |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>6PM SATURDAY</b>           |                |
| VOLUNTEER                     | R.KIRPALANI    |
| M. SIMMONS                    | R. DIAS        |
| M. FERNANDEZ                  |                |
| <b>8:30AM SUNDAY</b>          |                |
| G. PEREIRA                    | J. PEGU        |
| R. ALAIN                      | M. MONTY       |
| A. DALTON                     |                |
| <b>10:30AM SUNDAY</b>         |                |
| S. VECCHIO                    | P. SPINK       |
| S. FERNANDEZ                  | O. ALVARADO    |
| <b>5:30PM SUNDAY</b>          |                |
| M. MICHEL                     | L. DOMIN       |
| W. NUNEZ                      | S. PERERA      |
| Volunteer                     |                |



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