

# OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

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*make themselves the servants of all.*

After leaving the mountain Jesus and his disciples made their way through Galilee; and he did not want anyone to know, because he was instructing his disciples; he was telling them, 'The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of men; they will put him to death; and three days after he has been put to death he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he said and were afraid to ask him.

They came to Capernaum, and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the road?' They said nothing because they had been arguing which of them was the greatest. So he sat down, called the Twelve to him and said, 'If anyone wants to be first, he must make himself last of all and servant of all.' He then took a little child, set him in front of them, put his arms round him, and said to them, 'Anyone who welcomes one of these little children in my name, welcomes me; and anyone who welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

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. 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, ✠ and the Holy Spirit.

**R. Amen.**

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

## BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

### '...LAST OF ALL AND SERVANT OF ALL'

Our first reading from Wisdom alerts us to 'the righteous man' who is God's child. The words here will echo in the Gospel with the second of the predictions of Jesus' death. The passage from James also has synergy with the ambitions of the followers of Jesus addressed in the Gospel. Beginning with the second prediction of Jesus' death – 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed he will rise again' – we find Jesus teaching his disciples as he moves through Galilee. We hear that they did not understand but were afraid to ask. Arriving in Capernaum, inside the house, we see Jesus ask them what they were arguing about. The silence was of embarrassment because their discussion was of who was the greatest. The focus is now even smaller as Jesus now sits down with the Twelve, his closest companions, in the house. It is to these that he says, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Servant is here *diakonos*, servant or deacon. His message to his leadership team is clear as to how they need to model and live their responsibility and call. His further exemplar of placing a child among them, broadens their understanding of welcoming Jesus among them, challenging their orientation to Jesus and to God, 'the one who sent me.' Let us pause to reflect on our orientation to Jesus and to God. Where do we stand?

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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THE BATTLE WITHIN. Today's readings highlight the battle between good and evil. The virtuous person in today's First Reading, and Jesus in the Gospel, both suffer greatly at the hands of the godless. But as James notes in today's Second Reading, and as we see in Jesus' disciples, the battle between good and evil is waged within each one of us as well. While we give thanks to God for the good within us, we also acknowledge the part of ourself that is drawn to evil and humbly seek God's mercy.

## 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

**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. 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

Wis 2:12, 17-20

A reading from the book of Wisdom.

*Let us condemn him to a most shameful death.*

The godless say to themselves,

'Let us lie in wait for the virtuous man, since he annoys us and opposes our way of life, reproaches us for our breaches of the law and accuses us of playing false to our upbringing.

Let us see if what he says is true, let us observe what kind of end he himself will have.

If the virtuous man is God's son, God will take his part and rescue him from the clutches of his enemies.

Let us test him with cruelty and with torture,

and thus explore this gentleness of his and put his endurance to the proof.

Let us condemn him to a shameful death since he will be looked after – we have his word for it.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**RESPONSORIAL PSALM** Ps 53:3-6, 8. R. v. 6

**R. The Lord upholds my life.**

1. O God, save me by your name; / by your power, uphold my cause. / O God, hear my prayer; / listen to the words of my mouth. **R.**

2. For proud men have risen against me, / ruthless men seek my life. / They have no regard for God. **R.**

3. But I have God for my help. / The Lord upholds my life. / I will sacrifice to you with willing heart / and praise your name for it is good. **R.**



## SECOND READING

James 3:16–4:3

A reading from the letter of St James.

*Justice is the harvest of peacemakers from seeds sown in a spirit of peace.*

Wherever you find jealousy and ambition, you find disharmony, and wicked things of every kind being done; whereas the wisdom that comes down from above is essentially something pure; it also makes for peace, and is kindly and considerate; it is full of compassion and shows itself by doing good; nor is there any trace of partiality or hypocrisy in it. Peacemakers, when they work for peace, sow the seeds which will bear fruit in holiness.

Where do these wars and battles between yourselves first start? Isn't it precisely in the desires fighting inside your own selves? You want something and you haven't got it; so you are prepared to kill. You have an ambition that you cannot satisfy; so you fight to get your way by force. Why you don't have what you want is because you don't pray for it; when you do pray and don't get it, it is because you have not prayed properly; you have prayed for something to indulge your own desires.

The word of the Lord.

**R. Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** cf. 2 Thess 2:14

**Alleluia, alleluia!**

**God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Alleluia!**

## GOSPEL

Mk 9:30-37

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.**

*The Son of Man will be delivered into the hands of humanity . . . All who wish to be first must*

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Sebastian Arockia  
SEMINARIAN: Bro Nicolas Calandra  
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)

**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*

**From the Desk of Bro Nicolas**

**WE ARE GOD'S CHILDREN**

1. We sort of take for granted calling God "Father" and hearing that we are daughters and sons of God.

But it might be good to take a step back and to think about what this means. Think about the gap between God and us.

God is *God*. Eternal, infinite, all-holy, all-wise, He Who Is. In His presence the prophet Elijah covered his face (1 Kings 19:13) and Moses fell prostrate (Exodus 34:8). "Who is able to stand before the LORD, this holy God?" (1 Samuel 6:20).

There is only one Son of God by nature, and that is the Second Person of the Trinity: Jesus Christ. He is "God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God" (Nicene Creed)

We are not God. We are sons and daughters of our parents. Actually by nature we are human beings, not sons and daughters of God, since only Jesus is the "Only begotten Son of God" (John 1:18). "You are dust, and to dust you shall return" (Gen 3:19).

2. *But here is the thing.* God the Father sent Jesus Christ into the world so that you and I can become sons and daughters of God. "But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12–13).

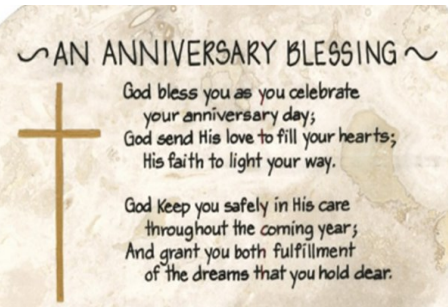
This is what happens in Baptism. We truly become sons and daughters of God, because God adopts us as a part of his family. That is why the Bible talks about this baptism into sons and daughters of God as God's generous love: "See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are!" (1 John 3:1)

If we are sons and daughters of God, we need to speak to God in a natural way. He is our Father. The Bible says we call God 'Abba' literally, "Daddy". See what St. Paul says "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." (Romans 8:15).

This is the lesson Christ wishes to tell us in today's Gospel. Unless we become as children are, we shall not enter Heaven. We must live as children of God, with a simplicity, a confidence in God as our Father, that He can move mountains, that He loves us. It might also be a good idea to go to Sacrament of Reconciliation, where we play the role of the Prodigal Son making his way back to the house of the Father, especially if it has been a while.

Us being sons and daughters of God didn't cost God silver and gold. It cost the "precious blood of the Lamb without blemish", Jesus the Lord (1 Peter 1:18–19). Amen.

Bro. Nicolas Calandra (Seminarian)



**Congratulations to**  
**Edith & Thorwald Philipp**  
**Celebrating their**  
**50th (Golden Jubilee)**  
**Wedding Anniversary**



**ST MARY'S PARISH—FUNERAL NOTICE**

**FRANK HOLOHAN**  
**THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2024**  
**AT 11AM**



**OUR PARISH WELCOMES**

Chantel & Aveya who will be baptised this weekend. We pray for them and hope that they and their families will continue to grow deeper in faith.

**MARCH FOR THE BABIES -**

Come and show your support for the unborn. Join the March for the Babies on Saturday, 12th October, 2024 at 12.30pm in the Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring & Wellington Pde. Wear blue or pink. Catch the train to Parliament Station and walk down to the Treasury Gardens

**ST MARY'S PARISH, DANDENONG**

Introducing our new Musical Club—**St Mary's Jazz Junction**

To entertain people of all age groups on the  
2nd and 4th Thursday of every month.

**COMMENCING THURSDAY, 10TH OCTOBER 2024**

Time: 12noon to 2:30pm **Venue:** St Mary's Marian Room  
22 New Street, Dandenong

**No tickets, ONLY DONATIONS accepted**

**St Mary's General Account**

**NAB BSB: 083 347 ACC. No. 483196852**

**(Reference: Jazz Junction)**

Lunch will be provided

If you wish to attend please put your name and details on the sign up  
sheet in sheet in Church foyer.

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE CONTACT:-

PARISH OFFICE - 9791-4611 OR

BRIAN DAVID (PRESIDENT)

ON —0430 076 691

Band: **DANDY LEVITES DANCE BAND**



'The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their  
Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 12 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm  
at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be for the Benedictine brothers in Daresalaam, Tanzania to assist them in their work among the poor' Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.

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

**ROSTER WEEKEND 28-29 SEPT READERS**

6:00pm: Albert & Liz  
8:30am: Hannie & Elisapeta  
10:30am: Pamela & Ofelia  
5:30pm: Neville & Sharmini  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
6:00pm: Elizabeth & Theresa  
8:30am: Greta, Maria & Joanna  
10:30am: Orito, Thorwald & Edith  
5:30pm: Marie, Graham & Wilma

**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



**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

**Recently Deceased:** Errol Christopher Schwallie

**Anniversaries:** Ivan & Zora Skoblar  
Regina Puvi, Angelo Johnpulle

**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, Asis Zullah

*(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

**MENS GROUP**

1st Thursday of month (Marian Room) 6pm

**YOUNG ADULTS GROUP**

1st Sunday of month (Parish Centre) 6:30pm

**WEEKLY COLLECTION**

**Thanksgiving:** \$1387.50  
**Presbytery** \$215.00 **Loose:** \$1000.00  
**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**  
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