

GOSPEL

Mk 12:28-34

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.

This is the first commandment, and the second is similar to it.

One of the scribes came up to Jesus and put a question to him, 'Which is the first of all the commandments?' Jesus replied, 'This is the first: Listen, Israel, the Lord our God is the one Lord, and you must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: You must love your neighbour as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.' The scribe said to him, 'Well spoken, Master; what you have said is true: that he is one and there is no other. To love with all your heart, with all your understanding and strength and to love your neighbour as yourself, this is far more important than any holocaust or sacrifice.' Jesus, seeing how wisely he had spoken said, 'You are not far from the kingdom of God.' And after that no one dared to question him any more.

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.

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 these sacrificial offerings, O Lord, become for you a pure oblation, and for us a holy outpouring of your mercy. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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 15:11

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, O Lord.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May the working of your power, O Lord, increase in us, we pray, so that, renewed by these heavenly Sacraments, we may be prepared by your gift for receiving what they promise. 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

'LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD'

Have you seen a touch plate, a *mezuzah*, on the door frame of a Jewish house or business, and at the entrance to interior rooms? Maybe you have seen the ritual of touching this when entering any of the rooms. Inside the *mezuzah* is a tiny scroll of parchment inscribed with verses from Deuteronomy 6:4-9 and 11:13-21. These verses contain the words of the *Shema* prayer and the command to 'inscribe them on the doorposts of your house'. In this ritual act of touching, the words of the prayer are brought to mind and heart. Our first reading today contains these verses from the *Shema* prayer: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might.' It is a reminder of the covenant with God. In today's Gospel we hear these words again when Jesus is asked what is the greatest of the commandments: 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' Then Jesus adds a second 'You shall love your neighbour as yourself.' All of the commandments are summarised in these two. These words were received well by the questioner and Jesus responds, 'you are not far from the kingdom of God'. As we take the words of these two commandments to heart, recalling them and living them, we too can hear Jesus say to us, 'you are not far from the kingdom of God'.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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THIRTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

3 NOVEMBER 2024

YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD. The commandment to love God with all one's being is kept constantly before the Jewish people. It is recited daily in prayer; and, written on a small scroll, it is worn on their person and enshrined at the entrance to their homes. To observe this commandment our love must embrace the whole of creation, especially our fellow human beings made in God's image.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 37:22-23

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

GREETING

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

R. Amen.

P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

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.

All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

R. Amen.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

V. Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

V. Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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. Almighty and merciful God, by whose gift your faithful offer you right and praiseworthy service, grant, we pray, that we may hasten without stumbling to receive the things you have promised. 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

Deut 6:2-6

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
Hear Israel, you shall love the Lord with all your heart.

Moses said to the people: 'If you fear the Lord your God all the days of your life and if you keep all his laws and commandments which I lay on you, you will have a long life, you and your son and your grandson. Listen then, Israel, keep and observe what will make you prosper and give you great increase, as the Lord God of your fathers has promised you, giving you a land where milk and honey flow.

'Listen, Israel: The Lord our God is the one Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength. Let these words I urge on you today be written on your heart.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PS 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.**

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

7:23-28

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

This one, because he remains for ever, has an eternal priesthood.

There used to be a great number of priests under the former covenant, because death put an end to each one of them; but this one, Christ, because he remains for ever, can never lose his priesthood. It follows then, that his power to save is utterly certain, since he is living for ever to intercede for all who come to God through him.

To suit us, the ideal high priest would have to be holy, innocent and uncontaminated, beyond the influence of sinners, and raised up above the heavens; one who would not need to offer sacrifices every day, as the other high priests do for their own sins and then for those of the people, because he has done this once and for all by offering himself. The Law appoints high priests who are men subject to weakness; but the promise on oath, which came after the Law, appointed the Son who is made perfect for ever.

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!

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 8793 2000
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



All ParishVolunteers

e.g. Readers,
Eucharistic Ministers, Counters,
Piety Stall, Sacristans etc.
In church foyer there is an envelope for you to collect.

God and Beer at the Nott - Mon 11 November: Pro-Life Witness and Spiritual Warfare

Kathy Clubb speaks on the powerful witness of the pro-life witness against abortion. Kathy will share her experiences and the impact that peaceful presence and prayer can have in defending the unborn. She will also discuss the spiritual warfare involved in the pro-life movement, a battle that calls for faith, resilience, and unwavering courage. Kathy Clubb is a well-known leader in the pro-life movement, recognized for her tireless work in advocating for the unborn. She courageously challenged the Victorian government's draconian ban on peaceful pro-life witness outside abortion mills. Her dedication has inspired many to stand up for life, even in the face of legal and social challenges.

Topic: Pro-Life Witness and Spiritual Warfare Speaker: Kathy Clubb
Date: Monday 11th November
Venue: The Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room), Notting Hill, 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd.
Time: 6.30pm, 7.30pm talk begins Registration: Godandbeer.com.au
Cost: Free (donations gratefully accepted)

THEOLOGY OF THE BODY DAY RETREAT

Date: Sat. November 30th, 2024 Time: 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Location: St Paul's Retreat Centre, Wantirna

Discover God's plan for relationships and self-identity!

Join us for a Theology of the Body retreat exploring how faith shapes our understanding of relationships, sexuality, and our sense of self. Open to both singles and those in relationships, this day will provide insights into building healthier connections rooted in Catholic teaching. Led by:

- Stephanie de Niese: Catholic psychotherapist and student of the Theology of the Body Institute
- Matthew MacDonald: Catholic psychotherapist and former Director of Marriage and Family Life, Melbourne Archdiocese

Highlights:

- Talks, Q&A, and group discussions
- Opportunity for spiritual reflection

Connect with like-minded individuals seeking deeper faith and clarity in today’s world Cost: \$95 (includes catering and materials)

Register: Visit trybooking.com/CSHSO All are welcome! Secure your spot today."

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By opening a savings account or Term Investment, not only will you receive a competitive financial return, your savings will also help build parishes, classrooms, hospital wings, aged care homes and social service facilities. With competitive interest rates available across a range of savings accounts, including 5.35% p.a.* on a 3, 6, 9, and 12-month Term Investment, it’s a way to save while doing good. CDF is proud to be supporting local projects at “St. Mary’s Primary School in Dandenong, St. Elizabeth’s Primary School in Dandenong North, and a significant, long-term development in St. John’s Regional College, Dandenong. To find out more, visit www.catholicdevelopmentfund.org.au/communityfund/offer, scan the QR code, or speak to us on 1800 134 135.



Sacramental Program 2025 Enrolment

Thursday 7th Nov. 4pm - First Reconciliation & First Communion Classes
Tuesday 12th Nov. 4pm—Confirmation Classes

Enrolment forms available in church foyer

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER 2024

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

EVENT: PARISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS
DATE: FRIDAY, 13TH DECEMBER
WHERE: Church TIME: 6:30pm

EVENT: SIMBANG GABI
DATE: SUNDAY, 15TH DECEMBER-23RD DECEMBER
WHERE: Church TIME:7:30pm

MEN’S GROUP—* Scripture * Fraternity * Prayer

NEXT MEETING THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER 6PM

MARIAN ROOM—26 NEW STREET, DANDENONG

MORE INFO CONTACT: ISAAC PAUL /isaacpaul86@gmail.com

St Mary’s Young Adults is pleased to have Br. Isaac Mary Seraphim OFM Cap to speak about St Padre Pio. Br. Isaac is a young capuchin friar studying for his priesthood. Joins us this Sunday 3rd November after the 5:30pm Mass. All from ages 18-30 invited!

Fr Sebastian will be away on his Annual Retreat from 11th to 15th Nov 2024. We will have visiting Priests during these dates.

Columban Calender for next year is now available in the Piety Shop cost \$10.00

PASTORAL CARE APPEAL 2024

Next weekend is CatholicCare Victoria’s annual Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Catholic Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in prisons, to help them journey towards a brighter future. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccare.vic.org.au or call (03 9967 2515

EXPOSITION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT



Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament on the first Thursday of the month. THURSDAY 7TH NOVEMBER after morning mass followed with Adoration concluding with Benediction at 8pm. We will need at least 3 volunteers to cover the day and evening hours. A sign up sheet is in the church foyer if you would like to reserve your spot.

SAVE THE DATE

St Mary’s New Years Eve Dinner Dance

Date: Tuesday 31st, December 2024
Time: 8pm-Midnight
Venue: St Mary’s Community Centre, New Street, Dandenong
Cost: \$45 per head (More information to come)

ROSTER WEEKEND 9-10 NOVEMBER READERS

6:00pm: Susan & Shiyan
8:30am: Hannie & Elisapeta
10:30am: Bernadette & Pamela
5:30pm: Eva & Leni

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6:00pm: Bibiana, Ruth & Margaret
8:30am: Tim, Valerie & Russell
10:30am: Anna, Stefania & Suzie
5:30pm: Marie, Graham & Wilma

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

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Fidelis D’Mello

Anniversaries: Alan Mendez, Glenell Nicolay, Terence & Alister Dubier, Theresa Mancuso, Sara Calapa

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, Chris Grubb, 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
(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: \$1566.50
Presbytery \$329.00 Loose: \$2222.00
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)
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For contributions to support our priests and the Archdiocese
Presbytery Account:
NAB BSB: 083 347 ACC. No. 460761193