

Our Sunday Celebration

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TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

25 AUGUST 2024

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Jn 6:63, 68
Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

GOSPEL Jn 6:60-69
 P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to John.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the words of everlasting life.

After hearing his doctrine many of the followers of Jesus said, 'This is intolerable language. How could anyone accept it?' Jesus was aware that his followers were complaining about it and said, 'Does this upset you? What if you should see the Son of Man ascend to where he was before?'

'It is the spirit that gives life, the flesh has nothing to offer. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and they are life.'

'But there are some of you who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the outset those who did not believe, and who it was that would betray him. He went on, 'This is why I told you that no one could come to me unless the Father allows him.' After this, many of his disciples left him and stopped going with him.

Then Jesus said to the Twelve, 'What about you, do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter answered, 'Lord, whom shall we go to? You have the message of eternal life, and we believe; we know that you are the Holy One 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. O Lord, who gained for yourself a people by adoption through the one sacrifice offered once for all, bestow graciously on us, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace in your Church. 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 cf. Ps 103:13-15

The earth is replete with the fruits of your work, O Lord; you bring forth bread from the earth and wine to cheer the heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Complete within us, O Lord, we pray, the healing work of your mercy and graciously perfect and sustain us, so that in all things we may please you. 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

'LORD, TO WHOM SHALL WE GO?'

We come to the end of the five weeks with the Gospel of John', chapter 6. As it concludes we could imagine ourselves standing with the disciples complaining that the teaching was too difficult. The Judeans had twice confronted Jesus on this teaching. Now we hear, 'The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.' If it is hard to understand these words, then for some it would be hard to believe, and that is acknowledged by Jesus.

We are affirmed in that, as the narrator advises, Jesus knew from the beginning that some would not believe, and who would betray him. This is a crisis moment. We can remember that in the first part of this chapter, aligned to Passover and with the miracle of the loaves, the crowd was looking for signs. At this point, we can see that the reinterpretation of the Mosaic law caused upset and division. With many disciples leaving, Jesus challenges the Twelve: 'do you want to go away too?' Simon Peter speaks up as leader and representative of the Twelve. Those, called by Jesus, recognise that his words are 'spirit and life.'

What about us? Do we find believing too hard? Or do we line up with Simon Peter affirming our faith and saying 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe; we know that you are the Holy One of God.' We are in this for the long haul.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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THE HOLY ONE OF GOD. It was very difficult for the Jewish people to accept Jesus' teaching that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood if they are to have life. The Twelve accepted his teaching, not because they understood it but because they believed in him. Having seen his signs they believed that he was the Holy One of God. May Christ heal our unbelief that we too may accept his saving words even when we do not understand them fully.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 85:1-3
Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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.
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. O God, who cause the minds of the faithful to unite in a single purpose, grant your people to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, amid the uncertainties of this world, our hearts may be fixed on that place where true gladness is found. 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 Josh 24:1-2, 15-18
A reading from the book of Joshua.

We will serve the Lord God, because he is our God.

Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel together at Shechem; then he called the elders, leaders, judges and scribes of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. Then Joshua said to all the people: 'If you will not serve the Lord, choose today whom you wish to serve, whether the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are now living. As for me and my House, we will serve the Lord.'

The people answered, 'We have no intention of deserting the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors out of the land of Egypt, the house of slavery, who worked those great wonders before our eyes and preserved us all along the way we travelled and among all the peoples through whom we journeyed. We too will serve the Lord, for he is our God.'

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

RESP PSALM Ps 33:2-3, 16-23. R. v. 9

R. Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will bless the Lord at all times, / his praise always on my lips; / in the Lord my soul shall make its boast. / The humble shall hear and be glad. **R.**

2. The Lord turns his face against the wicked / to destroy their remembrance from the earth. / The Lord turns his eyes to the just / and his ears to their appeal. **R.**



3. They call and the Lord hears / and rescues them in all their distress. / The Lord is close to the broken-hearted; / those whose spirit is crushed he will save. **R.**

4. Many are the trials of the just man / but from them all the Lord will rescue him. / He will keep guard over all his bones, / not one of his bones shall be broken. **R.**

5. Evil brings death to the wicked; / those who hate the good are doomed. / The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants. / Those who hide in him shall not be condemned. **R.**

SECOND READING Eph 5:21-32
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

This is the great mystery, it applies to Christ and the Church.

Give way to one another in obedience to Christ. Wives should regard their husbands as they regard the Lord, since as Christ is head of the Church and saves the whole body, so is a husband the head of his wife; and as the Church submits to Christ, so should wives to their husbands, in everything. Husbands should love their wives just as Christ loved the Church and sacrificed himself for her to make her holy. He made her clean by washing her in water with a form of words, so that when he took her to himself she would be glorious, with no speck or wrinkle or anything like that, but holy and faultless. In the same way, husbands must love their wives as they love their own bodies; for a man to love his wife is for him to love himself. A man never hates his own body, but he feeds it and looks after it; and that is the way Christ treats the Church, because it is his body – and we are its living parts. For this reason, a man must leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one body. This mystery has many implications; but I am saying it applies to Christ and the Church.

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

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.

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**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*



The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at [melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign](http://melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign) or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.

**OUR PARISH WELCOMES**

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



**FUNERAL NOTICES  
ST MARY'S PARISH**



**ROBERT (BOB) KEITH STONE**  
**DIED 19TH AUGUST 2024 (AGED 101)**  
**THURSDAY 29TH AUGUST AT 11:00AM**



**ST MARY'S PARISH**  
**9 DAYS NOVENA**  
**OUR LADY OF VAILANKANNI (GOOD HEALTH)**  
**FRIDAY 30TH AUGUST—**  
**SUNDAY 8TH SEPTEMBER 2024**  
**(please take a copy of mass schedule from church foyer)**

**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

**ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION ON  
THE PERMANENT DIACONATE**

Earlier this year there was an Information session on the Permanent Diaconate. It was a successful gathering. The awareness that those men interested are most likely working full time, perhaps raising a family and therefore limited in available time has led to the decision to offer a different style of information session in September. This session will be on a weekday evening via ZOOM. The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate. If you attended any previous session, you are also welcome to join the September gathering. Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday 24 September / 19:30 – 21:00 Location: via ZOOM Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison [Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au](mailto:Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au) In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest

**DANDENONG DEANERY COUNCIL  
LISTENING TO THE VOICES THAT ECHO  
The Year Of PRAYER  
LAST DINNER FOR THE YEAR**

DATE: Wed 4th Sept 2024  
VENUE: St John's Regional College, Graduate's Restaurant  
Caroline Street, Dandenong  
New start time: 5.45pm for 6pm start.  
COST: \$48 3 course meal Wine & Beer.  
Guest Speaker: TBA  
RSVP: by Friday 30th Aug at the latest  
Paddy 0422 296 961 or email: [Dandenongdeanery@live.com.au](mailto:Dandenongdeanery@live.com.au)

**HEART OF LIFE CENTRE**

**'Enneagram Day', (In Person) – Saturday, 31 August, 9.00 am - 4.30 pm (AEST).**

This one-day practical workshop offers a transformational experience where you will gain invaluable insight into the unique way in which we relate and respond to the people with whom we share our lives, and the world around us. Facilitated by our very own qualified Enneagram Trainer, Dr Lynn Moresi, will cover some topics including discovering your Enneagram Type; identifying your pathways of strength and challenge and more! Join this small group setting for a day of fun, laughter, challenge and insight. Places limited. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost \$80 (includes notes). BYO Lunch. Book and pay via website [www.heartoflife.melbourne](http://www.heartoflife.melbourne), email [info@heartoflife.melbourne](mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne) or tel 9890 1101.

**THE OPEN DOOR]  
Spirituality of Mother Earth**

Join us for a gentle afternoon exploring the theme "Entanglement with the Sacred". People speak of seeking God, but God is always seeking us, trying to wake us up with his constant presence. We will reflect on our own experience of encountering the sacred & how it has influenced our lives. It promises to be an enriching session. All welcome.

When: Thursday 5 September 1.30 - 3pm  
Where: The Open Door, 110 Ann St, Dandenong  
Enquiries: Ph 9791 8664 or E: [Theopendoor@ssjg.org.au](mailto:Theopendoor@ssjg.org.au)  
Suggested Donation: \$5

**ROSTER WEEKEND 31ST AUG-1ST SEPTEMBER 2024  
READERS**

6:00pm: Susan & Siyan  
8:30am: Joseph & Greta  
10:30am: Zoe & Ofelia  
5:30pm: Angela & Michelle Tordillo  
**EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS**  
6:00pm: Bibiana, Ruth & Margaret  
8:30am: Greta, Maria & Joanna  
10:30am: Anna, Stefania & Suzie  
5:30pm: Marie, Graham & Wilma

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR  
PRAYERS**

**Recently Deceased:** Robert Stone,  
Haydee Bosquet

**Anniversaries:** Louisa Mary,  
Kristy Reincaster, Irene Reincaster, Rex  
& Blanche Moses, Christian Ally, Liston  
Jude Spink, Pauline D'Souza, Frank &  
Mignoune Yates, Philomena & Anthony  
Rowlands, Malia Matalena Amituanai,  
Gration Perera, Helan Asoka

**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 Hop-  
per, Chris Grubb, Solofuti, Samantha  
Vasanthi, Kevin, Jim, Maria Perez, Alan  
John Borninkhof, Angela Anthony, Ray Sim-  
mons, Frank Camara, Rita Breen, Katrina,  
Tasileta Lolesio, Andrew Jackson, Imelda  
Quatre-bornes, Charlie Mastrogiovanni,  
Frank Holohan, Sandra Wills, Reuben Jacobs  
(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:** \$2397.00  
**Presbytery** \$2108.00 **Loose:** \$436.00  
**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