

fell at these words and he went away sad, for he was a man of great wealth.

Jesus looked round and said to his disciples, 'How hard it is for those who have riches to enter the kingdom of God!' The disciples were astounded by these words, but Jesus insisted, 'My children,' he said to them, 'how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God.' They were more astonished than ever. 'In that case' they said to one another 'who can be saved?' Jesus gazed at them. 'For men' he said 'it is impossible, but not for God: because everything is possible for God.'

Peter took this up. 'What about us?' he asked him. 'We have left everything and followed you.' Jesus said, 'I tell you solemnly, there is no one who has left house, brothers, sisters, father, children or land for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not be repaid a hundred times over, houses, brothers, sisters, mothers, children and land – not without persecutions – now in this present time and, in the world to come, eternal life.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Shorter form: 10:17-27

HOMILY

PROFESSION OF FAITH APOSTLES' CREED

Or the Nicene Creed may be said.

I believe in God, / the Father almighty, / Creator of heaven and earth, / and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, / who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, / born of the Virgin Mary, / suffered under Pontius Pilate, / was crucified, died and was buried; / he descended into hell; / on the third day he rose again from the dead; / he ascended into heaven, / and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty; / from there he will come to judge the living and the dead. / I believe in the Holy Spirit, / the holy catholic Church, / the communion of saints, / the forgiveness of sins, / the resurrection of the body, / and life everlasting. 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. Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may

pass over to the glory of heaven. 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 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may

make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.

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

'FOR GOD ALL THINGS ARE POSSIBLE'

Many of us find it impossible to see the eye of a needle and the previously discarded needle threader is once again an essential tool. Indeed, many no longer bother with sewing or darning. So, the idea of a camel squeezing its gangly legs and neck and robust body through a tiny aperture is just absurd, never mind impossible. But wait, could that 'eye of the needle' be an opening enabling passage among rock formations, offering a possibility akin to an Indiana Jones adventure in the desert? No, it's not.

If we begin with the wisdom of the first reading, 'I prayed, and understanding was given to me; I called on God, and the spirit of wisdom came to me' we have some perspective on today's Gospel. If we team this with the words of Hebrews 'the word of God is living and active' we take another step on the journey. The Gospel begins with Jesus proceeding on a journey and we might contemplate elements of synodality with prayer, calling on God and travelling with the spirit of wisdom on a journey. Any of us could be that person who seeks the answer to the question of eternal life. We all lead good lives. This person fails the discipleship request to sell everything and give the proceeds to the poor. Is entering the kingdom of God so impossible? No, 'for God all things are possible'. Our journey with God, in prayer and with the spirit of wisdom in the company of others on the mission to which we are called, is the way of life that leads to eternal life. Let's go!

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ST MARY'S PARISH, DANDENONG—160 FOSTER STREET, DANDENONG

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TEL: 9791-4611/OFFICE HOURS 9AM-3PM MONDAY-FRIDAY/EMAIL: dandenong@cam.org.au

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

13 OCTOBER 2024

WHO CAN BE SAVED? In Jesus' time people saw wealth and prosperity as signs of God's blessing. Today we can still covet these things. We can embrace the message of our consumerist society that happiness lies in having more. The wise person knows that the greatest richness of all is the saving love of God in Christ Jesus, and it is ours for free. If our primary attachment is to Jesus, we will not covet material goods but use them as necessary.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 129:3-4

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

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 Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good works. 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 7:7-11

A reading from the book of Wisdom
In comparison to wisdom, I held riches as nothing.

I prayed, and understanding was given me; I entreated, and the spirit of Wisdom came to me.

I esteemed her more than sceptres and thrones;

compared with her, I held riches as nothing.

I reckoned no priceless stone to be her peer, for compared with her, all gold is a pinch of sand,

and beside her silver ranks as mud.

I loved her more than health or beauty,

preferred her to the light,

since her radiance never sleeps.

In her company all good things came to me, at her hands riches not to be numbered.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 89:12-17. R. v. 14

R. Fill us with your love, O Lord, and we will sing for joy!

1. 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.**

2. In the morning, fill us with your love; / we shall exult and rejoice all our days. / Give us joy to balance our affliction / for the years when we knew misfortune. **R.**

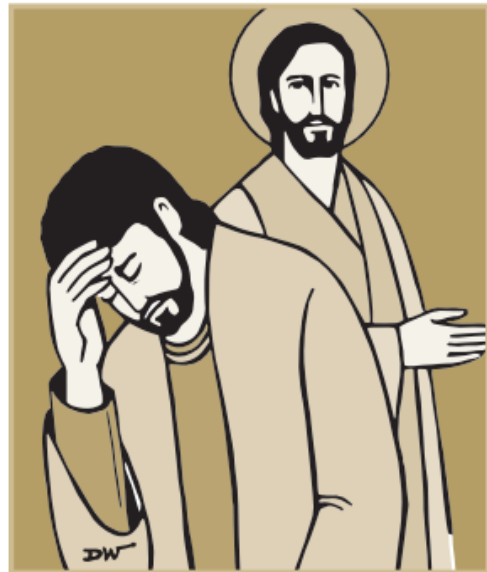
3. Show forth your work to your servants; / let your glory shine on their children. / Let the favour of the Lord be upon us: / give success to the work of our hands. **R.**

SECOND READING

Heb 4:12-13

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews

The word of God discerns the thoughts and intentions of the heart.



The word of God is something alive and active: it cuts like any double-edged sword but more finely: it can slip through the place where the soul is divided from the spirit, or joints from the marrow; it can judge the secret emotions and thoughts. No created thing can hide from him; everything is uncovered and open to the eyes of the one to whom we must give account of ourselves.

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!

GOSPEL

Mk 10:17-30

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.

Go and sell whatever you have and come follow me.

Jesus was setting out on a journey when a man ran up, knelt before him and put this question to him, 'Good master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: You must not kill; You must not commit adultery; You must not steal; You must not bring false witness; You must not defraud; Honour your father and mother.' And he said to him, 'Master, I have kept all these from my earliest days.' Jesus looked steadily at him and loved him, and he said, 'There is one thing you lack. Go and sell everything you own and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' But his face

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*

PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED MONDAY 14TH OCTOBER 2024

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

This Sunday's readings confront us with the need to make choices in life, choices for God. They also remind us that no significant choice is without its price. However, if we make the right choice, we are assured that we will be richly rewarded.

We all want to be happy in life. We just don't always know which doors to open, and how far to enter them. We need wisdom for that. The more options that are open to us, the more difficult it is to choose, but choose we must. To choose one option is to relinquish the others. The young man in the gospel wanted eternal life. Surely there is nothing more worthy than that. However, the price he was asked to pay was more than he had expected, and he went away saddened. To choose is to face the consequences of the word of God, and sometimes this is as sharp as a two-edged sword.

One of the mysteries of faith is the incomprehensible generosity of God. We choose wisdom instead of all of the good things of the world, and we receive these good things along with wisdom itself. We are asked to relinquish all of the things that we value, and we get them back a hundredfold. We are invited to take a step into the unknown. We are told that we will not fall. However, we are never sure of this until we take the step and discover that we have not fallen. God demands so much, but gives so much more.

World Mission Day Appeal—20th October 2024



In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death.

Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.

catholic mission Freecall: 1800 257 298
catholicmission.org.au/mongolia

SCAN ME

Marriage Anniversary Mass Saturday 20 October 2024, 11am at St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne
Couples and their families are invited to join the annual Archdiocesan Marriage Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate. Please register by Sunday 13 October: <https://trybooking.com/CVMFG> For any queries please contact us on 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

ST. JOHN VIANNEY is having a FETE on **SATURDAY, 19 OCTOBER** from 10am to 4pm. There will be lots of fun activities, including face painting, rides and many raffles. Also food stalls, including cultural cuisine, fairy floss, teas and cakes. Not to forget plant stall for those who are enjoying gardening. Address is 23 Police Road, Mulgrave. For more information you can call 03 9554 3831 or www.facebook.com/SJVFETE/

Sacramental Program 2025 Enrolment

St Mary's Parish Sacramental Program offers Religious Instruction Classes for children not attending Catholic Schools. The classes teach the children about our Faith and help them prepare for the Sacraments.
To make their First Reconciliation, children must be at least grade 3; First Eucharist at least grade 4 and Confirmation at least grade 6.
Classes will be held Tuesdays 4-5pm at the Parish Centre (Commencing November) Enrolment forms are available from the parish office or our website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY 2024

EVENT: **WALKING PILGRIMAGE TO DIVINE MERCY SHRINE, 337-343 Greens Road, Keysborough**
DATE: **SATURDAY 26TH OCTOBER**
TIME: **Leaving 7:30am from Parish carpark, There will be no 9:15am Mass on that day, Mass will be celebrate at Divine Mercy Shrine at 10:00am.**

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**

FAMILY LIFE AND LOVE ACCORDING TO ST FRANCIS DE SALES SALESIAN SPIRITUALITY & HEALING MASS BY REV DR ABRAHAM MSFS (Superior General of Missionaries of St Francis De Sales from Rome)
a gifted Preacher and Counsellor
DATE: **TUESDAY, 29TH OCTOBER**
TIME: **7PM TALK FOLLOWED BY MASS**

Be uplifted & enjoy artists Fr David Lemewu (14 albums) COG Theatre Group and the popular Sanghimig Phillipino Choir. 27 Oct 2 PM Holy Family Hall, Doveton. Funds go to charity. For more info www.trybooking.com/CUTHR and www.cogtheatre.org Early bird ticket \$12.

Tommy Canning's art is inspired by the great masters such as Michaelangelo, Raphael and Caravaggio. He draws on their legacy to create a bridge between the old and the new. Taking to heart the words of Pope John Paul II: "It is up to you, men and women who have given your lives to art, to declare with all the wealth of your ingenuity that in Christ the world is redeemed..." (Letter to Artists, 1999).

Topic: A Passion for Sacred Art
Speaker: Tommy Canning
Date: Monday 14th October
Time: 6.30pm dinner available for purchase, 7.30pm for the talk
Venue: Notting Hill Hotel (Steakhouse Room), 260-262 Ferntree Gully Rd, Notting Hill, VIC
Cost: Free
Tickets: GodandBeer.com.au

ROSTER WEEKEND 19-20 OCTOBER READERS

6:00pm: Ruth & Ramona
8:30am: Joseph & Greta
10:30am: Raul & Elizabeth
5:30pm: Grace & Michelle Alvares
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
6:00pm: Elizabeth, Bibiana & Theresa
8:30am: Carmel, Rebecca & Tim
10:30am: Thorwald, Edith & Anna
5:30pm: Neville, Sharmini & Graham

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:

Anniversaries: Lawrence Peters, Gaetan Benoit, Felix Esmeralda Dias, Meraya Fernando
Sick: Rosa Maria Santos, Long Phan, Ush Henry Bangkal, Leti Luki, Kathleen Nelson, Jim Lynch , Bernardo, Ray Gilligan, Frank Pezzaro, Janet Augustine, Bridget Phyl-land, Desmond Hopper, Chris Grubb, Sol-ofuti, Samantha Vasanthy, Kevin, Maria Perez, Alan John Borninkhof, Angela Anthony, Ray Simmons, Frank Camara, Rita Breen, Katrina, Tasileta Lolesio, Andrew Jackson, Imelda Quatre-bornes, Charlie Mastrogiovanni, Sandra Wills, Reuben Jacobs, Maddie, Herve, Asis Zullah, Nacera Burekovic, Carla Lunardi
(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: \$1464.50
Presbytery \$275.00 **Loose:** \$2108.00
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:
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