

your mind, and your neighbour as yourself.’
‘You have answered right,’ said Jesus, ‘do this and life is yours’.

But the man was anxious to justify himself and said to Jesus, ‘And who is my neighbour?’ Jesus replied, ‘A man was once on his way down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of brigands; they took all he had, beat him and then made off, leaving him half dead. Now a priest happened to be travelling down the same road, but when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. In the same way a Levite who came to the place saw him, and passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan traveller who came upon him was moved with compassion when he saw him. He went up and bandaged his wounds, pouring oil and wine on them. He then lifted him on to his own mount, carried him to the inn and looked after him. Next day, he took out two denarii and handed them to the innkeeper. “Look after him,” he said “and on my way back I will make good any extra expense you have.” Which of these three, do you think, proved himself a neighbour to the man who fell into brigands’ hands?’ ‘The one, who took pity on him’, he replied. Jesus said to him, ‘Go, and do the same yourself’.

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 upon the offerings of the Church,
O Lord,
as she makes her prayer to you,
and grant that, when consumed by those who believe,

they may bring ever greater holiness.
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 83:4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow.
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

EXPECTATIONS UPENDED

The parable of the *Good Samaritan* from today’s Gospel is one of our favourites. We know it so well, or we think we do, and has been with us from our earliest days. Today invites us to take a second look. Jesus tells the story to illustrate who is neighbour, affirming the two most important commandments from the Torah—one’s total commitment to God (from Deuteronomy) and to love one’s neighbour (from Leviticus).

Jesus tells the story to a religious interpreter of the Torah who would never think about Samaritans, other than in negative terms. So, for Jesus to make the Samaritan as the example of care for one who fell in with robbers is shocking to Jesus’ questioner. The two religious leaders in the story, the priest and Levite, who ‘pass by on the other side’ would have been obliged under the Torah to assist anyone in the condition in which they find the abandoned and dying traveller. They fail in their religious duties. It is the unexpected one, the Samaritan, who is moved with ‘compassion’—a visceral response that, in the Greek text, is linked to ‘womb’.

The story Jesus tells upends expectations, even the expected cultural and social script of the day. I suspect Luke is dealing with something similar in the world of the Gospel audience. The late Pope Francis reminded us in his meditation on this same story of the importance of ‘noticing’—of looking and observing so that we can respond. He invites us to see those in our world that we tend not to notice.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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TO WHOM CAN I BE A NEIGHBOUR? The command to love our neighbour is as broad as our definition of the word ‘neighbour’. Are the people living next door the only ones we consider to be our neighbours? Do we include people in neighbouring streets, towns, or countries, and people of other faiths? Jesus answers these questions by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. As we hear this story we realise that the key question is never, ‘who is my neighbour?’, rather, ‘to whom can I be a neighbour?’

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 16:15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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 show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the

faith they profess are accounted Christians the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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 30:10-14

A reading from the book of Deuteronomy
Let the instruction of the Lord God be near you.

Moses said to the people: ‘Obey the voice of the Lord your God, keeping those commandments and laws of his that are written in the Book of this Law, and you shall return to the Lord your God with all your heart and soul.

‘For this Law that I enjoin on you today is not beyond your strength or beyond your reach. It is not in heaven, so that you need to wonder, “Who will go up to heaven for us and bring it down to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” Nor is it beyond the seas, so that you need to wonder, “Who will cross the seas for us and bring it back to us, so that we may hear it and keep it?” No, the Word is very near to you, it is in your mouth and in your heart for your observance.’

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37. R. cf. v. 33

R. Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

1. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour. / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

2. As for me in my poverty and pain / let your help, O God, lift me up. / I will praise God’s name with a song; / I will glorify him with thanksgiving. **R.**

3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. **R.**

4. For God will bring help to Zion / and rebuild the cities of Judah. / The sons of his servants shall inherit it; / those who love his name shall dwell there. **R.**



SECOND READING

Col 1:15-20

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Colossians

All things were created through him and for him.

Christ Jesus is the image of the unseen God and the first-born of all creation, for in him were created all things in heaven and on earth: everything visible and everything invisible, Thrones, Dominations, Sovereignities, Powers – all things were created through him and for him.

Before anything was created, he existed, and he holds all things in unity. Now the Church is his body, he is its head.

As he is the Beginning, he was first to be born from the dead, so that he should be first in every way, because God wanted all perfection to be found in him and all things to be reconciled through him and for him, everything in heaven and everything on earth, when he made peace by his death on the cross.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

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

Lk 10:25-37

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Luke.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

Who is my neighbour?

There was a lawyer who, to disconcert Jesus, stood up and said to him, ‘Master, what must I do to inherit eternal life?’ He said to him, ‘What is written in the law? What do you read there?’ He replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your strength, and with all

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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)

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RECONCILIATION—Saturday after 9.15am Mass and 5pm to 5.45pm before 6pm Mass or upon request

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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

Fr Sebastian will be away from Monday 14th July until 30th Sept. during this time Fr Viknesh MGL, Fr Brendan Lane and Fr Obrien (Passionist Priest) will be here to celebrate Mass

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA
It was not enough to want to follow Jesus and to be committed to him. Discipleship also demanded the ability to make shifts in understanding in order to recognise what following Jesus required. He did not merely repeat the religious tradition, he re-interpreted it. We too are called to understand the words and deeds of Jesus, but we must understand what they mean for us today. Today we need to make comparable shifts of understanding in order to bring the message of Jesus into conversation with the contemporary world.
Perhaps one of the most exciting and, at the same time, unnerving aspects of our religious tradition is its nonconforming nature. We think that we finally understand the way God is working in our lives and then something happens that seems to turn our understanding inside out. We are told to love our neighbour and when we ask who that might be we are told a story that turns the question around. ‘Who is my neighbour?’ or ‘Whom should I love?’ becomes ‘Who acts as a neighbour?’ or ‘Who shows love?’
The same Sunday that we reflect on the paradoxical nature of the ways of God, we are told that the law of God, which appears to be so lofty, is really very close to us, in our mouths and in our hearts. This too is an unusual claim. Following the law results in a way of living that is inspired and informed by love, love of God and love of others, even, and perhaps especially, those whom we are not inclined to love.

**INVITATION CHANGES EVERYTHING:
BUILD A PARISH THAT REACHES OUT**
Can a simple invitation really change a life? According to Michael Harvey, it absolutely can and often does. In this powerful, interactive session, renowned speaker and founder of Back to Church Sunday, Michael Harvey, will invite us into a bold new vision: a parish culture where invitation is second nature, not second thought. Following on from our recent webinar on the "Art of the Ask" with Michael Harvey last month, Michael is coming to Melbourne for 4 in person events:
Mill Park: Saturday 19 July (9:15am mass) 11:30am-2pm
Burwood: Saturday 19 July (5pm mass) 6:30pm-9pm event
Aspendale: Sunday 20 July (9:30am mass) 10:30am - 1:30pm event
Berwick: Sunday 20 July 2:30pm - 5:30pm (6pm mass)
Bring a team and discover how the ACORN spiritual method of invitation can help your parish invite people to ALPHA, to parish activities and to mass.
Please register at <https://divinerenovation.org/events/>

**DANDENONG DEANERY COUNCIL
LISTENING TO THE VOICES THAT ECHO
The Year of the Jubilee**

DATE: Wed 23rd July 2025 VENUE: St John’s Regional College, Graduate’s Restaurant, Caroline Street, Dandenong
Time: 5.45pm for 6pm start. COST: \$48 per person
3 course meal Wine & Beer.
Guest Speaker: Sue Dight Regional Director (Aust & PNG)
Mission Seafarers *RSVP: by Frid. 18th July at the latest*
Paddy 0422 296 961 or email: Dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

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PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: *Jeanne Kelly*

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(IF THERE ARE ANY NAMES THAT NEED TO COME OFF THE SICK LIST PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE)

Australian Catholic Youth Festival
(ACYF) is a national gathering of Catholic young people established by the Australian Bishops more than ten years ago. Run over three days, the festival provides young people from all across Australia with the opportunity to come together to connect, deepen their relationship with Jesus, be empowered to live their faith in the world and experience the breadth of the Church in Australia. The Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne is excited to be hosting ACYF from 30 November – 2 December 2025 and is looking forward to welcoming thousands of young people to Melbourne.



PARISH OFFICE WILL OPEN AT 12 MIDDAY ON MONDAY 14TH JULY 2025



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.
Time: 12noon to 2:30pm **Venue:** St Mary’s Marian Room 22 New Street, Dandenong
No tickets, \$5:00 ENTRY FEE
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

Expressions of interest organising team, cast, crew, and marketing to be involved in ‘Unforgettable Mary Magdalene’ - The Musical. Information, afternoon tea & extracts of musical will be performed on July 26. For more information and registration of your interest please visit: cogtheatregroup@gmail.com or www.trybooking.com/DBRJU/

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thanksgiving: \$2174.00
Presbytery \$636.00 **Loose:** \$1693.00

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If you would like to make direct payments to our bank accounts, the details are:

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ROSTER—19th & 20th JULY 2025

READER SATURDAY 6PM Allister Simon & Dayang Balenbin	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SATURDAY 6PM Maxine, Robert & Elizabeth Fernandes
SUNDAY 8:30AM Hannie Talora & Elisapeta Luamanu	SUNDAY 8:30AM Greta Pereira & Joanna Van der Ven
SUNDAY 10:30AM Pamela Spink & Ofelia Alvarado	SUNDAY 10:30AM Orito, Thorwald & Edith Philipp
SUNDAY 5:30PM Grace Ramos & Michelle Alvares	SUNDAY 5:30PM Marie Michel, Graham & Wilma

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