

GOSPEL

Mk 14: 12-16, 22-26

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 my body. This is my blood.
On the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, his disciples said to Jesus, ‘Where do you want us to go and make the preparations for you to eat the passover?’ So he sent two of his disciples, saying to them, ‘Go into the city and you will meet a man carrying a pitcher of water. Follow him, and say to the owner of the house which he enters, “The Master says: Where is my dining room in which I can eat the passover with my disciples?” He will show you a large upper room furnished with couches, all prepared. Make the preparations for us there.’ The disciples set out and went to the city and found everything as he had told them, and prepared the Passover.
And as they were eating he took some bread, and when he had said the blessing he broke it and gave it to them. ‘Take it,’ he said ‘this is my body.’ Then he took a cup, and when he had returned thanks he gave it to them, and all drank from it, and he said to them, ‘This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is to be poured out for many. I tell you solemnly, I shall not drink any more wine until the day I drink the new wine in the kingdom of God.’ After psalms had been sung they left for the Mount of Olives.
The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

PREFACE I OR II OF THE MOST HOLY EUCHARIST

THE MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

COMMUNION RITE

LAMB OF GOD

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant your Church, O Lord, we pray, the gifts of unity and peace, whose signs are to be seen in mystery in the offerings we here present. Through Christ our Lord.
R. Amen.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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
Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that we may delight for all eternity in that share in your divine life, which is foreshadowed in the present age by our reception of your precious Body and Blood. Who live and reign for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

THE NEW COVENANT

A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

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, glorifying the Lord by your life.
R. Thanks be to God.

Our readings of this feast of the Body and Blood of Christ deepen our understanding of the death of Jesus as inaugurating the new covenant he makes with God and all God’s people.
In the first reading Moses shares with the people all the words of God he had heard in his encounter with God on the mountain. The people answer with one voice that they will observe all that the Lord has decreed. Moses seals this covenant ritually with burnt offerings, the sacrifice of oxen, and the sprinkling of the blood of the sacrificed animals on the altar and the people.
The Hebrews’ reading illuminates the difference Christ makes with the sacrifice of his own self and blood: he is the ‘mediator of a new covenant’.
Mark’s Gospel presents two scenes. The first occurs ‘on the first day of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover Lamb is sacrificed’. Jesus, portrayed as an observant Jew with his disciples, makes preparations for Passover. The second drops us among those gathered for that Passover meal, ‘while they were eating...’ Here we are invited to see Jesus take the bread, bless it and break it, saying ‘Take, this is my body.’ Then we see Jesus take the cup, give thanks and give it to them. They all drank from it. Jesus’ words tell us that ‘This is my blood, the blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many’. The closing words, hymn and movement to the Mount of Olives signifies the beginning of the reality of his sacrifice and new covenant.
May these powerful images loom large in our Eucharist today, in our hearts, souls and lives.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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THE MOST HOLY BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST / B

2 JUNE 2024

THIS IS MY BODY. During the Passover meal the Jewish people remember God’s saving deeds in the past. In this act of remembering, God’s saving power is experienced in the present. Through the ritual meal of the last supper Jesus points to a future event, his crucifixion, in which his body will be broken and his blood shed to inaugurate a new covenant between God and humankind. In the Eucharist we remember Christ’s saving action and participate in its fruits.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 80: 17
He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

GREETING
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
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. You were sent to heal the contrite of heart: Lord have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
P. You came to call sinners: Christ have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
P. You are seated at the right hand of the Father to intercede for us: 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 in this wonderful Sacrament have left us a memorial of your Passion, grant us, we pray, so to revere the sacred mysteries of your Body and Blood that we may always experience in ourselves the fruits of your redemption. Who live and reign

with God the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.
R. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING Ex 24: 3-8
A reading from the book of Exodus
This is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you.
Moses went and told the people all the commands of the Lord and all the ordinances. In answer, all the people said with one voice, ‘We will observe all the commands that the Lord has decreed.’ Moses put all the commands of the Lord into writing, and early next morning he built an altar at the foot of the mountain, with twelve standing-stones for the twelve tribes of Israel. Then he directed certain young Israelites to offer holocausts and to immolate bullocks to the Lord as communion sacrifices. Half of the blood Moses took up and put into basins, the other half he cast on the altar. And taking the Book of the Covenant he read it to the listening people, and they said, ‘We will observe all that the Lord has decreed; we will obey.’ Then Moses took the blood and cast it towards the people. ‘This’ he said ‘is the blood of the Covenant that the Lord has made with you, containing all these rules.’
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 115: 12-13, 15-18. R. v. 13
R. I will take the cup of salvation, and call on the name of the Lord. (or Alleluia!)
1. How can I repay the Lord / for his goodness to me? / The cup of salvation I will raise; / I will call on the Lord’s name. **R.**
2. O precious in the eyes of the Lord / is the death of his faithful. / Your servant, Lord, your servant am I; / you have loosened my bonds. **R.**
3. A thanksgiving sacrifice I make: / I will call on the Lord’s name. / My vows to the Lord I will fulfil / before all his people. **R.**

SECOND READING Heb 9: 11-15
A reading from the letter to the Hebrews
The blood of Christ will purify our inner selves.
Now Christ has come, as the high priest of all the blessings which were to come. He has passed through the greater, the more perfect tent, which is better than one made by men’s



hands because it is not of this created order; and he has entered the sanctuary once and for all, taking with him not the blood of goats and bull calves, but his own blood, having won an eternal redemption for us. The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer are sprinkled on those who have incurred defilement and they restore the holiness of their outward lives; how much more effectively the blood of Christ, who offered himself as the perfect sacrifice to God through the eternal Spirit, can purify our inner self from dead actions so that we do our service to the living God.
He brings a new covenant, as the mediator, only so that the people who were called to an eternal inheritance may actually receive what was promised: his death took place to cancel the sins that infringed the earlier covenant.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God

SEQUENCE
Behold the bread of angels, sent
For pilgrims in their banishment,
The bread for God’s true children meant,
That may not unto dogs be given:
Oft in the olden types foreshowed;
In Isaac on the altar bowed,
And in the ancient paschal food,
And in the manna sent from heaven.
Come then, good shepherd, bread divine,
Still show to us thy mercy sign;
Oh, feed us still, still keep us thine;
So may we see thy glories shine
In fields of immortality;
O thou, the wisest, mightiest, best,
Our present food, our future rest,
Come, make us each thy chosen guest,
Co-heirs of thine, and comrades blest
With saints whose dwelling is with thee.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 6: 51-52
Alleluia, alleluia! I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord; whoever eats this bread will live for ever. Alleluia!

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Sebastian Arockia
SEMINARIAN: Bro Nicolas Calandra
PARISH SECRETARY: Franca Van Boxel
FINANCE OFFICER: Deslene de Niese
GARDENER/CARETAKER: Mr. Kevin McLaren
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 Maree at the Parish office on 9791-4611 to make a booking with either Fr Sebastian or Deacon George.

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

**STREAMS OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE
8TH-22ND SEPTEMBER 2024**

Fr Sebastian Arockia and the parish of St Mary's Dandenong would like to invite you for a 14-day Streams of Mercy pilgrimage, departing on the 8th of September 2024. This pilgrimage features Prague, Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest, Zagreb, Medjugorje, for an all-inclusive price of \$7990 (30 pilgrims). The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings, call 03 8839 6615 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA

The readings, which reflect some aspect of the feast, feature three prominent themes: the importance of blood in the ratification of the covenant; the atoning actions of Christ; the attitude of thanksgiving.

Most people today would probably be repelled by the ritual use of blood. Yet birth blood is not subject to the same revulsion, nor is blood transfusion frowned upon. Blood is recognised as a life force, and blood relationships are cherished. In a sense this ritual makes us blood sisters and brothers of God and of each other. It seals our fate and it entitles us to the family inheritance.

This feast celebrates the incomparable love of Christ. He offered himself for the expiation of our sins; he spread a banquet table for us at which we are able to eat the bread of companionship and share the blood of the new covenant.

How shall we make a return to the Lord for all the good that we have received? The only appropriate response to God's graciousness is thanksgiving (eucharistia). We have been chosen; we have been delivered; we have a witness in heaven; and now we have been given the bread of eternal life and the blood of salvation. What return can we give? A life of gratitude lived in the presence of God; a life of union with all those who eat the same bread and drink from the same cup; a life of faithful expectation, waiting for the coming of the reign of God in all its fullness.

**SACRED HEART FEAST—MELBOURNE
FIRST YEAR CELEBRATION**

Come and join us in the Grand celebration of
SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

The celebration will commence with Flag Hoisting followed by
Concelebrated High mass in Tamil and English, Benediction and
Chariot procession.

All are most welcome

Where: St Mary's Church, Dandenong,
Date: Saturday, 15th June 2024
Time: 3:00pm

For more information please contact:
Lucas-0421448753
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IMPORTANT NOTICES:

The Parish Office will be closed Monday 3rd June 2024.

**Morning Rosary will return to normal time.
(After the 9:15am mass)**

**Fr Sebastian will be at the annual Clergy Conference from
10th June to 14th June 2024.**

St Mary's Primary School children preparing for the Sacrament of First Eucharist will make their commitment as candidates at this weekends Sunday 10:30am Mass. Please keep them in your prayers.



**THE OPEN DOOR
MARK'S GOSPEL**

Join this supportive group to read from the gospel and listen to the experts to discuss its meaning and how it affects us in our everyday lives

When: Monday 3 June 4.30pm – 5.30pm

Where: 110 Ann St, Dandenong

Bookings/Enquiries: Ph 9791 8664 or E: Theopendoor@ssjg.org.au
Gold Coin donation is welcome

Singers and Actors or backstage helpers wanted to join a choir for a concert or perform as a soloist on October 27 in Dandenong. If you would like to be part of a choir or would like to audition to do a solo at the concert, please attend an information meeting on June 1st at St Roch's church hall at 3pm or contact cogtheatregroup@gmail.com or contact 0413398528. Concert is being staged by Cog theatre group and partner schools and parishes.

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver invite you to their Annual Mission Dinner on Sunday, 16 June 2024 at 1.00 pm. It will be held at the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds will assist the missions. Bookings close 7th June. Tickets: \$40.00 per person. Bookings: 154 Cotham Road, Kew 3101 or phone 9817 3715.

On the **8th & 9th of June 2024** there will be handcrafted olive wood biblical items for sale in the parish foyer. These items are hand crafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the catholic families there. Any purchase will help support the catholic community in the Holy Land and improve their livelihood and also support maintaining the Holy sites there.

ROSTER WEEKEND 8-9 JUNE 2024

READERS

6:00pm: Susan Rodrigues & Shiyan Dias
8:30am: Joseph Pegu & Greta Pereira
10:30am: Clara Marasigan & Michelle Lobo
5:30pm: Neville Thomas & Sharmini Perera

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6:00pm: Bibiana Fernandes & Maxine Fernandez
8:30am: Joanna Van der ven & Maria De Petra
10:30am: Anna Minenna & Orito Awo
5:30pm: Graham Newberry & Marie Michel

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS**

Recently Deceased:

Bishop Devadass Ambrose

Anniversaries: Elmo & Daphne Fernando

Sick: Rosa Maria Santos, Long Phan, Ush Henry Bangkal, Leti Luki, Kathleen Nelson, Anthony Andrew, Jim Lynch, Emmanuel Bernardo, Ray Gilligan, Frank Pezzaro, Janet Augustine, Bridget Phylant, Desmond Hopper, Vincenzo Adrian, Tracey, Chris Grubb, Marivic Cabuhat, Lea Kirchhof, Patricia Villella, Tito Ioane Solofuti, Samantha Vasanthy, Kevin, Michael Conroy, Pauline D'Souza, Jim, Maria Perez, Vicki Linossi, Vanessa Curcio, Alan John Borninkhof, Angela Anthony, Ray Simmons, Frank Camara, Rita Breen, Tasileta Lolesio, Andrew Jackson, Imelda Quatre-bornes, Graham Picone, Charlie Mastrogiovanni, Cristina Arcaro

(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: \$1672.00 **Presbytery:** \$393.00
Loose: \$1288.00
Bank Account: St Mary's General Account
NAB BSB: 083 347 **ACC. No.** 483196852

SAFEGUARDING AT ST MARY'S PARISH—

All volunteers in the Parish must have a Working With Children Check and sign the Safeguarding Code of Conduct. If your WWCC is out of date, could you please update this and provide the parish with a copy. Online training, Safeguarding Essentials, also needs to be completed yearly. To access this go to <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>. A WWCC ID and email address is necessary for this. A copy of the Safeguarding Code of Conduct is available at the Parish Office.