

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!

GOSPEL Jn 14:23-29
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.
The Holy Spirit will teach you everything and remind you of all I have said to you.

Jesus said to his disciples:
'If anyone loves me he will keep my word,
and my Father will love him,
and we shall come to him
and make our home with him.
Those who do not love me do not keep my
words. And my word is not my own;
it is the word of the one who sent me.
I have said these things to you
while still with you;
but the Advocate, the Holy Spirit,
whom the Father will send in my name,
will teach you everything
and remind you of all I have said to you.
Peace I bequeath to you,
my own peace I give you,
a peace the world cannot give, this is my
gift to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid.
You heard me say:
I am going away, and shall return.
If you loved me you would have been glad
to know that I am going to the Father,
for the Father is greater than I.
I have told you this now before it happens,
so that when it does happen you may
believe.'

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. May our prayers rise up to you, O Lord,
together with the sacrificial offerings, so
that, purified by your graciousness, we
may be conformed to the mysteries of your
mighty love. 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-V OF EASTER

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 Jn 14:15-16

If you love me, keep my commandments,
says the Lord, and I will ask the Father
and he will send you another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Almighty ever-living God, who restore us
to eternal life in the Resurrection of Christ,
increase in us, we pray, the fruits of this
paschal Sacrament and pour into our hearts
the strength of this saving food. 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

ULTIMATE UNION

In today's Gospel we become privileged
listeners to Jesus' prayer to God. The
prayer sums up John's theology of
ultimate union and Jesus ongoing promise
to be with the Gospel's audience, with us.
Today's selection also reaches beyond the
present and into the future.

This is a powerfully rich Gospel for
the Easter Season. As we reflect on the
implications of Jesus' resurrection, Jesus
prays that we will come to experience
the heart of ultimate union that exists
between Jesus and the Father. In later
Trinitarian theology, this prayer will be
considered the highpoint of the believers'
experience of God and the foundation for
a later theology of the Trinity. In a sense,
we become part of the divine 'dance' (the
word is 'perichoresis') within the persons
of the Trinity.

Today's Gospel invites us to celebrate
our union with God, through Jesus'
resurrection, with each other, our natural
world and the whole of the Cosmos. It is
for this reason that a second theme in the
Gospel concerns *mission*. Jesus' followers
are sent on mission to the world to
reflect and enact this experience of divine
communion.

Finally, we are reminded that the love
which the Father has for Jesus becomes
the kind of love which Jesus has for
us. And how powerful is that! What a
wonderful Easter day this Gospel invites
us into.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / C

25 MAY 2025

THE HOLY SPIRIT WILL TEACH YOU. Shortly before his death Jesus assured
his disciples that he would not abandon them. In his name, the Father will
send the Holy Spirit to be with them and guide them. The early Christian
community experienced the Spirit's presence as they sought to discern God's
will on various issues: 'it has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves',
the apostles and elders would say. As we face difficult decisions today we also
can be at peace, confident that God's Spirit is with us.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Isa 48:20
Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be
heard; proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

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.
P. Have mercy on us, O Lord.
R. For we have sinned against you.
P. Show us, O Lord, your mercy.
R. And grant us your salvation.
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.

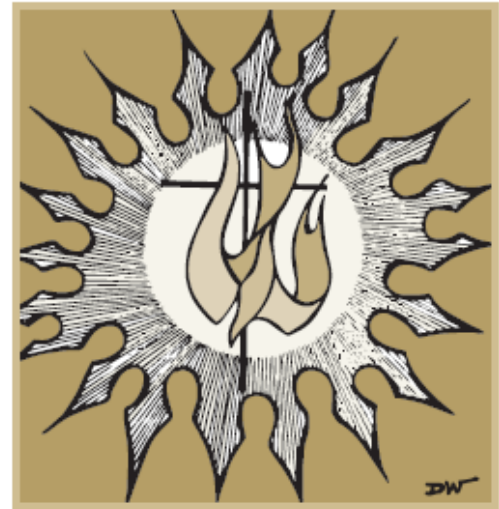
R. Christ, have mercy.

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. Grant, almighty God, that we may
celebrate with heartfelt devotion these days
of joy, which we keep in honour of the risen
Lord, and that what we relive in remembrance
we may always hold to in what we do.
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 Acts 15:1-2,22-29

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles
It has been decided by the Holy Spirit and
ourselves not to burden you beyond what is
essential.

Some men came down from Judaea and taught
the brothers, 'Unless you have yourselves
circumcised in the tradition of Moses you
cannot be saved.' This led to disagreement,
and after Paul and Barnabas had had a long
argument with these men it was arranged that
Paul and Barnabas and others of the church
should go up to Jerusalem and discuss the
problem with the apostles and elders.
Then the apostles and elders decided to
choose delegates to send to Antioch with Paul
and Barnabas; the whole church concurred
with this. They chose Judas known as
Barsabbas and Silas, both leading men in the
brotherhood, and gave them this letter to
take with them:

'The apostles and elders, your brothers, send
greetings to the brothers of pagan birth in
Antioch, Syria and Cilicia. We hear that some
of our members have disturbed you with their
demands and have unsettled your minds.
They acted without any authority from us,
and so we have decided unanimously to
elect delegates and to send them to you with
Barnabas and Paul, men we highly respect
who have dedicated their lives to the name
of our Lord Jesus Christ. Accordingly we are
sending you Judas and Silas, who will confirm
by word of mouth what we have written in
this letter. It has been decided by the Holy
Spirit and by ourselves not to saddle you with
any burden beyond these essentials: you are
to abstain from food sacrificed to idols, from
blood, from the meat of strangled animals
and from fornication. Avoid these, and you
will do what is right. Farewell.'

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

RESPONSORIAL PS Ps 66:2-3,5-6,8. R. v. 4

R. O God, let all the nations praise you!
(or Alleluia!)

- O God, be gracious and bless us / and let
your face shed its light upon us. / So will your
ways be known upon earth / and all nations
learn your saving help. **R.**
- Let the nations be glad and exult / for you
rule the world with justice. / With fairness you
rule the peoples, / you guide the nations on
earth. **R.**
- Let the peoples praise you, O God; / let all
the peoples praise you. / May God still give us
his blessing / till the ends of the earth revere
him. **R.**

SECOND READING Apoc 21:10-14, 22-23

A reading from the book of the
Apocalypse

He showed me the holy city coming down out of
heaven.

In the spirit, the angel took me to the top of
an enormous high mountain and showed me
Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down from
God out of heaven. It had all the radiant
glory of God and glittered like some precious
jewel of crystal-clear diamond. The walls
of it were of a great height, and had twelve
gates; at each of the twelve gates there was
an angel, and over the gates were written
the names of the twelve tribes of Israel; on
the east there were three gates, on the north
three gates, on the south three gates, and on
the west three gates. The city walls stood on
twelve foundation stones, each one of which
bore the name of one of the twelve apostles
of the Lamb.

I saw that there was no temple in the city
since the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb
were themselves the temple, and the city did
not need the sun or the moon for light, since
it was lit by the radiant glory of God and the
Lamb was a lighted torch for it.

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

PARISH WEBSITE
https://melbcatholic.org/s/dandenong

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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)

ANNOINTING MASS -Last Friday of every month 9.15 am

DAILY ROSARY—After morning Mass Mon-Sat (Fridays will be before Mass)

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

BAPTISM, MARRIAGE OR HOUSE BLESSING—Please contact the Parish Centre on 9791 4611

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.

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

VINCENTIAN RETREAT CENTRE:
Fridays Mass with healing prayer 7pm

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

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: Tel 7064 3928 **Bookings:** Miguel Matamala 0402 155 192

PLEASE WELCOME BISHOP IRELAND TO OUR PARISH, FOR EPISCOPAL PASTORAL VISIT THIS WEEKEND.

SATURDAY 24TH MAY
10:00am: Parish Forum followed by Cuppa
11:30am: Meeting with SVDP Dandenong
12noon: Lunch with PP and Parish multi-cultural leadership team
6:00pm: Vigil Mass

SUNDAY 25TH MAY
8:30am: Mass
10:30am: Mass
12noon: Lunch with at Parishioner’s home
5:30pm: Parish/Confirmation Mass

Blessings on your Confirmation

Congratulations to the children making their confirmation this Sunday evening, may the light of the Holy Spirit always burn brightly in you.

‘God’s love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us’. (Romans 5:5)

May we continue to pray for these children and their families. The children’s journey of faith would not have been possible without the support of parents, family members, sponsors and teachers.

Thank you to Bishop Anthony Ireland for ministering the Holy Spirit to our children.

Abuk	Beryl	Brendan
Cayla	Daveraj	Dinshaw
Jackson	Jean de Dieu	Lea
Matthew Daniel	Matthew Liam	Sahana
Seran	Thirshaine	Wayne
Alexander	Alexandria	Chelsea
Cosimo	Justin	Kevin
Lateisha	Lenii	Nyakouth
Prathiiharya	Sherly	

 Congratulations to Dinshaw & Catherine Fernando on their 25th Wedding Anniversary

Let Love And Faithfulness Never Leave You
Proverbs 3 v 3

OUR PARISH WELCOMES

Gavin, Aria, Shania & Travis who will be baptised this weekend. We pray for them and hope that they and their family will continue to grow deeper in faith.



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: David Toalei, Rosemary Ahrens (Custerson)

Anniversaries: Stanley Cheerlips, Ponnarsi Abigail Miranda, Albert Jarroom Lopez, Jacqueline Netto

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 Mastrogio-vanni, Carla Lunardi, Russell D’Costa, Satty Lee, Ping Lo, Keith Reynolds, Robyn, Marlene Pootren, Fr Brendan Lane, Rosario Giaquinta, Anne Richards *(The privacy legislation requires us to have written per-mission 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)

Sacrament of First Holy Communion Presentation Mass - Parish children preparing for the Sacrament of the Eucharist will be presented to the parish next weekend (1st June) at the 10:30am mass. Please hold all the children and their families in your prayers.



A sincere **THANK YOU** to Fr Sebastian, Franca and Parishioners for their warm congratulations. We are blessed to have such a welcoming supportive community in St Mary’s Parish. **Alice & Joe Van Es**



ST MARY’S PARISH
1st Friday Mass & Adoration
Commencing Friday 6th June 2025 Rosary 6:30pm, Mass 7pm followed by Adoration & Healing Prayers

St Mary’s Jazz Junction
Presents 1st Jazz Event (simple Jazz songs and tunes)

On Friday 30th May 2025 from 7pm-10pm at Marian Room (Community Centre) 26 New Street, Dandenong Tickets: \$30 per head inclusive of dinner. Please contact: Brian David 04300 760 691 or Parish office 9791 4611



Annual Guild Mass
The Annual Guild of St Stephen Mass for Altar Servers will take place on:
Friday June 6, 2025 at 7.30pm
St Patrick's Cathedral
If you are an Altar Server and wish to attend please let Aiden Cachart know aidencachart@gmail.com or the Parish Office by Friday 30th May.

Reminder: Mass Count this weekend is the final Mass Count

WEEKLY COLLECTION
Thanksgiving: \$2210.00
Presbytery \$523.30 **Loose:** \$2188.00

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

ROSTER—31st MAY & 1ST JUNE 2025

READER SATURDAY 6PM Albert Simon & Liz Gilligan	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SATURDAY 6PM Robert, Elizabeth & Theresa Fernandez
SUNDAY 8:30AM Dalrene Corera & R Gunasekera	SUNDAY 8:30AM Ulalia, Wigbertha & Marilyn
SUNDAY 10:30AM Clara Marasigan & Michelle Lobo	SUNDAY 10:30AM Orito, Thorwald & Edith
SUNDAY 5:30PM Michelle Tordillo & (Volunteer)	SUNDAY 5:30PM Neville, Graham & Sharmini

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