

GOSPEL

Mt 16: 13-19

P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
You are Peter, and I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven.

When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi he put this question to his disciples. ‘Who do people say the Son of Man is?’ And they said, ‘Some say he is John the Baptist, some Elijah, and others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.’ ‘But you,’ he said ‘who do you say I am?’ Then Simon Peter spoke up, ‘You are the Christ,’ he said ‘the Son of the living God.’ Jesus replied, ‘Simon son of Jonah, you are a happy man! Because it was not flesh and blood that revealed this to you but my Father in heaven. So I now say to you: You are Peter and on this rock I will build my Church. And the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven: whatever you bind on earth shall be considered bound in heaven; whatever you loose on earth shall be considered loosed in heaven.’

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

May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord, accompany the sacrificial gift that we present to your name for consecration, and may their intercession make us devoted to you in celebration of the sacrifice. 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 OF SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

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. Mt 16: 16, 18
Peter said to Jesus: **You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.**
And Jesus replied: **You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant us, O Lord, who have been renewed by this Sacrament, so to live in the Church, that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread and in the teaching of the Apostles, we may be one heart and one soul, made steadfast in your love. 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

THE HEART OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today’s Feast celebrates the universality of our catholic world. We know from the *Book of Acts* and Paul’s letters that Peter and Paul struggled to come to an agreement as to their respective missionary focus. For Peter it was to the Jews; for Paul, to the non-Jewish, Gentile world. While both retained their Jewish identity, they saw that God’s commitment of love was to all and not restrictive to one cultural or religious grouping. Matthew’s Gospel affirms the role of Peter as the foundational disciple, the ‘rock’ (in Greek, ‘Petros’), for the fledgling Jesus movement. But this is preceded by the most important and essential characteristic of discipleship and leadership within this movement: a firm witness of Jesus as God’s anointed one, the ‘Son of the living God.’ Peter’s affirmation of Jesus’ identity comes from God. It is a statement of faith upon which the Jesus movement is built. Faith lies at the heart of discipleship; witnessing to Jesus’ relationship to God precedes any form of leadership. Peter is portrayed in Matthew’s Gospel as a flawed, even failed disciple (and leader). We are only too aware today of the failings in ecclesial leadership. However, relationship with Jesus, the one from God, is what sustains and enables the ‘rock’, that firm foundation, to carry the Church through into a future that is uncertain.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

SAINTS PETER AND PAUL, APOSTLES

29 JUNE 2025

THE LORD HAS SAVED ME! The first Christian community endured great persecution. Like Peter in prison, fastened with double chains and watched over by four sets of guards, it seemed the Church had no chance to escape from its predicaments. But time and again, the Lord delivered it. The Church still faces immense difficulties as it battles with evil in various forms. But if, like Paul, the Christian community keeps the faith and fights the good fight, the forces of evil will never prevail.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

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 on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul / give us the noble and holy joy of this day, / grant, we pray,

that your Church / may in all things follow the teaching / of those through whom she received / the beginnings of right religion. / 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 12: 1-11

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.
Now I know it is indeed true: the Lord has saved me from the power of Herod.

King Herod started persecuting certain members of the Church. He beheaded James the brother of John, and when he saw that this pleased the Jews he decided to arrest Peter as well. This was during the days of Unleavened Bread, and he put Peter in prison, assigning four squads of four soldiers each to guard him in turns. Herod meant to try Peter in public after the end of Passover week. All the time Peter was under guard the Church prayed to God for him unremittingly.

On the night before Herod was to try him, Peter was sleeping between two soldiers, fastened with double chains, while guards kept watch at the main entrance to the prison. Then suddenly the angel of the Lord stood there, and the cell was filled with light. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him. ‘Get up!’ he said ‘Hurry!’ – and the chains fell from his hands. The angel then said, ‘Put on your belt and sandals.’ After he had done this, the angel next said, ‘Wrap your cloak round you and follow me.’ Peter followed him, but had no idea that what the angel did was all happening in reality; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed through two guard posts one after the other, and reached the iron gate leading to the city. This opened of its own accord; they went through it and had walked the whole length of one street when suddenly the angel left him. It was only then that Peter came to himself. ‘Now I know it is all true,’ he said. ‘The Lord really did send his angel and has saved me from Herod and from all that the Jewish people were so certain would happen to me.’

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



RESP PSALM

Ps 33: 2-9. R. v. 5

R. The Lord set me free from all my fears.

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. Glorify the Lord with me. / Together let us praise his name. / I sought the Lord and he answered me; / from all my terrors he set me free. **R.**
3. Look towards him and be radiant; / let your faces not be abashed. / This poor man called; the Lord heard him / and rescued him from all his distress. **R.**
4. The angel of the Lord is encamped / around those who revere him, to rescue them. / Taste and see that the Lord is good. / He is happy who seeks refuge in him. **R.**

SECOND READING

2 Tim 4: 6-8, 17-18

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy.

All that remains now is the crown of righteousness.
My life is already being poured away as a libation, and the time has come for me to be gone. I have fought the good fight to the end; I have run the race to the finish; I have kept the faith; all there is to come now is the crown of righteousness reserved for me, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will give to me on that Day; and not only to me but to all those who have longed for his Appearing.

The Lord stood by me and gave me power, so that through me the whole message might be proclaimed for all the pagans to hear; and so I was rescued from the lion’s mouth. The Lord will rescue me from all evil attempts on me, and bring me safely to his heavenly kingdom. To him be glory for ever and ever. Amen.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 16: 18

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it. Alleluia!

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

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Sebastian Arockia
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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

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

PARISH OFFICE CLOSED MONDAY 30TH JUNE

REFLECTION by Dianne Bergant CSA
Peter is associated with the community in Jerusalem and Paul with the Gentile converts. Together they represent the universality of the church. The red vestments worn today remind us of the price their commitment exacted of them.

The followers of Christ come from every race and culture, every generation and social class. It is not a common culture that draws them together, but a common faith. The church has been strengthened by the blood of the martyrs. This was the case in its earliest years, and it is the case today. Both Peter and Paul are examples of how God takes those weak in faith and transforms them into champions of the gospel. Once transformed, each man threw himself wholeheartedly into the mission that was his. Their fate should not surprise us, for they were disciples of one who gave his last breath for the life of the world.

In so many places in the world today modern martyrs pay the ultimate price for their faith. We see this in Latin America, in many African countries, in the Middle East, and in Asia, to name but a few areas. Although the word martyr usually refers to one who dies for the faith, the Greek word (*mártys*) really means witness, one who gives testimony. Like Peter and Paul, the martyr is one whose life gives witness to the faith. However, when this witness is too much of a challenge, the witness’ life is placed in jeopardy. Peter and Paul call us all to this kind of testimony to faith.



Bishop Anthony Ireland has been appointed as the new Archbishop of Hobart by Pope Leo XIV, bringing decades of pastoral and academic experience to Tasmania’s Catholic community.

The announcement, made on Friday 20th June evening, will see the 68-year-old Melbourne auxiliary bishop succeed Archbishop Julian Porteous, who is retiring after nearly 12 years of service.

Archbishop Peter A Comensoli of Melbourne praised the appointment, describing Bishop Ireland as “a great priest and bishop” who had been “a blessing to the Archdiocese of Melbourne and beyond.”

“He will be a fine shepherd, coming as a missionary to the people of Tasmania with a deep pastoral heart and a wealth of experience,” Comensoli said.

Archbishop Comensoli encouraged the faithful to keep Bishop Ireland “close in prayer as he takes up this new call”.

ST MARY’S PARISH

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ADORATION

Friday 4th July 2025

Celebrant: Rev Fr Martin

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9:15am morning mass concluding with Benediction at 6:00pm

6:30pm Rosary, Praise & Worship

7:00pm Mass, Adoration and Healing Prayers



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Maxence Deworsop

Anniversaries: *Theresa Mancuso, Mario Mancuso, Doreen Warren, Florencia Alvarez, Michelle Deworsop, Nelson & Rio Manion, Princy & Xavier Paiva, Thevani & Sengan Periyar*

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, 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 Mastrogiovanni, Carla Lunardi, Russell D’Costa, Satty Lee, Ping Lo, Keith Reynolds, Robyn, Fr Brendan Lane, Rosario Giaquinta, Anne Richards (*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)



Peace in the Middle East

God of mercy and compassion, of grace and reconciliation, pour your power upon all your children in the Middle East: Jews, Muslims and Christians, Palestinians and Israelis. Let hatred be turned into love, fear to trust, despair to hope, oppression to freedom, occupation to liberation, that violent encounters may be replaced by loving embraces, and peace and justice could be experienced by all.

Childrens gospel activity sheets are available in the church foyer for the parish children to take home and enjoy. You will find there are two activity sheets. One is for age 3+ (easy) and one is for age 7+ (challenging)



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, ONLY DONATIONS accepted

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



FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS—
OUR LADY OF FATIMA
THIRD OF THE FIVE SATURDAYS 5TH JULY 2025
8.00am Adoration followed by Rosary
9.15am Mass (Followed by procession)

ROSTER—6th & 7th JULY 2025	
READER SATURDAY 6PM Albert Simon & Liz Gilligan	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SATURDAY 6PM Robert, Elizabeth & Theresa
SUNDAY 8:30AM Yolande Blom & Marie Monty	SUNDAY 8:30AM Valerie & Russell D’Costa, Roseline Alain
SUNDAY 10:30AM Bernadette Roberts & Pamela Spink	SUNDAY 10:30AM Orito, Thorwald & Edith Philipp
SUNDAY 5:30PM Neville Thomas & Sharmini Perera	SUNDAY 5:30PM Marie Michel, Graham & Wilma

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thanksgiving: \$1772.00
Presbytery \$607.00 **Loose:** \$1732.00

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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ACC. No. 460761193

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

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