

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

4 AUGUST 2024

you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat.
Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you,
for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?' Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.' So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered:
'I tell you most solemnly,
it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven,
it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven,
the true bread;
for the bread of God
is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'
'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'
Jesus answered:
'I am the bread of life.
He who comes to me will never be hungry;
he who believes in me will never thirst.'

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

P. Graciously sanctify these gifts, O Lord, we pray, and, accepting the oblation of this spiritual sacrifice, make of us an eternal offering to you. 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: We proclaim your Death, O Lord,
and profess your Resurrection
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 Wis 16: 20

You have given us, O Lord, bread from heaven,
endowed with all delights and sweetness
in every taste.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Accompany with constant protection,
O Lord, those you renew with these heavenly gifts and, in your never-failing care for them,

make them worthy of eternal redemption.
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

BREAD OF LIFE

Our first reading today comes from the Book of Exodus where Moses and Aaron are confronted with grumbings of hunger from the Israelites in the desert. The Lord says to Moses 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day people shall go out and gather enough for that day.' True to God's word the Israelites found this bread, manna, 'like frost on the ground.' Moses confirmed 'It is the bread that the Lord has given you.'

Today's psalm reiterates God's generosity: 'The Lord gave them bread from heaven.' Both the Exodus passage and the psalm link to the Gospel of today from John – the first part of the discourse on the Bread from Heaven. Picking up from our Gospel last week, we find the crowd still pursuing Jesus who suggests they are looking for him because they ate their fill of loaves. Jesus advises them to seek 'the food that endures for eternal life.'

Understandably the crowd asks for both clarification and a sign, noting that their ancestors ate manna in the desert. Jesus points out that it was not Moses who provided manna, but God. We hear Jesus saying: 'For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.' Will we respond like the crowd, saying 'give us this bread always'? Do we carry in our heart and our life the understanding of Jesus' words, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'?

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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THE BREAD OF LIFE. The manna the Israelites discovered in the wilderness satisfied their hunger. More importantly, it was a sign that God was with them in their time of trial. Likewise, the multiplication of the loaves and fishes was not intended simply to satisfy the hunger of the crowds but to be a sign to them of the presence of God in Jesus. In the symbolic actions of the Eucharistic celebration we also recognise the presence of Christ, the Bread of Life, among us.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 69: 2, 6

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

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 are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation:
Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church:
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

Gloria 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. Draw near to your servants, O Lord,
and answer their prayers with unceasing

kindness, that, for those who glory in you as their Creator and guide, you may restore what you have created and keep safe what you have restored. 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

Ex 16: 2-4, 12-15

A reading from the book of Exodus.

I will rain bread from heaven upon you.

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, 'Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.'

'I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, "Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God." ' And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, 'What is that?' not knowing what it was. 'That' said Moses to them 'is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 77: 3-4, 23-25, 54. R. v. 24

R. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

1. The things we have heard and understood, / the things our fathers have told us, / we will tell to the next generation: / the glories of the Lord and his might. R.

2. He commanded the clouds above / and opened the gates of heaven. / He rained down manna for their food, / and gave them bread from heaven. R.



3. Mere men ate the bread of angels. / He sent them abundance of food. / He brought them to his holy land, / to the mountain which his right hand had won. R.

SECOND READING

Eph 4: 17, 20-24

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Ephesians.

Put on the new person that has been created in God's image.

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4: 4

Alleluia, alleluia! No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Jn 6: 24-35

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.

Whoever comes to me will never be hungry; whoever believes in me will never thirst.

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?' Jesus answered:

'I tell you most solemnly,

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Sebastian Arockia
SEMINARIAN: Bro Nicolas Calandra
PARISH SECRETARY: Franca Van Bostel
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 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 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*

2024 ARCHBISHOP'S CAMPAIGN

This year we are streamlining our approach to fundraising in parishes across the Archdiocese. The Archbishop's Campaign will begin next weekend. I know that times are tough at the moment, but I encourage you to think about what the future of a vital and vibrant faith community means for you and your family and consider making a personal gift to support the vital ministries that serve all in our Archdiocese. These are critically important to the future of the Church and our faith Community, and I invite you to contribute to creating that. From next week you will notice posters and campaign envelopes with tear-off pledge cards around the Church, a banner on our website and images supporting the campaign on our social media accounts. More information about this campaign is coming; in the meantime, I encourage you to prayerfully begin discerning your gift.



We would like to deeply thank one man who works behind the scenes to look after the parish: Kevin McLaren. We would like to thank Kevin for his almost two decades as the maintenance man and gardener here at St. Mary's. It's thanks to Kevin that the parish has had the grass cut, plants trimmed, broken doors repaired, and the church maintained.

We will miss him and his friendly assistance now that he is entering his retirement.

Kevin is almost a part of the furniture of the parish. He grew up in Dandenong, served here as an altar boy, and as an adult was married in St. Mary's Church. During the time of Fr. Guelen he started working as the groundskeeper, a job he has carried out for 18 years!

Please keep Kevin and his family in your prayers in gratitude to his service! God bless you Kevin!

PARISH PILGRIMAGES 2025

As you are aware, His Holiness Pope Francis has extended an invitation for the faithful to join the Jubilee Year in Rome and other Holy Places in 2025.



**ST MARY'S PARISH WILL BE ORGANISING
3 PILGRIMAGES FOR 2025**

1. Pilgrimage to India and its famous landmarks (End of December 2024 early January 2025)
2. Divine Mercy Pilgrimage (June 2025)
3. Marian Shrines of Europe Pilgrimage (Aug/Sept 2025)

For more information please email (dandenong@cam.org.au) or contact the parish office (9791-4611) or please see Fr Sebastian



DO YOU HAVE A PASSION FOR SINGING?

Our Sunday 8:30am choir is looking for more members to join their choir. If you are interested please contact the Parish Office on 9791-4611

ST MARY'S PARISH - YOUNG ADULTS

All university students and young adults (ages 18-30) meet every month for a dinner, formation, and a discussion/prayer.

**STARTING THIS SUNDAY EVENING 4TH AUGUST
6:30pm (After 5:30pm Sunday Mass)**

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KSC ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER- AUGUST 30, 2024

The 24th Knights of the Southern Cross Archbishop's Dinner for the Priests Support and Education Fund will feature guest speaker Adjunct Professor Natasha Michael (Palliative Care Specialist) and will be a great opportunity to meet Archbishop Comensoli, while contributing to the education of Victoria's seminarians. To be held at Moonee Valley Racecourse on Friday August 30, anyone interested in attending, would like more information, or make a donation to the Fund to assist our seminarians should contact Andrew Vaccaro at avaccaro@internode.on.net, 9795 7851, or 0404 390 824 by August 8.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Enquiry Nights for those interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic. The **Enquiry Nights** will take place on **Wednesday, 7th August & Wednesday 14th August at 7pm in the Parish Meeting Room**. For further info, please contact the parish office on 9791-4611. We are looking for people to be part of our RCIA as a team member or co-ordinator if you feel this is for you please speak to Fr Sebastian or the Parish Office.

Catholic Mission thanks the parish of St Mary's for your support of this year's Propagation of the Faith Appeal. Your generosity has empowered Church workers across 1047 mission dioceses, allowing them to spread the message of hope and love within their local communities. Your contribution of \$980.00 has been most gratefully received. Your gift not only transforms individual lives but also fuels mission programs globally, reaching out to those in need. Many thanks!

THE OPEN DOOR

Mark's Gospel
Join this supportive group to read from the gospel, explore a commentary by N.T. Wright and discuss how its meaning affects us in our everyday lives.
When: Monday 5 August 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

**ROSTER WEEKEND 10TH–11TH AUGUST 2024
READERS**

6:00pm: Ruth & Ramona
8:30am: Dalrene & Rebecca
10:30am: School Children
5:30pm: Sanduni & Leni
EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
6:00pm: Elizabeth, Theresa & Bibiana
8:30am: Ulalia, Wigbertha & Marilyn
10:30am: Thorwald, Edith & Anna
5:30pm: Neville, Sharmini & Graham

PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased: Concetta Natoli, Malia Amituanai

Anniversaries: Rosario Marotta, Doris Walker, Elena Aiono Taulia

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 Phyland, Desmond Hopper, Vincenzo Adrian, Tracey, Chris Grubb, Marivic Cabuhat, Lea Kirchhof, Tito Ioane, Solofuti, Samantha Vasanthy, Kevin, Jim, 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

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(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: \$2165.00 **Presbytery** \$370.00
Loose: \$2254.00

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

St. Mary's Parish is committed to the safety, well-being and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adult