

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / C

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God will see those who cry to him vindicated.

Jesus told his disciples a parable about the need to pray continually and never lose heart. 'There was a judge in a certain town' he said 'who had neither fear of God nor respect for man. In the same town there was a widow who kept on coming to him and saying, "I want justice from you against my enemy!" For a long time he refused, but at last he said to himself, "Maybe I have neither fear of God nor respect for man, but since she keeps pestering me I must give this widow her just rights, or she will persist in coming and worry me to death."'

And the Lord said, 'You notice what the unjust judge has to say? Now will not God see justice done to his chosen who cry to him day and night even when he delays to help them? I promise you, he will see justice done to them, and done speedily. But when the Son of Man comes, will he find any faith on earth?'

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. Grant us, Lord, we pray, a sincere respect for your gifts, that, through the purifying action of your grace, we may be cleansed by the very mysteries we serve.
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 cf. Ps 32:18-19

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Grant, O Lord, we pray, that, benefiting from participation in heavenly things, we may be helped by what you give in this present age and prepared for the gifts that are eternal. 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, $\mathfrak{H}$ and the Holy Spirit.

R. Amen.

P. Go forth, the Mass is ended.

R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

'What is the good of praying if wars and evil things continue to exist? Prayer seems to have no effect.' A similar concern existed in Luke's day: why pray if it seems ineffectual? Today's Gospel speaks to the heart of this. It takes the form of a parable, encouraging constant prayer. The parable concerns an unjust judge ignoring a troubling and annoying widow who seeks justice against an *adversary*—even though one translation inaccurately describes her antagonist as an 'enemy'. The widow needs help, and the judge refuses her request. That is, until she continues to badger him; finally, he relinquishes.

Luke's Jesus uses the story as a classical way of describing God: if the judge finally relents through persistent pleading how much more quickly will God respond to those who cry out for help. Prayer opens the one praying to God's presence, allowing God to act within the one praying for what is needed. This deeply religious perspective affects the pray-er in daily life. This in turn shapes wider social contact, which effects relationships and, eventually, global change. Local personal prayer has, though imperceptibly, universal influence.

The last sentence of the Gospel speaks into this global perspective: 'When the Son of Man comes will he find faith on earth?' In other words, in the eschaton, at the definitive coming of Christ at the end of time, will people have given up conviction that prayer is effective and that God responds to the cry of the needy? Today's Gospel encourages us to pray, constantly and with hopeful expectation.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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PRAY CONTINUALLY. The saving power of God flows into our world through human agents. In today's First Reading, the Israelites are saved from destruction by the power of God mediated through Moses, their leader. In the Gospel Jesus assures us that God will see justice done on earth provided we pray for it night and day, and keep knocking on the doors of the unjust. Let us pray and work constantly for justice, never losing heart.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 16:6, 8

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

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

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 Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

COLLECT

P. Almighty ever-living God, grant that we may always conform our will to yours and serve your majesty in sincerity of heart. 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 17:8-13

A reading from the book of Exodus

As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage.

The Amalekites came and attacked Israel at Rephidim. Moses said to Joshua, 'Pick out men for yourself, and tomorrow morning march out to engage Amalek. I, meanwhile, will stand on the hilltop, the staff of God in my hand.' Joshua did as Moses told him and marched out to engage Amalek, while Moses and Aaron and Hur went up to the top of the hill. As long as Moses kept his arms raised, Israel had the advantage; when he let his arms fall, the advantage went to Amalek. But Moses' arms grew heavy, so they took a stone and put it one on one side, one on the other; and his arms remained firm till sunset. With the edge of the sword Joshua cut down Amalek and his people.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 120. R. cf. v. 2

R. Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

1. I lift up my eyes to the mountains: / from where shall come my help? / My help shall come from the Lord / who made heaven and earth. **R.**
2. May he never allow you to stumble! / Let him sleep not, your guard. / No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, / Israel's guard. **R.**
3. The Lord is your guard and your shade; / at your right side he stands. / By day the sun shall not smite you / nor the moon in the night. **R.**
4. The Lord will guard you from evil, / he will guard your soul. / The Lord will guard your going and coming / both now and for ever. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Tim 3:14-4:2

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to Timothy

This is how the people of God become equipped and ready for every good work.

You must keep to what you have been taught and know to be true; remember who your teachers were, and how, ever since you were a child, you have known the holy scriptures – from these you can learn the wisdom that leads to salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All scripture is inspired by God and can profitably be used for teaching, for refuting error, for guiding people's lives and teaching them to be holy. This is how the man who is dedicated to God becomes fully equipped and ready for any good work.

Before God and before Christ Jesus who is to be judge of the living and the dead, I put this duty to you, in the name of his Appearing and of his kingdom: proclaim the message and, welcome or unwelcome, insist on it. Refute falsehood, correct error, call to obedience – but do all with patience and with the intention of teaching.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Heb 4:12

Alleluia, alleluia!

The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Lk 18:1-8

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.

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

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Sebastian Arockia

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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

DEAR PARISHIONERS, STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS OF ST. MARY’S DANDENONG

As we look ahead to November, which marks two years since I became your Parish Priest here at St. Mary’s Church, I have been reflecting with a heart full of thanks on the journey we have shared. The dedication and love you have shown for our spiritual family continue to fill me with immense pride and gratitude.

Our parish has truly blossomed into a beacon of faith, a testament to your unwavering support and devotion. To our beloved parishioners, your active presence in our liturgies and events is the lifeblood of this community. To our dedicated staff and incredible volunteers, your selfless gifts of time and talent are the quiet, steady heartbeat that keeps our parish operating with grace. Your generosity is a living embodiment of His love.

Together, we have made beautiful strides in our mission, welcoming new members, nurturing our children, and providing compassionate care. We have built a vibrant community of faith that not only strengthens us but shines as a light of hope for our world.

Now, as the father of this parish family, it is my duty to look after our household. With the costs of everything rising sharply, we must address our financial situation to ensure we can continue this vital work. I am, therefore, asking you to prayerfully consider whether you are able to increase your financial support for our parish.

Last weekend, you may have collected an envelope from the foyer containing a letter from me and a pledge card. I invite you to read it and, after thoughtful discernment, fill out the card. You can return it in the collection basket, the pledge box in the foyer, or to the parish office. If your name was not on an envelope, please speak with one of our volunteers.

Thank you for considering this request with such open hearts. Let us continue to support and enhance the mission of our parish. With God’s grace and your continued dedication, I am confident we will remain a thriving community, committed to spreading the Gospel with joy and love.

Thank you for all that you do. May God bless you and your families abundantly.

In Christ
Fr. Sebastian, Parish Priest

JOIN US FOR THE CUP DAY—DINNER DANCE THE MELBOURNE CUP FEVER BEGINS IN DANDENONG AT ST MARY’S SOCIAL CLUB

26 New Street, Dandenong

Friday 31st October 2025—7pm to Midnight

With live music, songs, dinner and dancing.

Tickets Adult \$20 Children (5 to 12) \$5 Entry cost includes Buffet Dinner (BYO Drinks). Live music by the MATRIX Donations for prizes and Raffel are welcome and can be left at the ticket sales table this weekend. All invited to an enjoyable family night of music, fun, trivia, singing, and dancing.

TICKETS ON SALE AFTER ALL MASSES THIS WEEKEND IN THE CHURCH FOYER



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 PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: *Erlinda Cateis, Teresa Cavaretta, Aiono Petelo Luapo Taulia*

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 Vasanthi, 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, 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, Gervais Tourmentin, Fr Michael Shadbolt, Ashleigh Wills, Anthony Morri, Lyma Payne, Eva Salvacion Satuito, Fr Michael Willemssen
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(IF THERE ARE ANY NAMES THAT NEED TO COME OFF THE SICK LIST PLEASE CONTACT THE PARISH OFFICE)

CHRISTMAS CAROLS
ST MARY’S PARISH & ST MARY’S PRIMARY SCHOOL COMBINED
CAROLS NIGHT

DATE: WEDNESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2025 **TIME:** 6:30PM-8:00PM
VENUE: ST MARY’S COMMUNITY HALL, NEW STREET, DANDENONG
FOOD AND DRINKS WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE AT 6:00 BEFORE CAROLS CONCERT

WE ARE NEEDING A COMMITTEE/VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND SELLING OF DRINKS PLEASE CONTACT PARISH OFFICE IF YOU ARE AVAILABLE TO HELP.



NEXT WEEKEND WE WILL HAVE A 2ND COLLECTION FOR MISSION SUNDAY

PARISH PILGRIMAGE TO BENDIGO CATHEDRAL TA PINU SHRINE BACCHUS MARSH , SATURDAY, 25TH OCTOBER 2025

As part of our Jubilee Year of Hope celebrations, we are organising a parish pilgrimage to Sacred Heart Cathedral in Bendigo on Saturday, a bus will be organised which will leave St. Mary’s at approximately 7.30am sharp and return by 4.30pm. The cost per person is \$30. If you would like to go on the pilgrimage please contact **Pearl Roberts 0400 294 439. BYO Lunch**

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER (ALL SOULS DAY) 8:30am Mass followed by blessing over the Graves (Bunarong Cemetery) 10:30am Mass followed by blessing over the Graves (Springvale Cemetery) 5:30pm Mass followed by blessing over the Graves (Dandenong Cemetery) NOVEMBER MASS ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE CHURCH FOYER	<u>WEEKLY COLLECTION</u> Thanksgiving: \$913.00 Presbytery \$333.00 Loose: \$542.00 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
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READER SATURDAY 6PM Albert Simon & Liz Gilligan SUNDAY 8:30AM Hannie Talora & Elisapeta Luamanu SUNDAY 10:30AM Ofelia Alvarado & Volunteer SUNDAY 5:30PM Neville Thomas & Volunteer	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS SATURDAY 6PM Robert, Elizabeth & Theresa SUNDAY 8:30AM Greta, Roseline & Joanna SUNDAY 10:30AM Thorwald, Edith & Volunteer SUNDAY 5:30PM Graham, Wilma & Emma
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St. Mary’s Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adult