

GOSPEL

Mk 6: 7-13

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.

He called the Twelve, and began to send them out.

Jesus summoned the Twelve and began to send them out in pairs giving them authority over the unclean spirits. And he instructed them to take nothing for the journey except a staff – no bread, no haversack, no coppers for their purses. They were to wear sandals but, he added, ‘Do not take a spare tunic.’ And he said to them, ‘If you enter a house anywhere, stay there until you leave the district. And if any place does not welcome you and people refuse to listen to you, as you walk away shake off the dust from under your feet as a sign to them.’ So they set off to preach repentance: and they cast out many devils, and anointed many sick people with oil and cured them.

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. Look upon the offerings of the Church, O Lord, as she makes her prayer to you, and grant that, when consumed by those who believe, they may bring ever greater holiness. 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: 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. Ps 83: 4-5

The sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for her young: by your altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God.

Blessed are they who dwell in your house, for ever singing your praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Having consumed these gifts, we pray, O Lord, that, by our participation in this mystery, its saving effects upon us may grow. 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

ONGOING MISSION

In the verse preceding today's Gospel, we learn that Jesus 'went about among the villages teaching' (Mark 6:6b). In the context of this activity, Jesus sends out the Twelve, and we are given a glimpse of the experience of the early missionaries, something we also find in the Gospels of Matthew and Luke. Importantly Mark records that Jesus gives them authority over unclean spirits. They are now able to heal as he did.

Going out two by two, they emulate the Old Testament law of witness (Deuteronomy 17:6; 19:15) as well as replicating the way they were called – in pairs. The details of their garb might seem strange to us. Taking a staff is not only helpful for walking but also adds protection. The specifics of 'no bread, no bag, no money' distinguishes them from Cynic preachers, as does having only one tunic and will allow them to be recognisable as participants in Jesus' mission. Wearing sandals distinguishes them from barefoot slaves or from those who could wear boots. They are to stay with people who welcome them and so as travellers they may be offered hospitality.

The results of their mission are made evident, and their activity comes to the ears of Herod, yet their identity as Jesus' disciples is still unclear. They are thought to belong to John the Baptist. The context of mission in the days of Jesus is a far cry from today. How are we called and sent out today? What is our sense of proclaiming the Good News in the world?

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

14 JULY 2024

THE MISSION OF THE TWELVE. Before sending out the Twelve on a missionary journey, Jesus talks to them in great detail about how they are to dress and behave while on the mission. He knows that actions speak louder than words and that people will listen to what the Twelve say only if they live and act in a manner that wins respect.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 16: 15

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face; I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

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 show the light of your truth to those who go astray, so that they may return to the right path, give all who for the faith they profess are accounted Christians

the grace to reject whatever is contrary to the name of Christ and to strive after all that does it honour. 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

Am 7: 12-15

A reading from the prophet Amos.

Go, prophesy to my people.

Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, said to Amos, 'Go away, seer; get back to the land of Judah; earn your bread there, do your prophesying there. We want no more prophesying in Bethel; this is the royal sanctuary, the national temple.' 'I was no prophet, neither did I belong to any of the brotherhoods of prophets,' Amos replied to Amaziah. 'I was a shepherd, and looked after sycamores: but it was the Lord who took me from herding the flock, and the Lord who said, "Go, prophesy to my people Israel."'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 84: 9-14. R. v. 8

R. Lord, show us your mercy and love, and grant us your salvation.

1. I will hear what the Lord God has to say, / a voice that speaks of peace, / peace for his people. / His help is near for those who fear him / and his glory will dwell in our land. **R.**
2. Mercy and faithfulness have met; / justice and peace have embraced. / Faithfulness shall spring from the earth / and justice look down from heaven. **R.**
3. The Lord will make us prosper / and our earth shall yield its fruit. / Justice shall march before him / and peace shall follow his steps. **R.**

SECOND READING

Eph 1: 3-14

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

Before the world was made, he chose us in Christ.

Blessed be God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us with all the spiritual blessings of heaven in Christ. Before the world was made, he chose us, chose us in Christ, to be holy and spotless, and to live through love in his presence,



determining that we should become his adopted sons, through Jesus Christ, for his own kind purposes, to make us praise the glory of his grace, his free gift to us in the Beloved, in whom, through his blood, we gain our freedom, the forgiveness of our sins. Such is the richness of the grace which he has showered on us in all wisdom and insight. He has let us know the mystery of his purpose, the hidden plan he so kindly made in Christ from the beginning to act upon when the times had run their course to the end: that he would bring everything together under Christ, as head, everything in the heavens and everything on earth.

And it is in him that we were claimed as God's own, chosen from the beginning, under the predetermined plan of the one who guides all things as he decides by his own will; chosen to be, for his greater glory, the people who would put their hopes in Christ before he came. Now you too, in him, have heard the message of the truth and the good news of your salvation, and have believed it: and you too have been stamped with the seal of the Holy Spirit of the Promise, the pledge of our inheritance which brings freedom for those whom God has taken for his own, to make his glory praised.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Eph 1: 17-18

Alleluia, alleluia! May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called. Alleluia!

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

HOW TO DO MENTAL PRAYER

Today, we hear Christ send the apostles on mission. "So they set out to preach repentance..." (Mark 6:12). Our Lord sends out the apostles only *after* they have spent time learning from Him. They lived with God in the flesh. They saw Him praying early in the morning (Mark 1:35). They listened to Him explain the parables. They soaked in His teaching.

The apostles were ready; Christ sends them out.

God chooses us *first*. We heard this today in what the Holy Spirit says through St. Paul. Before the world was made, *God chose us, chose us in Christ* that we should be holy and spotless (Ephesians 1:4). We can say with the Beloved Disciple, "we love because He loved us first." (1 John 4:19).

We can follow the pattern of the apostles. Before we can be an example to others, before we can do anything for God, we must first *spend time with Him*.

This is what the Saints call "mental prayer." Prayer is very simple. It is accessible to everyone: to the concreter and the accountant, the married mother and the consecrated religious, the electrician and the security guard. All can pray.

How does prayer work? St. John Damascene calls it the *raising of the heart to God*. We can sit or kneel, pray in our room, or if possible, in the Church where Christ is present in the Blessed Sacrament. What we do in prayer: we speak to God in our own words. We tell Him what is happening. Ask for His grace and strength. Give thanks. Prayer is the key to salvation, so God has made it accessible to each soul. It is a good idea to set a time to do mental prayer, e.g. 10 minutes in the morning.

I try to bookend the prayer with a vocal prayer to start with. You may like to use this one: "My Lord and my God, I firmly believe that you are here. That you see me, that you see me. I adore you with profound reverence. I ask pardon for my sins, and the grace to make this time of prayer fruitful. My Immaculate Mother, St. Joseph, intercede for me."

You may like to take the Gospels or a spiritual book to read a line to pray with. Or perhaps you may just already like to speak with God about a matter. Or just to kneel or sit in his presence.

Then at the end of the 10 minutes/half-hour you can close the prayer kneeling with the prayer: "I give you thanks for the good resolutions, inspirations, and affections that you have given me in this time of prayer. I ask your grace to put them into effect. My Immaculate Mother, St. Joseph, intercede for me."

NEW PARISH WEBSITE
<https://melbcatholic.org/s/dandenong>

ROSTER WEEKEND 13TH –14TH JULY 2024

READERS

6:00pm: Albert Simon & Liz Gilligan
8:30am: Tim Evans & Kasia Leo
10:30am: Bernadette Roberts & Pamela Spinks
5:30pm: Grace Ramos & Leni Domin

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6:00pm: Robert, Elizabeth and Theresa
8:30am: Valerie, Russell & Roseline
10:30am: Orito, Thorwald & Edith
5:30pm: Marie, Graham & Wilma



RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)

Are you interested in becoming a Catholic or do you know someone who is? Are you a person in search of the meaning of life? Are you a Christian wishing to find out more about the Catholic Church? Are you a Catholic looking for an adult appreciation of your faith? **The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)** is the normal process by which the Catholic Church welcomes new members, and we **will walk with you on your journey of discovery**. This journey of discovery begins with a time of discernment and Enquiry, continues through a period of Catechumenate, reaches its highpoint at the celebration of Easter, and concludes with a period of further deepening of and living the Christian faith. There will be a series of **Enquiry Nights** for those interested in learning more about becoming a Catholic. The first **Enquiry Night** will take place on **Wednesday, 7th 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.

THE OPEN DOOR

That Made Me Laugh, That Made Me Wonder
Join us for a fun morning sharing poems, jokes, limericks and other reading material over a cup of coffee in homely setting. All welcome.
When: Monday 22 July 10.30am – 11.30 am
Where: The Open Door, 110 Ann St, Dandenong
Bookings essential: Ph 9791 8664 or E: Theopendoor@ssjg.org.au
Gold Coin donation is welcome

BE A PART OF THE FIRST ALPHA AT ST GERARD'S

Alpha will be starting at St Gerard's on Tuesday, 30 July from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Alpha is an Evangelisation program comprising of 8 weekly sessions, aimed at bringing people to Jesus and building our parish community. We start with a meal, have a short talk on life's challenging questions, and then discuss them in a friendly welcoming atmosphere.

If you would like to be a part of the program and can help build our parish community, please contact **Jeff Zaher on 0477 188 883** to register.

Learn singing, movement performance and public speaking skills or helping backstage you can use these skills to help you in communication, study, work and serving our parish. The group running this is called cog theatre group and one of the spiritual supporters is Father Brendan Lane. Part of the training is to perform at a concert which is at St Mary's Primary School and the children's choir at school will be performing so we can unite together for God and church. The concert is in 27 October. All ages welcome to join concert and training. If you would like to join as a church choir you would be most welcome too, if you are curious or interest please come and see Geraldine who is at the back of the church to register your interests She will be in the foyer of the church .

Geraldine Lee contact No. M 0413 398 528

FUNERAL
ST MARY'S PARISH

ELIZABETH
(BETTY) KING

FRIDAY 19TH JULY
AT 11AM



PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

Recently Deceased:

Elizabeth (Betty) King

Anniversaries:

Gratiaen Jones, Benito

Alvarez, Locksley & Elaine Collins

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, 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, Katrina, Tasileta Lolesio, Andrew Jackson, Imelda Quatrebornes, Charlie Mastrogiovanni, Pat Lochery, 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: \$1901.00 **Presbytery** \$478.00
Loose: \$2128.00

Bank Account: St Mary's General Account
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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.