

I shall ask the Father,
and he will give you another Advocate
to be with you for ever,
that Spirit of truth
whom the world can never receive
since it neither sees nor knows him;
but you know him,
because he is with you, he is in you.
I will not leave you orphans;
I will come back to you.
In a short time the world will no longer
see me;
but you will see me,
because I live and you will live.
On that day
you will understand that I am in my Father
and you in me and I in you.
Anybody who receives my commandments
and keeps them
will be one who loves me
and anybody who loves me will be loved by
my Father,
and I shall love him and show myself to him.’
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.

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 etemal 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

THE SPIRIT IS WITH US

Last week it was worry. Today it is
about loneliness. We know loneliness.
We know what it feels like, for example,
when someone close to us dies. Grief,
sadness and loneliness can be palpable.
In today’s Gospel, John invites us again
to draw closer to Jesus who addresses the
loneliness which the disciples (and, at
times, ourselves) can experience. When
we feel God’s apparent silence or absence,
when we deal with death or tragedy, Jesus
promises ‘another Advocate’. This is the
promise of his very Spirit that will remain
with the disciples when he physically
leaves them.

By the time John writes, this is already
a reality and Jesus’ spirit, the Advocate,
the ‘Spirit of Truth’, is with them and
‘forever’. They will not be left orphaned
as the Spirit accompanies them in every
generation to experience his eternal and
real, though non-physical, presence.
But there is a second promise that Jesus
makes. He will return as he offers an
eschatological vision, an insight into
the final days, in which the disciples
will experience their communion and
intimacy with God restored. They will
discover a love that is eternal and carry
them through those days of loneliness.

This is the promise that we need to
hear, especially as we grapple with our
experiences of loneliness brought on by
grief of our beloved dead or the persistent
loneliness of life that surrounds us. Jesus’
Advocate, his Spirit, is with us.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER / A

10 MAY 2026

PROCLAIM THE GOOD NEWS. The early Christian community could not remain as
an enclosed, self-contained group in Jerusalem. Its members felt impelled by Christ to
bring the Good News to Samaria and then to the ends of the earth. Christians in every
age are called to be fully involved in the life and joys and pains of the world. At times
this can be difficult but the Spirit of God is always with us to help 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 Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the
Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the
Father. / Amen.**



4. Come and hear, all who fear God. / I
will tell what he did for my soul: / Blessed
be God who did not reject my prayer / nor
withhold his love for me. **R.**

SECOND READING

1 Pet 3:15-18

A reading from the first letter of St Peter
*In the body he was put to death, in the spirit he
was raised to life.*

Reverence the Lord Christ in your hearts, and
always have your answer ready for people
who ask you the reason for the hope that you
all have. But give it with courtesy and respect
and with a clear conscience, so that those
who slander you when you are living a good
life in Christ may be proved wrong in the
accusations that they bring. And if it is the
will of God that you should suffer, it is better
to suffer for doing right than for doing wrong.

Why, Christ himself, innocent though
he was, had died once for sins, died for the
guilty, to lead us to God. In the body he was
put to death, in the spirit he was raised to life.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

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 14:15-21

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.

*I shall ask the Father and he will give you
another Advocate.*

Jesus said to his disciples:

‘If you love me you will keep my
commandments.

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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 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

COLLECTIONS

Commencing from the weekend of 6/7 June 2026 we will have two collections at all Masses. This is in conformity with the Archdiocese of Melbourne regulations.

1ST COLLECTION - PRESBYTERY OFFERING (after the Homily)

This collection is to:

- To support the Priests of this Parish & meet normal household expenses.
- To support sick & retired Priests in the Archdiocese.
- To support Priests in needy Parishes.
- To support the Archbishop.

2ND COLLECTION – THANKSGIVING OFFERING (during the Offertory)

This collection is to:

- To pay our Parish operating costs such as gas, electricity, printing, church supplies, wages etc.
- To subsidise Catholic Education in the Parish.
- To provide repairs & maintenance of the church, parish office & presbytery.
- To support the growth of Parish & Diocesan services.
- To provide charitable works.

HOW WILL IT WORK

If you are in the envelope system, please tear the envelope at the perforation and place the “Presbytery Offering” section along with your donation into the 1st collection basket. Then place the “Thanksgiving Offering” section along with your donation into the 2nd collection basket.

If you are not in the envelope system, please place a donation in both collection baskets.

We thank you for your co-operation and continued support to our Parish.

ST MARY'S PARISH, DANDENONG SPECIAL HEALING & ADORATION TAMIL / ENGLISH MASS

A Special Healing & Adoration Tamil/English Mass will be celebrated on Friday, 15 May 2026 from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM at St Mary's Parish, Dandenong. The evening will include Healing Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and Solemn Blessing.



All Tamil-speaking families are warmly invited to attend and receive special blessings.

Enquiries: Fr Sebastian – 9791 4611 or Lucas – 0421 448 753

**ST MARY'S PARISH DANDENONG INVITE YOU TO PLEASE
COME AT ANYTIME AND BRING YOUR FRIENDS AND PRAY
AS OUR LADY OF FATIMA REQUESTED FOR WORLD PEACE
WEDNESDAY 13TH MAY 2026**

WE WILL HAVE

OUR LADY OF FATIMA STATUE FROM PORTUGAL

- 9:15AM—HOLY MASS
- 10:00 AM TO 6:00 PM (EACH HOUR) ROSARY RECITED IN DIFFERENT LANGUAGES BY VARIOUS GROUPS)
- 6:30 PM PROCESSION (WEATHER PERMITTING)
- 7 :00 PM HOLY MASS



**AFTER MASS A CELEBRATION FOR OUR LADY OF FATIMA
PLEASE BRING A PLATE TO SHARE**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Amelia de Carvalho

Anniversaries: Anastasia McCabe, Kevin McCabe, Goisiane Sauteur Francoise, Domenica Caccamo

Sick: Rosa Maria Santos, Long Phan, Ush Henry Bangkal, Leti Luki, Kathleen Nelson, Jim Lynch, Bernardo, Ray Gilligan, Frank Pezzaro, Janet Augustine, Bridget Phyland, Solofuti, Samantha Vasanthy, Kevin, Maria Perez, Angela Anthony, Ray Simmons, Frank Camara, Rita Breen, 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, Robyn, Fr Brendan Lane, Anne Richards, Gervais Tourmentin, Ashleigh Wills, Anthony Morri, Lyma Payne, Eva Salvacion Satuito, Fr Michael Willemssen, Vreni Bien, Robyn Campbell, Rosario Giaquinta, Joanna Van Der Ven, Ricky. *(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)**

6TH NATIONAL COUNT OF ATTENDANCE MASS COUNT – MAY 2026 The 6th National Count of Attendance at Mass and Other (Sunday) Assemblies will take place here over the next four weekends of 2nd - 3rd May, 9th – 10th May, 16th – 17th May and 23rd - 24th May .

The Feast of Pentecost is celebrated on **Sunday, 24 May 2026**. Parishioners are invited to join in the special multicultural celebration mass at **10:30 am** . We encourage everyone to come dressed in **national costume** representing your country of origin. The celebration will be followed by a **sausage sizzle** after Mass. All welcome



God and Beer Monday 11th May—A Man For All Seasons: Remembering George Cardinal Pell

Cardinal George Pell was a significant figure in Australian public life and in the life of the Catholic Church from the time of his appointment to the episcopacy in the 1980s until his death in 2023. His imprisonment for some 404 days for a crime he did not commit was one of the greatest miscarriages of justice in Australian legal history.

Tracey Rowland, a friend of the cardinal's and one of the premiere theologians in the world today, has compiled the stories of people who knew the cardinal well into a new book. Among the contributors are Cardinal Gerhard Müller, George Weigel, Joanna Bogle, Andrew Bolt, Bishop Peter Elliott, Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Sister Mary Grace, S.V., Canon Alexander Sherbrooke, Rev. Jerome Santamaria, and many more. Professor Rowland will share some of the highlights of book in this talk. This promises to be an evening of good conversation, fellowship, and faith. We hope you'll join us!

Buy the book: Remembering George Cardinal Pell - Recollections of a Great Man of the Church.

More about [Professor Tracey Rowland](#) **Topic:** A Man For All Seasons: Remembering George Cardinal Pell **Speaker:** Tracey Rowland

Date: Monday 11th May **Time:** 7.00pm for a 7.30pm start

Venue: St Gerard's Catholic Church - Parish Hall, 71 Gladstone Rd, Dandenong North (behind the church).

St Mary's Social Club Invite you for a social gathering of meet and greet with live music & lunch Every 2nd Thursday of the Month **From:** 11.30am to 2.30pm. Lunch served at 12.30pm Donations welcome. Please inform early of your attendance To assist with catering. **RSVP** - Brian David 0430 076 691 Esmenia- 0452025453 Bernard Barr- 0412372566



SEMINARY ENQUIRY DAY—The annual **Seminary Enquiry Day** at Corpus Christi College is on **Saturday 23 May 2026**. If you are a young man considering a priestly vocation and would like an invitation to attend, please email Deacon Rhys. Rhys.Lowther@cam.org.au

A representative from CDF will be present and speaking at all Masses on Sunday 17th May 2026



PARISH SYNOD CORNER

Synodality and unity

Walking together does not mean everyone thinks the same way. The Church has always held unity alongside diversity. Synodality helps us learn how to disagree respectfully, discern patiently, and remain united in Christ even amid differences.

Why discernment is essential

Discernment is more than discussion. It is a prayerful process of seeking God's will. In a Synod, time is given to silence, prayer, and reflection so that decisions emerge from faith, not haste.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thanksgiving: \$1267.40

Presbytery \$500.00

Loose Collection: \$925.50

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, wellbeing and dignity of all children, young people and vulnerable adult