

wedding.” But they were not interested: one went off to his farm, another to his business, and the rest seized his servants, maltreated them and killed them. The king was furious. He despatched his troops, destroyed those murderers and burnt their town. Then he said to his servants. “The wedding is ready; but as those who were invited proved to be unworthy, go to the crossroads in the town and invite everyone you can find to the wedding.” So these servants went out on to the roads and collected together everyone they could find, bad and good alike; and the wedding hall was filled with guests.

When the king came in to look at the guests he noticed one man who was not wearing a wedding garment, and said to him, “How did you get in here, my friend, without a wedding garment?” And the man was silent. Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot and throw him out into the dark, where there will be weeping and grinding of teeth.” For many are called, but few are chosen.’

The Gospel of the Lord.
R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.
Shorter form, Mt 22: 1-10

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.

LETORGET 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. Accept, O Lord, the prayers of your faithful with the sacrificial offerings, that, through these acts of devotedness, we may pass over to the glory of heaven. 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 33:11

The rich suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. We entreat your majesty most humbly, O Lord, that, as you feed us with the nourishment which comes from the most holy Body and Blood of your Son, so you may make us sharers of his divine nature. Who lives and reigns for ever and ever.
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

COME TO THE WEDDING!

For the third Sunday, Jesus addresses religious leaders. Again, as last Sunday, it concerns their refusal to accept God’s invitation to join the feast of the Kin-dom. Jesus describes the Kin-dom as a wedding feast hosted by a king for his son. Those invited fail to turn up for this sumptuous feast. ‘Come to the wedding’ is the invitation, but, according to Matthew’s story, they are ‘not interested’. They have different distractions and interests. Joining the king’s feast is not on their agenda. The invitation is in fact such an annoyance or distraction that the invitees maltreat and even kill the messengers. The king responds punishing them. Clearly, the king’s response is not meant to represent God. It would be unfortunate to make this identification and reinforce the image of a punishing God! The point of the story is about the attitude of those invited to join the heavenly banquet, an image of the eucharistic celebration, and those who will eventually join the feast. These guests are identified in the Gospel’s last verses: people from the ‘roads’, symbolic of all people on the path of life and the synodal journey. Everyone, ‘bad and good alike’, fill the wedding hall. The Eucharist is not a reward for the perfect but sustenance for the weak – for us. As Pope Francis writes, ‘The Eucharist, although it is the fullness of sacramental life, is not a prize for the perfect but a powerful medicine and nourishment for the weak.’ (*The Joy of the Gospel*, n 47).

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

A SERVICE OF THE SOCIETY OF ST PAUL

Unauthorised reproduction of this bulletin prohibited. Published with ecclesiastical approval by ST PAULS PUBLICATIONS, PO Box 906, Strathfield NSW 2135. Tel 02 9394 3400 Email: sales@stpauls.com.au Scripture readings taken from The Jerusalem Bible, © 1966 Hodder & Stoughton Ltd. All rights reserved. Psalm text from The Psalms, A New Translation, © 1963, The Grail (England), HarperCollins. New translation of the Order of Mass from The Roman Missal © 2010, International Commission on English in the Liturgy Corporation. All rights reserved. Artwork by Sr Dorothy Woodward rsj. Layout, commentaries and illustrations © St Pauls Publications, 2026. No 789. Website: www.stpauls.com.au



ST MARY’S PARISH, DANDENONG—160 FOSTER STREET, DANDENONG

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

TEL: 9791-4611/OFFICE HOURS 9AM-3PM TUESDAY-FRIDAY/EMAIL: dandenong@cam.org.au

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

11 OCTOBER 2026

COMETO THE BANQUET. Our God invites all people to the banquet of the kingdom, a banquet characterised by joy, integrity, and true peace. Sometimes, however, we decline this invitation preferring the lesser banquets that we know. May God enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Ps 129:3-4
If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

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 etemal 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. May your grace, O Lord, we pray, at all times go before us and follow after and make us always determined to carry out good

works. 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 Isa 25:6-10
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
The Lord will prepare a feast and will wipe away the tears from every cheek.

On this mountain, the Lord of hosts will prepare for all people a banquet of rich food, a banquet of fine wines, of food rich and juicy, of fine strained wines. On this mountain he will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples, and the shroud enwrapping all nations, he will destroy Death for ever. The Lord will wipe away the tears from every cheek; he will take away his people’s shame everywhere on earth, for the Lord has said so. That day, it will be said: See, this is our God in whom we hoped for salvation; the Lord is the one in whom we hoped. We exult and we rejoice that he has saved us; for the hand of the Lord rests on this mountain.

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

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 22. R. v. 6
R. I shall live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

1. The Lord is my shepherd; / there is nothing I shall want. / Fresh and green are the pastures / where he gives me repose. / Near restful waters he leads me, / to revive my drooping spirit. **R.**
2. He guides me along the right path; / he is true to his name. / If I should walk in the valley of darkness / no evil would I fear. / You are there with your crook and your staff; / with these you give me comfort. **R.**
3. You have prepared a banquet for me / in the sight of my foes. / My head you have anointed with oil; / my cup is overflowing. **R.**
4. Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me / all the days of my life. / In the Lord’s own house shall I dwell / for ever and ever. **R.**



SECOND READING Phil 4:12-14, 19-20
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
I am able to do all things in him who strengthens me.

I know how to be poor and I know how to be rich too. I have been through my initiation and now I am ready for anything anywhere: full stomach or empty stomach, poverty or plenty. There is nothing I cannot master with the help of the One who gives me strength. All the same, it was good of you to share with me in my hardships. In return my God will fulfil all your needs, in Christ Jesus, as lavishly as only God can. Glory to God, our Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

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!

GOSPEL Mt 22:1-14
P. The Lord be with you.
R. And with your spirit.
P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Matthew.
R. Glory to you, O Lord.
Whomsoever you find invite to the wedding.

Jesus said to the chief priests and elders of the people: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a feast for his son’s wedding. He sent his servants to call those who had been invited, but they would not come. Next he sent some more servants. “Tell those who have been invited” he said “that I have my banquet all prepared, my oxen and fattened cattle have been slaughtered, everything is ready. Come to the

ST MARY'S PARISH, DANDENONG

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Sebastian Arockia
Parish Website: <https://melbcatholic.org/s/dandenong> **Facebook:** St Mary's Parish Dandenong
Parish Phone: 9791-4611 **Email:** dandenong@cam.org.au **Address:** 160 Foster Street, Dandenong
PARISH SECRETARY: Franca Van Boxel **FINANCE OFFICER:** Deslene de Niese
Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday 9:00am-3:00pm **(MONDAYS OFFICE CLOSED)**

PARISH COMMUNITY CENTRE MANAGER: Mr. Miguel Matamala
St. Mary's Community Centre Tel: 7064 3928 or 0402 155 192

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



OFFICE HOURS FOR THE NEXT TWO WEEKS (12TH OCTOBER –23RD OCTOBER)

MONDAY –9AM to 3PM

TUESDAY TO THURSDAY 9AM to 1PM

FRIDAY– 9AM to 3PM

ORDINATION TO THE PRIESTHOOD

All parishioners are warmly invited to celebrate the
Ordination to the Priesthood of Deacon Rhys Lowther

Ordination Mass—Saturday, 14 November 2026 at 10.00am
St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

First Mass-Sunday, 15 November 2026 at 1.00pm
St Anthony's Catholic Church-90 Kees Road, Lara
All invited to stay for refreshments after First Mass.
Please join us in celebrating this joyful occasion and keep
Deacon Rhys in your prayers as he begins his priestly ministry.



ORDINATION TO THE DIACONATE

All parishioners are warmly invited to celebrate the
Ordination to the Diaconate of Seminarian Nicolas Calandra



Date: Saturday, 14 November 2026
St Patrick's Cathedral, 1 Cathedral Place, East Melbourne

Parish has organised a bus for the Ordinations on Saturday,
14 November 2026, departing at 8:30am for a cost of \$20 per person.
Secure your seat by adding your name to the sign-up sheet located in the
church foyer.



HOLY LAND CRAFTS

OLIVEWOOD CARVINGS FROM BETHLEHEM



Olivewood carvings handmade in
Bethlehem, the Holy Land,
from the branches of ancient olive trees of Jerusalem.



Christian families in the Holy Land
rely on this work to support their
livelihood and preserve a
sacred tradition.



By purchasing these items,
you help support Christian families
in Bethlehem and Jerusalem.



SUPPORT CHRISTIAN FAMILIES IN THE HOLY LAND
THANK YOU FOR YOUR KIND SUPPORT.

Holy Land Crafts will be
visiting St Mary's Parish
on the weekend of 17th
& 18th October 2026
and will be available
after all Masses. We
warmly welcome them
to our parish and
encourage our parish-
ioners to support their
ministry by visiting their
display and considering
purchasing some of
their beautiful Holy Land
gifts and religious items.



St. John Vianney Fete

will be held on
Saturday, 17th
October from
10am until 4pm
at
23 Police Road,
Mulgrave. You
are all welcome
to come and
celebrate and
join in the fun.

National Prayer Crusade for Vocations

The Knights of the Southern Cross warmly invite all Parishes
throughout Victoria to join us in our 20th Prayer Crusade, as
together we pray for an increase in Catholics willing to serve
the Church through the priesthood, diaconate and religious
life, including service as Catholic Chaplains in the Australian
Military Services.

What is required: Each participating Parish, KSC Branch or
member is warmly invited to pray the special Crusade prayer
during the last week of the Crusade, from 11 to 18 October.

National Prayer Crusade Prayer

*Heavenly Father, You know the faith, courage and generosity
of your people throughout Australia, including the men and
women serving at home and overseas with the Australian
Military Services.*

*Please provide your people in Australia with sufficient priests,
deacons and religious to meet their needs, and be with them
always as they endeavour to meet the challenges of
their daily lives.*

We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son. Amen.

ST MARY'S PARISH (Tuesday 13th October)
OUR LADY OF FÁTIMA – DAY OF PRAYER & ROSARY
"Pray the Rosary every day to obtain peace for the world."
— Our Lady of Fátima

Tuesday, 13 October marks the anniversary of the
Miracle of the Sun, the extraordinary event witnessed by
thousands at **Fátima, Portugal, on 13 October 1917**.
In honour of this special day, all parishioners are warmly invited to
join us for a **Day of Prayer and the Holy Rosary**, seeking the in-
tercession of Our Blessed Mother for peace in our
families, our parish, and throughout the world.

Commencing: After 9:15am Morning Mass
Rosary Throughout the Day
Concluding: 2:00pm
**"My Immaculate Heart will be your refuge and
the way that will lead you to God."**
All are warmly welcome.



WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thanksgiving: \$1799.50 **Loose Collection:** \$937.95 **Presbytery:** \$1984.90
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 adults**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Lucy Constanilla Cababat

Anniversaries: Angela Marcuccio, Arthur Sigler,
Charlito Bala

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, Tasileta
Lolesio, Jim, Lucia Germano, Imelda Quatre-
bornes, Sandra Wills, Maddie, Audrey, Herve,
Asis Zullah, Nacera Burekovic, Samantha Romano,
Charlie Mastrogiovanni, Carla Lunardi, Russell
D'Costa, Satty Lee, Patrizia, Ping Lo, Fr Brendan
Lane, Anne Richards, Ashleigh Wills, Anthony Mori,
Lyma Payne, Vreni Bien, Rosario Giaquinta, Jo-
anna Van Der Ven, Ricky, John Caron, Robyn
Campbell, Tayla Fredericks, Maria Cappello,
Jacques Rampal

*(The privacy legislation requires us to have written per-
mission 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)

St Mary's Social Club

Pre Melbourne Cup Dinner Dance

@
ST. MARY'S COMMUNITY CENTRE
26 NEW STREET, DANDENONG, VIC. 3175.

Friday, 30th October 2026

TIME: 7 PM TILL LATE.

**TICKET: \$40 ADULTS
\$20 CHILDREN 12YRS TO 5YRS**

{DINNER PROVIDED.}

MATRIX

(DANCE BAND)

FOR TICKETS

CONTACT: PARISH OFFICE: (03) 9791 4611
BERNARD BARR: 0412 372 566
BRIAN DAVID: 0430 076 691
MELANIE WATTS: 0402 709 406

BYO DRINKS & NIBBLES
DRESS CODE: SMART CASUAL

**TICKETS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE
AFTER ALL MASSES ON THE WEEKEND**