

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

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'But happy are your eyes because they see, your ears because they hear! I tell you solemnly, many prophets and holy men longed to see what you see, and never saw it; to hear what you hear, and never heard it.

'You, therefore, are to hear the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom without understanding, the evil one comes and carries off what was sown in his heart: this is the man who received the seed on the edge of the path. The one who received it on patches of rock is the man who hears the word and welcomes it at once with joy. But he has no root in him, he does not last; let some trial come, or some persecution on account of the word, and he falls away at once. The one who received the seed in thorns is the man who hears the word, but the worries of this world and the lure of riches choke the word and so he produces nothing. And the one who received the seed in rich soil is the man who hears the word and understands it; he is the one who yields a harvest and produces now a hundredfold, now sixty, now thirty.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise him, Father, Son and Spirit.

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

ABUNDANT BLESSINGS

For the next several Sundays we will be in the very heart, the centre, of Matthew's Jewish-oriented Gospel. Jesus absorbed Jewish wisdom and sayings and taught them to his followers. He wanted to teach them about God's 'kin-dom'. Today's Gospel has Jesus surrounded by a large crowd. He gets into a boat, sits down in the posture of a rabbinic teacher and instructs the crowd on the lakeside.

The parable that he offers is the most important in the whole Gospel. The principal agent is a sower scattering seed in typical fashion of the time. The farmer is oblivious to where the seed falls but intent that a harvest comes. The seed falls in places characteristic of the Galilean countryside: on the edge of paths and eaten by birds, on rocks, amongst thorns and in places with little depth of soil. But the seed also falls in rich soil and produces an extraordinarily abundant harvest. To a Galilean farmer, a twelve-fold harvest would be a wonderful gift. It would offer food for the coming year and pay off the taxes imposed by Rome and the Jewish religious authorities for the support of the Temple. The production is not twelve-fold, but a *hundred-fold*, *sixty* or *thirty*! This would be like a farmer winning the mega-lottery!

And this, says Jesus, is what the Kingdom is about. Despite apparent signs of frustration and even death, God's reign will be spectacularly rich and abundant. Jesus' parable teaching is an invitation to the Gospel audience and to us to believe in the ongoing abundant blessings of God's presence despite what appears to the contrary.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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LISTEN, ANYONE WHO HAS EARS. Do we really listen when the Word of God is proclaimed at Mass? Do we allow it to take root in our hearts and yield a rich harvest? If we try to listen at Mass, we will learn to listen also to the many voices that cry out to us in the midst of our busy lives – the voices of our children, of our parents, of our spouse, of those who need us to hear them.

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. Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to the Father and to one another:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

You heal the wounds of our sin and division: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

You intercede for us with the Father:

Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

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

Isa 55:10-11

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

The rain makes the earth give growth.

Thus says the Lord: 'As the rain and the snow come down from the heavens and do not return without watering the earth, making it yield and giving growth to provide seed for the sower and bread for the eating, so the word that goes from my mouth does not return to me empty, without carrying out my will and succeeding in what it was sent to do.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 64:10-14. R. Lk. 8:8

R. The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest.

1. You care for the earth, give it water, / you fill it with riches. / Your river in heaven brims over / to provide its grain. **R.**
2. And thus you provide for the earth; / you drench its furrows, / you level it, soften it with showers, / you bless its growth. **R.**
3. You crown the year with your goodness. / Abundance flows in your steps, / in the pastures of the wilderness it flows. **R.**
4. The hills are girded with joy, / the meadows covered with flocks, / the valleys are decked with wheat. / They shout for joy, yes, they sing. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 8:18-23

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

All creation is waiting for the revelation of the children of God.

I think that what we suffer in this life can never be compared to the glory, as yet unrevealed, which is waiting for us. The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons. It was not for any fault on the part of creation that it was made unable to attain its purpose, it was made so by God; but creation still retains the hope of being freed, like us, from its slavery to decadence, to enjoy the same freedom and glory as the children of God. From the beginning till now the entire creation, as we know, has been groaning in one great act of giving birth; and not only creation, but all of us who possess the first-fruits of the Spirit, we too groan inwardly as we wait for our bodies to be set free.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia! / The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; / all who come to him will live for ever. / Alleluia!



GOSPEL

Mt 13:1-23

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.

A sower went out to sow.

Jesus left the house and sat by the lakeside, but such crowds gathered round him that he got into a boat and sat there. The people all stood on the beach, and he told them many things in parables.

He said, 'Imagine a sower going out to sow. As he sowed, some seeds fell on the edge of the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Others fell on patches of rock where they found little soil and sprang up straight away, because there was no depth of earth; but as soon as the sun came up they were scorched and, not having any roots, they withered away. Others fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Others fell on rich soil and produced their crop, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Listen, anyone who has ears!'

Then the disciples went up to him and asked, 'Why do you talk to them in parables?' 'Because' he replied 'the mysteries of the kingdom of heaven are revealed to you, but they are not revealed to them. For anyone who has will be given more, and he will have more than enough; but for anyone who has not, even what he has will be taken away. The reason I talk to them in parables is that they look without seeing and listen without hearing or understanding. So in their case this prophecy of Isaiah is being fulfilled:

You will listen and listen again, but not understand, see and see again, but not perceive. For the heart of this nation has grown coarse, their ears are dull of hearing, and they have shut their eyes, for fear they should see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their heart, and be converted and be healed by me.

ST MARY'S PARISH, DANDENONG

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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

BECOME A CATHOLIC – RCIA 2026

The RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is the process by which adults formally join the Catholic Church.

You are welcome to explore RCIA if you are:

- Not baptised
- Baptised in another Christian denomination and interested in becoming Catholic
- Married to a Catholic and attending Mass
- Baptised Catholic but have not yet received the Sacrament of Confirmation

Information Sessions

You are invited to attend one of our information sessions to be held in the Parish Office Meeting Room

- **Saturday 18 July 2026, 7:00pm**
- **Saturday 25 July 2026, 7:00pm**

These sessions will explain the RCIA journey and give you a chance to meet the RCIA team.

RCIA Preparation Classes

Starting Date: Saturday 8 August 2026, 7:00pm

Contact: Parish Office: 9791 4611

Email: dandenong@cam.org.au

Everyone is welcome to attend an information session or make enquiries.

(Forms available in church foyer)



ST MARY'S PARISH, DANDENONG **SPECIAL HEALING, ADORATION IN TAMIL**

A Special Healing & Adoration in Tamil will be celebrated on Friday, 17th July 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

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR CATHOLIC MISSION WILL TAKE PLACE ON THE WEEKEND OF 25TH & 26TH JULY 2026

This year marks 100 years of World Mission Day, a time in which the global Church celebrates God's mission through prayer and generosity. Today, that mission continues, where communities are rebuilding after devastating floods and families are striving to create a future for their children. To learn more about Catholic Mission and their work, please go to catholicmission.org.au/united. *Archbishop Peter Comensoli's message: https://youtu.be/K_JbH-7AQUM. Fr Brendan Lane's reflection from his missionary experience in Africa: https://youtu.be/y3OCR_Wcwdo.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Fr Tad Ziolkowski, Saverina Cardamone, Aaron Price

Anniversaries: Benito Alvarez, John Pereira, Eugenia Zeva

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 Satui-to, Fr Michael Willemsen, Vreni Bien, Rosario Giaquinta, Joanna Van Der Ven, Ricky Robyn Campbell (*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))

ST MARY'S SOCIAL CLUB,

St Mary's Community Centre, 26 New Street, Dandenong

Every 2nd Thursday of the Month (next 13th Aug) 11:30am-2:30pm Please write you name on sign up sheet in church foyer for catering purposes Or contact **Bernard on 0412 372 566 or Brian on 0430 076 691**

Vincent de Paul & Parish Bingo Volunteers are needed. If you can help, please contact **Jim Houlahan on 0425 789 455.**



SAVE THE DATE

FATHER'S DAY DINNER DANCE—FRIDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER
MELBOURNE CUP DINNER DANCE—FRIDAY 30TH OCTOBER
NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER DANCE—THURSDAY 31ST DECEMBER



God and Beer - Tuesday 14 July at Dunlop Pavilion DW Lucas Oval, Dunlop St, East Malvern. Drawing on his experience as a priest, author, chaplain, and missionary, Fr James Grant will speak about what he calls “Creative Catholicism” — a practical and hopeful vision for renewing Catholic life in Australia. He will explore how Catholics can respond creatively and courageously to the challenges of modern society, how parishes can become centres of mission and culture again, and why the Church must recover a strong sense of purpose and identity if it is to flourish in the future. Please register at GodandBeer.com.au

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Please note that Confession **WILL NOT** be heard before the 6:00pm Saturday evening Mass. Confession times are **Saturday:** After the 9:15am Mass **Weekdays (Tuesday–Friday):** After the 9:15am Mass, upon request Parishioners are kindly invited to approach the priest after Mass if they wish to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



Legion of Mary

LEGION OF MARY—PILGRIM STATUE- The purpose of the Pilgrim Virgin Statue visit is to encourage families to pray together, with a special emphasis on the Rosary. Members of the Legion of Mary will bring the statue of Our Lady of Fatima into your home, pray the Rosary with you, and leave the statue with your family for approximately one week. You may wish to schedule the visit for a special occasion such as a wedding anniversary, birthday, wedding, the anticipation of a new baby, moving into a new home, or the loss of a loved one. Other suitable occasions include feast days, or simply any time you feel called to prayer. If you would like to host the Pilgrim Virgin Statue in your home, please get in touch with: **Narciso 0421 495 048 or Esmenia on 0452 025 453**

PARISH SYNOD CORNER

39. Synodality invites responsibility—Being heard also means being responsible for the Church's mission.

40. Synodality and prayer- Without prayer, synodality loses its soul. Every step must be rooted in prayer.

41. Synodality helps the Church grow-Growth in faith often comes through dialogue and shared discernment.

42. Synodality is a gift -It is not an obligation imposed from above, but a gift for the Church's renewal.

43. Synodality and faithfulness-True synodality deepens fidelity to Christ and His Gospel.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thanksgiving: \$1609.60 **Loose Collection:** \$813.70 **Presbytery Envelopes:** \$801.00 **Presbytery Loose:** \$1105.00

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