



OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

ELEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

14 JUNE 2026

THE HARVEST IS RICH. Aware of the vast numbers of people who were harassed and dejected Jesus called twelve apostles to share in his mission. They were to do the same works as Jesus, healing the sick and proclaiming the kingdom of heaven. Christ still needs helpers to share in his mission. At the end of each Mass Christ sends us out to love and serve God and one another.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26: 7, 9
O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

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.

THE CONCLUDING RITES

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.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD

WRENCHED BY PITY

After the celebration of Easter and the Feasts that immediately follow, we now return to the Gospel of Matthew. We come to a scene set after Jesus' great teaching in the 'Sermon on the Mount'. In the Sermon he taught the essential qualities of discipleship ('the Beatitudes') and how to live these out daily. Now we come to Jesus' teaching in action. He sees the crowd surrounding him and Matthew says 'he felt sorry for them'. The Greek for 'felt sorry' (*splagnizomai*) means something more powerful. 'Pity' doesn't quite capture the meaning of Matthew's intent. The Greek root is linked to one's innards or 'guts'. Jesus' response to this group of harassed and dejected individuals is visceral. His innards are twisted because of what they are experiencing. For this reason, the rest of the Gospel passage has Jesus sending his disciples on mission to respond to the tragic and forlorn experience of those who need to encounter the message of the 'kin-dom'. Twelve are especially selected. We are given their names and they enact Jesus' desire to renew the twelve tribes of Israel. Given the Jewish audience addressed by Matthew, they ratify this renewal through their proclamation of the 'kin-dom' and deeds of healing. Their focus is specifically to the 'lost' sheep of Israel. They are to care about those who are lost in spirit, need healing and are looking to be included in Jesus' household of disciples. Today's Gospel lays the foundation for what will become the 'synodal' approach of our Church today. We are to walk with and identify the 'lost' in our communities and parishes. This is our missionary focus. This is the primary mission of the synodal Church.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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R. And with your spirit.
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P. Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
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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 Ps 26: 4
There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:

to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

As this reception of your Holy Communion,
O Lord,
foreshadows the union of the faithful in you,
so may it bring about unity in your Church.
Through Christ our Lord.

These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon who is called Peter, and his brother Andrew; James the son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas, and Matthew the tax collector; James the son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Zealot and Judas Iscariot, the one who was to betray him. These twelve Jesus sent out, instructing them as follows:

'Do not turn your steps to pagan territory, and do not enter any Samaritan town; go rather to the lost sheep of the House of Israel. And as you go, proclaim that the kingdom of heaven is close at hand. Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out devils. You received without charge, give without charge.'

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. O God, who in the offerings presented here provide for the twofold needs of human nature, nourishing us with food and renewing us with your Sacrament, grant, we pray, that the sustenance they provide may not fail us in body or in spirit. Through Christ our Lord.

R. Amen.



We were still helpless when at his appointed moment Christ died for sinful men. It is not easy to die even for a good man – though of course for someone really worthy, a man might be prepared to die – but what proves that God loves us is that Christ died for us while we were still sinners. Having died to make us righteous, is it likely that he would now fail to save us from God's anger? When we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, we were still enemies; now that we have been reconciled surely we may count on being saved by the life of his Son? Not merely because we have been reconciled but because we are filled with joyful trust in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have already gained our reconciliation.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mk 1: 15
Alleluia, alleluia! / The kingdom of God is near; / repent and believe the Good News! / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 9:36—10:8

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.

He summoned his twelve disciples, and sent them out.

When Jesus saw the crowds he felt sorry for them because they were harassed and dejected, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is rich but the labourers are few, so ask the Lord of the harvest to send labourers to his harvest.'

He summoned his twelve disciples, and gave them authority over unclean spirits with power to cast them out and cure all kinds of diseases and sickness.

COLLECT

P. O God, strength of those who hope in you, graciously hear our pleas, and, since without you mortal frailty can do nothing, grant us always the help of your grace, that in following your commands we may please you by our resolve and our deeds. 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 19: 2-6

A reading from the book of Exodus.
You will be a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation.
From Rephidim the Israelites set out again; and when they reached the wilderness of Sinai, there in the wilderness they pitched their camp; there facing the mountain Israel pitched camp.

Moses then went up to God, and the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, 'Say this to the House of Jacob, declare this to the sons of Israel, "You yourselves have seen what I did with the Egyptians, how I carried you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. From this you know that now, if you obey my voice and hold fast to my covenant, you of all the nations shall be my very own, for all the earth is mine. I will count you a kingdom of priests, a consecrated nation."'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 99: 2-3, 5. R. v. 3
R. We are his people: the sheep of his flock.

1. Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. / Serve the Lord with gladness. / Come before him, singing for joy. **R.**
2. Know that he, the Lord, is God. / He made us, we belong to him, / we are his people, the sheep of his flock. **R.**
3. Indeed, how good is the Lord, / eternal his merciful love. / He is faithful from age to age. **R.**

SECOND READING Rom 5: 6-11

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

We have been reconciled to God through the death of his Son; we are saved by his life.

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

COLLECTIONS

Commencing this weekend 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 provide repairs & maintenance of the church, parish office & presbytery.
- To support the growth of Parish & Diocesan services.

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

This weekend we welcome the Children preparing for the Sacrament of First Holy Communion - Please keep all the children and their families in your prayers.



ST MARY'S SOCIAL CLUB,

St Mary's Community Centre, 26 New Street, Dandenong
Every 2nd Thursday of the Month 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

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.

DANDENONG DEANERY The Deanery council is conducting a talk on ‘The Voices That Echo the Glory of God through Peace & Mercy’ Event will be held on **WEDNESDAY, 17th June, 2026** at **GRADUATE RESTAURANT (St John's Regional College, Caroline Street, Dandenong)** The night will commence at 5.30pm for a 5.45pm start. Cost is \$48per person (includes a 3 course meal and a glass of wine/ beer) This invitation is open to all who are interested. Please contact Paddy on 0422 296 961 or email to dandenongdeanery@live.com.au

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Eugenia Zeva, Nada Basa, Archbishop Mallavarappu Prakash & Jebamalai Mary Singarayar

Anniversaries: Linda Mete, Liana Sudeera, Irene Cooray, Neil Theodore, Eric, Esme & Maryanne Theodore, Max, Geoffery, Barry & Michelle Deworsop

Sick: Rosa Maria Santos, Long Phan, Ush Henry Bangkal, Leti Luki, Kathleen Nelson, Jim Lynch, Bernardo, Ray Gilligan, Frank Pez-zaro, 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 Willemsen, 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)**

VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED



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

• **Church Portico Painting** Any parishioners with painting experience who are willing to volunteer to paint the church portico are asked to please speak with **Fr Sebastian** or contact the **Parish Office on 9791 4611.**



Flower Ministry

We are blessed each week with beautiful floral displays in our church services, lovingly created by our flower volunteer. If you enjoy working creatively with flowers and would like to be part of this ministry, we would warmly welcome your help. To get involved or find out more, please contact the **Parish Office on 9791-4611**



Altar Flowers



Legion of Mary

“The Rosary is the most beautiful and the most rich in graces of all prayers; it is the prayer that touches most the Heart of the Mother of God... and if you wish peace to reign in your homes, recite the family Rosary.” Pope Saint Pius X

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 Pelayo 0421 495 048 or Esmenia Leong on 0452 025 453

PARISH SYNOD CORNER

29. Synodality is not uniformity—Different cultures, communities, and parishes will live synodality in different ways. Unity does not require sameness.

30. Synodality and hope—A synodal Church believes that renewal is possible, even in difficult times. Hope is not naïve optimism—it is trust in God’s faithfulness.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thanksgiving: \$1537.55

Presbytery \$678.95

Loose Collection: \$1942.70

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