

go into my vineyard too.” In the evening, the owner of the vineyard said to his bailiff, “Call the workers and pay them their wages, starting with the last arrivals and ending with the first.” So those who were hired at about the eleventh hour came forward and received one denarius each. When the first came, they expected to get more, but they too received one denarius each. They took it, but grumbled at the landowner. “The men who came last” they said “have done only one hour, and you have treated them the same as us, though we have done a heavy day’s work in all the heat.” He answered one of them and said, “My friend, I am not being unjust to you; did we not agree on one denarius? Take your earnings and go. I choose to pay the last-comer as much as I pay you. Have I no right to do what I like with my own? Why be envious because I am generous?” Thus the last will be first, and the first, last.’

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. Receive with favour, O Lord, we pray, the offerings of your people, that what they profess with devotion and faith may be theirs through these heavenly mysteries. 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 Ps 118:4-5

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept; may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. Graciously raise up, O Lord, those you renew with this Sacrament, that we may come to possess your redemption both in mystery and in the manner of our life. 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

BE GENEROUS

Greed often dominates our world, interactions between global leaders and, sometimes, our own relationships. Today’s Gospel offers a different value system. Generosity is the Gospel standard that should dominate relationships. This teaching comes in the form of another parable from Jesus. The context would be familiar to Matthew’s audience, in a society dominated by injustice, hierarchy and poverty. In this world, unemployment was rife, as it is today. Workers in Jesus’ day would go to the village or town square to seek employment. In this setting, the landowner comes to the square to hire labourers for his vineyard with a promised day’s wage. The owner repeats the hiring practice at different hours of the day, even into the late afternoon. When it comes time to pay the wages of the labourers, the landowner begins with the last hired and pays them the full day’s wage though they have worked less hours. Those hired first complain that they should have been paid more. The landowner’s response summarises the main teaching point of the parable: ‘Why be envious because I am generous?’ Generosity rather than greed characterises this landowner. It is also a mirror of Jesus’ essential teaching. God is generous, not restrictive or calculating. This challenges a world governed by exactness and tit-for-tat thinking. God and God’s kingdom are characterised by generosity. God is generous toward us – and invites us to be generous toward others.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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ST MARY’S PARISH, DANDENONG—160 FOSTER STREET, DANDENONG
OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION
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TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

20 SEPTEMBER 2026

MY WAYS ARE ABOVE YOUR WAYS. Those who had laboured in the vineyard all day were angry when the owner paid the latecomers the same wage. Like the story of the prodigal son, this parable reminds us that the kingdom of heaven is not characterised by our limited concepts of justice but by a compassion that knows no limits. May we not be envious at the good fortune of others but rejoice that we too are loved deeply by God.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.
Should they cry to me in any distress, I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

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 founded all the commands of your sacred Law upon love of you and of our neighbour, grant that, by keeping your precepts, we may merit to attain eternal life. 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 55:6-9
A reading from the prophet Isaiah
My thoughts are not your thoughts.
Seek the Lord while he is still to be found, call to him while he is still near.
Let the wicked man abandon his way, the evil man his thoughts.
Let him turn back to the Lord who will take pity on him,
to our God who is rich in forgiving;
for my thoughts are not your thoughts, my ways not your ways – it is the Lord who speaks.
Yes, the heavens are as high above earth as my ways are above your ways, my thoughts above your thoughts.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM Ps 144:2-3, 8-9, 17-18. R. v. 18
R. The Lord is near to all who call him.
1. I will bless you day after day / and praise your name for ever. / The Lord is great, highly to be praised, / his greatness cannot be measured. **R.**

2. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, / slow to anger, abounding in love. / How good is the Lord to all, / compassionate to all his creatures. **R.**
3. The Lord is just in all his ways / and loving in all his deeds. / He is close to all who call him, / who call on him from their hearts. **R.**

SECOND READING Phil 1:20-24, 27
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
For me to live is Christ.
Christ will be glorified in my body, whether by my life or by my death. Life to me, of course, is Christ, but then death would bring



me something more; but then again, if living in this body means doing work which is having good results – I do not know what I should choose. I am caught in this dilemma: I want to be gone and be with Christ, which would be very much the better, but for me to stay alive in this body is a more urgent need for your sake.

Avoid anything in your everyday lives that would be unworthy of the gospel of Christ.

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION cf. Acts 16:14
Alleluia, alleluia! / Open our hearts, O Lord, / to listen to the words of your Son. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 20:1-16
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.
Why are you jealous because I am generous?

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner going out at daybreak to hire workers for his vineyard. He made an agreement with the workers for one denarius a day, and sent them to his vineyard. Going out at about the third hour he saw others standing idle in the market place and said to them, “You go to my vineyard too and I will give you a fair wage.” So they went. At about the sixth hour and again at about the ninth hour, he went out and did the same. Then at about the eleventh hour he went out and found more men standing round, and he said to them, “Why have you been standing here idle all day?” “Because no one has hired us” they answered. He said to them, “You

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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



Please join us in celebrating this joyful occasion and keep
Deacon Rhys in your prayers as he begins his priestly ministry.

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)

Are you someone or do you know someone who...

- Just wants to know a bit more about the Catholic faith?
- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- May have experienced "stirrings of the heart" leading then to a local parish?
- Was baptized Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist?

RCIA is a "journey" designed for people who feel a call to know more about Jesus Christ and the Catholic faith. You are most welcome to participate in the RCIA with your questions, your insights and your faith story.

Date: Saturdays at 7.00pm Venue: Parish Office, Meeting Room
For more information, please contact the Parish Office – 9791-4611 or dandenong@cam.org.au



FEAST OF ST FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Blessing of the Pets
Sunday, 4th October 2026
12:30pm | At the Grotto,
St Mary's Parish, Dandenong



On the Feast of St Francis of Assisi, we warmly invite parishioners to bring their beloved pets to the Grotto for a special Blessing of the Animals. St Francis, who had a deep love for all of God's creation, reminds us to give thanks for the gift of creation and for the companionship and joy our pets bring into our lives.
All parishioners and their pets are warmly welcome.
"Praise be You, my Lord, through all Your creatures."
— **St Francis of Assisi**

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased:

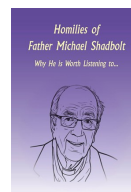
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For more than sixty years, Fr Michael Shadbolt faithfully served the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, becoming renowned for his insightful, Scripture-centred preaching and pastoral care.

This collection of his homilies reflects his lifelong dedication to helping others encounter Christ, drawing on decades of ministry - including his service as the Archdiocese's Chief Exorcist - to offer timeless spiritual wisdom, encouragement and hope.

Copies of the book are available for purchase in the Piety Shop- for **\$20.00**.



We are looking for volunteers to help in the piety stall before and after each mass. If you have the time and, would like to help, please see the volunteers at the stall or contact the parish office 9791-4611.



PUBLIC SQUARE ROSARY
ST MARY'S PARISH, DANDENONG
(GROTTO)
SATURDAY 10TH OCTOBER 2025
AFTER 9:15AM MASS
(ALL WELCOME)



REST IN PEACE
Please pray for the repose of the soul of
PETER MOYLAN
who passed away on 4th September 2026.
A funeral Mass will be held on
Wednesday, 23rd September at 11am here
at St Mary's Parish

We extend our deepest condolences to his family and friends. May he rest in the eternal peace of Christ.

MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2026

Saturday, 10th October 2026, 1pm Treasury Gardens, (Crn Spring Street & Wellington Parade)A free bus is available for this event from St Mary's Parish, Dandenong for anyone wanting to attend and return free of cost. As seats are limited, please register on a **first-come, first-served basis**. To reserve and confirm your seat, please send your **name and phone number** via SMS to **Geraldine Gonsalvez on 0434 877 730**

VEHICLE NEEDED

The Parish is seeking a **second vehicle** to lend to a visiting priest for the next **8-10 weeks**. If you have a vehicle available, or know someone who may be willing to help, please speak with **Fr Sebastian** or contact the **Parish Office on 9791 4611**. **Thank you for your generosity and support.**

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thanksgiving: \$825.50 **Loose Collection:** \$481.00 **Presbytery:** \$1505.00
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 adults

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