

GOSPEL

Mt 10: 26-33

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.

Do not fear those who can kill the body.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Do not be afraid. For everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the daylight; what you hear in whispers, proclaim from the house-tops.

‘Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; fear him rather who can destroy both body and soul in hell. Can you not buy two sparrows for a penny? And yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing. Why, every hair on your head has been counted. So there is no need to be afraid; you are worth more than hundreds of sparrows.

‘So if anyone declares himself for me in the presence of men, I will declare myself for him in the presence of my Father in heaven. But the one who disowns me in the presence of men, I will disown in the presence of my Father in heaven.’

The Gospel of the Lord.

R. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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. Receive, O Lord, the sacrifice of conciliation and praise and grant that, cleansed by its action, we may make offering of a heart pleasing to you. 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: 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 144: 15

The eyes of all look to you, Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Renewed and nourished

by the Sacred Body and Precious Blood of your Son,

we ask of your mercy, O Lord,

that what we celebrate with constant devotion may be our sure pledge of redemption.

Through Christ our Lord.

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

DIVINE PRESENCE

The instruction to the Twelve that concluded last Sunday’s Gospel continues today. Again, the Gospel offers us a missionary mandate and insight. The mission is essentially optimistic because ‘everything that is now covered will be uncovered, and everything now hidden will be made clear.’ No way of life for the disciples, of their missionary commitment and engagement will be lost. It may appear to be covered and hidden but, ultimately and eventually, God’s goodness and the work of the ‘kin-dom’ will be revealed. No longer will the message of the Gospel be spoken in the dark or whispered. It will be proclaimed from the housetops!

The affirmation of the fruitfulness of the missionary task spills over into the way God will care for those on mission—and this is what is addressed also to us: We are looked after by God, in every detail of our lives. As Matthew puts it in the final verses of today’s Gospel, Jesus will affirm us before God.

There is one translation point worth noting in today’s Gospel. What is translated about God’s care of even the sparrows, which is translated as ‘yet not one falls to the ground without your Father knowing’, is better and more accurately translated, ‘and not one of them falls to the earth without your Father’. It is not about God’s knowledge of the falling sparrow, it is the very presence of God accompanying the falling or dying sparrow that is affirmed. That same God accompanies us. There is nothing in our life that happens without God’s presence intimately caring for us. God is joined to us in intimate care and accompaniment. This God we celebrate today in our liturgy!

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

21 JUNE 2026

DO NOT BE AFRAID. In the face of many attacks Jesus courageously proclaimed the Good News of the kingdom. His courage stemmed from his firm belief in the Father’s love for him. Likewise, the prophet Jeremiah was not destroyed by intense opposition because he knew that his cause was with God. May we also be courageous witnesses to the values of the Gospel knowing that God’s love for us far outweighs any opposition we may encounter.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 27: 8-9

The Lord is the strength of his people, a saving refuge for the one he has anointed. Save your people, Lord, and bless your heritage, and govern them 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. Grant, O Lord, that we may always revere and love your holy name, for you never deprive of your guidance those you set firm on the foundation of your love. 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

20: 10-13

A reading from the prophet Jeremiah.

He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of those who are evil.

Jeremiah said:

I hear so many disparaging me,

‘ “Terror from every side!”

Denounce him! Let us denounce him!’

All those who used to be my friends watched for my downfall,

‘Perhaps he will be seduced into error.

Then we will master him

and take our revenge!’

But the Lord is at my side, a mighty hero;

my opponents will stumble, mastered, confounded by their failure;

everlasting, unforgettable disgrace will be theirs.

But you, Lord of Hosts, you who probe with justice,

who scrutinise the loins and heart,

let me see the vengeance you will take on them,

for I have committed my cause to you.

Sing to the Lord,

praise the Lord,

for he has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

The word of the Lord.

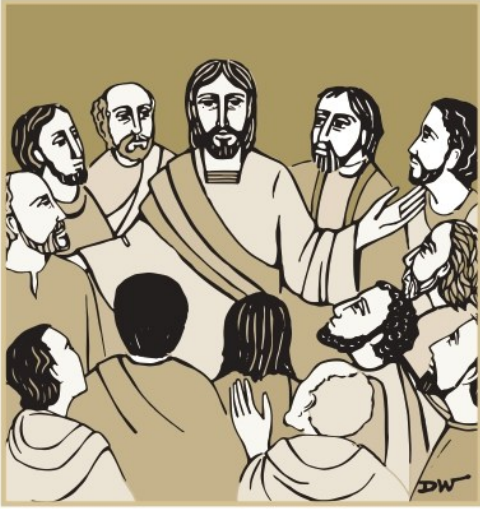
R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PS

Ps 68: 8-10, 14, 17, 33-35. R. v. 14

R. Lord, in your great love, answer me.

1. It is for you that I suffer taunts, / that shame covers my face, / that I have become a stranger to my brothers, / an alien to my own mother’s sons. / I burn with zeal for your house / and taunts against you fall on me. **R.**



2. This is my prayer to you, / my prayer for your favour. / In your great love, answer me, O God, / with your help that never fails: / Lord, answer, for your love is kind; / in your compassion, turn towards me. **R.**

3. The poor when they see it will be glad / and God-seeking hearts will revive; / for the Lord listens to the needy; / and does not spurn his servants in their chains. / Let the heavens and the earth give him praise, / the sea and all its living creatures. **R.**

SECOND READING

Rom 5: 12-15

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

God’s gift to us is nothing like our sin against him.

Sin entered the world through one man, and through sin death, and thus death has spread through the whole human race because everyone has sinned. Sin existed in the world long before the Law was given. There was no law and so no one could be accused of the sin of ‘law-breaking’, yet death reigned over all from Adam to Moses, even though their sin, unlike that of Adam, was not a matter of breaking a law.

Adam prefigured the One to come, but the gift itself considerably outweighed the fall. If it is certain that through one man’s fall so many died, it is even more certain that divine grace, coming through the one man, Jesus Christ, came to so many as an abundant free gift.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 15: 26-27

Alleluia, alleluia! / The Spirit of Truth will bear witness to me, says the Lord, / and you also will be my witnesses. / Alleluia!

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

CALLING ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

These workshops prepare new and experienced Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion to exercise their ministry well.

ACU's experienced liturgy instructors, Ms Cathy Murrowood and Dr Paul Taylor, will guide you through engaging material in a friendly and supportive learning environment during this free weekend workshop (Friday night and Saturday) sponsored by the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne. Because ministry occurs in a particular location with its own expectations and procedures, this program will be complemented by a local practicum run by your parish priest (or designate) to help apply your learning. A very brief online introduction has also been prepared for you. A five-year certification is provided to those who complete all components of the program.

GAIN ESSENTIAL SKILLS AND DEEPEN UNDERSTANDING

The Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion training program prepares knowledgeable, skilled and hospitable Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. High-quality content is presented in an innovative and engaging way, and the program offers liturgical formation in a supportive environment. This program promotes a deep understanding of the Mass and the role of the Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion in serving the assembly.

WITH YOUR LOCAL COMMUNITY

Engagement with your local community is a key feature of this program, and participants from parishes, schools and Church organisations are nominated by their parish priest as the first step in the registration process.

Date: Friday 10 July, 6 – 9pm AND

Saturday 11 July, 9am – 4pm (B.Y.O lunch)

Venue: St John Vianney's Parish, 23 Police Rd, Mulgrave

Nominations by: 3 July 2026

For more information, visit or call 02 9701 4751 or email

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WE ENCOURAGE ALL EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION TO ATTEND ONE OF THE SESSIONS.

FLYER CAN BE FOUND IN CHURCH FOYER FOR YOU TO TAKE HOME.

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR

Recently Deceased: Ian Priestly, Michael Carlo, Suzanne Pires

Anniversaries: Michaelangelo Cappello Jozef Gorski, Ezaltasao Diniz, Wayne Collins, Luce Irene Francios Precieuz.

Sick: Rosa Maria Santos, Long Phan, Ush Henry Bangkal, Leti Luki, Kathleen Nelson, Jim Lynch, Bernardo, Ray Gilligan, Frank Pezaro, 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.**



Altar Flowers

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**

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



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**

St Mary's Social Club is planning on hosting a Christmas in July Dinner/Dance or a Trivia night on the 31st of July 26, Pre Cup Eve Dinner/Dance on the 4th of September 26 and New Year Eves Dinner Dance December 31st, 2026, as per Father Sabastian's request and invite Parishioners who would like to volunteer in assisting with these events, to attend a meeting on



Thursday 25th June evening at 7pm. Your presence would be greatly appreciated.

Thanks Bernard Barr and Brian David

PARISH SYNOD CORNER

31. Synodality and young people -Young people long to be heard and taken seriously. Synodality invites the Church to listen attentively to their questions and hopes.

32. Synodality and families—Families are schools of synodality, where listening, patience, and forgiveness are lived daily. The Church learns synodality from family life.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thanksgiving: \$1827.60 **Loose Collection:** \$538.50 **Presbytery Envelopes:** \$513.50 **Presbytery Loose:** \$611.55

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