

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Jn 10:27
Alleluia, alleluia! / My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; / I know them, and they follow me. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 21:28-32
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 went out moved by regret. The tax collectors and prostitutes will precede you into the kingdom of God.

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people, 'What is your opinion? A man had two sons. He went and said to the first, "My boy, you go and work in the vineyard today." He answered, "I will not go", but afterwards thought better of it and went. The man then went and said the same thing to the second who answered, "Certainly, sir", but did not go. Which of the two did the father's will?' 'The first' they said. Jesus said to them, 'I tell you solemnly, tax collectors and prostitutes are making their way into the kingdom of God before you. For John came to you, a pattern of true righteousness, but you did not believe him, and yet the tax collectors and prostitutes did. Even after seeing that, you refused to think better of it and believe in him.'

The Gospel of the Lord.
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. Grant us, O merciful God, that this our offering may find acceptance with you and that through it the wellspring of all blessing may be laid open before us. 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: Save us, Saviour of the world, for by your Cross and Resurrection you have set us free.

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 118:49-50
Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.
PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
P. May this heavenly mystery, O Lord, restore us in mind and body, that we may be coheirs in glory with Christ, to whose suffering we are united whenever we

proclaim his Death. 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 forth, the Mass is ended.
R. Thanks be to God.

BREAKING OPEN THE WORD
CHANGE OF ATTITUDE
Remaining in the agricultural world from last Sunday and the hiring practice of a landowner, we are now inside the landowner's family and its two sons. The landowner requests both sons to go to work in the vineyard. Such a request would have been unnecessary, given that there would have been hired labourers in the vineyard – information learnt from last Sunday's Gospel.
A deeper intent lies behind the owner's request: Are the sons' committed to the family's enterprise? Perhaps, too, this reflects what is occurring with the Gospel household, the inner relationship and ethical practice of its members. The main issue concerns integrity of word and openness of heart. The first son is asked to work in the vineyard but refuses the request. Later, he thinks about it, changes his mind and goes. The second promises to go the vineyard but doesn't. There is no further comment about the request or change of heart. Jesus asks the religious leaders, 'Which of the two did the father's will?' They respond, 'The first.' This son, at first resistant, changes his mind and responds to the father's request.

The parable is obviously directed to Jesus' audience and religious leaders, to recognise their need to change attitudes that exclude certain types of people. Surprisingly, those judged as social reprobates, the 'tax collectors and prostitutes', are given preferential acceptance into God's Kingdom. The parable overturns conventional expectations in Matthew's day and in ours!

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

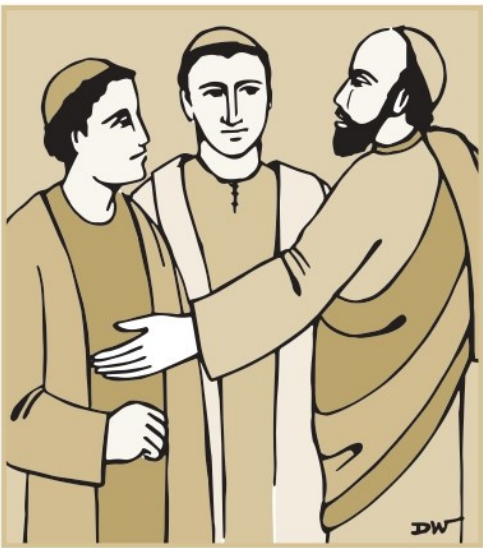
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TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

27 SEPTEMBER 2026

PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY. We cannot spend all of our lives blaming others for what has happened to us. At a certain stage we must accept responsibility for our own lives and deeds. Sometimes we need to admit, 'I have done wrong. I am sorry. God, help me to do right in future.' Change is always possible. If we have the desire, God will guide us in the right path.

INTRODUCTORY RITES
ENTRANCE ANTIPHON Dan 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42
All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.
GREETING
P. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
R. Amen.
P. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
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.
All: I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, (striking the breast) through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.
P. May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.
R. Amen.
V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
V. Christ, have mercy.
R. Christ, have mercy.
V. Lord, have mercy.
R. Lord, have mercy.
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



SECOND READING Phil 2:1-11
A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus.
If our life in Christ means anything to you, if love can persuade at all, or the Spirit that we have in common, or any tenderness and sympathy, then be united in your convictions and united in your love, with a common purpose and a common mind. That is the one thing which would make me completely happy. There must be no competition among you, no conceit; but everybody is to be self-effacing. Always consider the other person to be better than yourself, so that nobody thinks of his own interests first but everybody thinks of other people's interests instead. In your minds you must be the same as Christ Jesus:
His state was divine, yet he did not cling to his equality with God but emptied himself to assume the condition of a slave, and became as men are; and being as all men are, he was humble yet, even to accepting death, death on a cross. But God raised him high and gave him the name which is above all other names so that all beings in the heavens, on earth and in the underworld, should bend the knee at the name of Jesus and that every tongue should acclaim Jesus Christ as Lord, to the glory of God the Father.
The word of the Lord.
R. Thanks be to God.

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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
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
Seminarist Nicolas Calandra



Date: Saturday, 14 November 2026
Time: To be confirmed
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.

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:

Anniversaries: Colita Abella, Robyn Hearl

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, Charlie Mastrogiovanni, Carla Lunardi, Russell D'Costa, Satty Lee, Patrizia, Ping Lo, Fr Brendan Lane, Anne Richards, Ashleigh Wills, Anthony Morri, Lyma Payne, Vreni Bien, Rosario Giaquinta, Joanna Van Der Ven, Ricky, John Caron, Robyn Campbell, Tayla Fredericks, Maria Cappello **(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)

MARCH FOR THE BABIES 2026

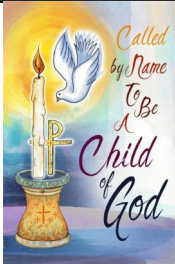
Saturday, 10th October 2026, 1pm Treasury Gardens, (Crn Spring Street & Wellington Parade)A free bus is available for this event from St Mary's Parish, Dandenong for anyone wanting to attend and return free of cost. As seats are limited, please register on a **first-come, first-served basis**. To reserve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

The Truth Revealed - Born Alive left to die- exposes the devastating reality of late-term abortion in Australia and the lives affected by practices few are willing to confront. The evidence of harm is undeniable. Silence is no longer an option. It is time for truth, accountability, and change. Please join us on this thought provoking documentary to be held on 8th October at 7pm. St Gerard's parish 71 Gladstone Road, the Majellan Hall. All are welcome.

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)



Our Parish Joyfully Welcomes
Jazz & Chae
who will be baptised this weekend. We keep them
in our prayers and ask that together with their family,
they continue to grow in faith and in the love of God.

The Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver will hold their Annual Mission Fair on Saturday 17 October 9.00 am – 2.30 pm at 154 Cotham Road, Kew. This year the proceeds will be forwarded to the Franciscan Sisters of St Joseph, Kisumu for water tanks. Enquiries Phone: 9817 3715.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thanksgiving: \$1597.10 **Loose Collection:** \$818.15 **Presbytery:** \$2223.50
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

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.}
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