

not worthy of me. Anyone who prefers son or daughter to me is not worthy of me. Anyone who does not take his cross and follow in my footsteps is not worthy of me. Anyone who finds his life will lose it; anyone who loses his life for my sake will find it.

‘Anyone who welcomes you welcomes me; and those who welcome me welcome the one who sent me.

‘Anyone who welcomes a prophet because he is a prophet will have a prophet’s reward; and anyone who welcomes a holy man because he is a holy man will have a holy man’s reward.

‘If anyone gives so much as a cup of cold water to one of these little ones because he is a disciple, then I tell you solemnly, he will most certainly not lose his reward.’

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.

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. O God, who graciously accomplish the effects of your mysteries, grant, we pray, that the deeds by which we serve you may be worthy of these sacred gifts. 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 102: 1

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all within me, his holy name.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May this divine sacrifice we have offered and received fill us with life, O Lord, we pray, so that, bound to you in lasting charity, we may bear fruit that lasts for ever. 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

HOW SHOULD I LIVE AND ACT?

If Jesus were to meet you (and he does constantly!) and you were to ask him, ‘How should I act and live my life?’, the answer would come into today’s Gospel. It continues Jesus’ teaching concerned with disciples (us!) on mission. As our church deepens its practice of synodality, the instructions Jesus offers are meant for all: our focus is to be on Jesus. Our relationship with him guides every other relationship and commitment. In the Gospel, Jesus tells the Twelve, the symbolic leadership group of disciples who spearhead the Jesus missionary movement, ‘Anyone who prefers[fill in the blanks] ... is not worthy of me.’ His words are not a rejection of one’s relationships or family ties but the preference in all relationships is to be guided by our abiding commitment and friendship with Jesus.

The second collection of sayings in today’s Gospel concerns hospitality. Those who welcome others, members of the Jesus household, and act in holiness or speak prophetically are also welcoming the presence of Jesus. This spirit of openness and receptivity continues into the last part of today’s Gospel. Offering a welcoming drink to ‘one of these little ones’—those regarded as social nobodies without prestige or status—and discerned, surprisingly, as disciples, as members of Jesus’ community of believers, will be eternally rewarded: ‘...they will most certainly not lose their reward.’

Today’s Gospel is not about earning rewards, though. It is about how to live, with a firm commitment to Jesus and welcoming all, especially the ‘little ones’ and identifying as disciples the most unlikely.

FR MICHAEL TRAINOR

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OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / A

28 JUNE 2026

HARD SAYINGS. Today’s Gospel includes a number of so-called ‘hard sayings’ of Jesus. They identify the basic paradox of our Christian faith: it is only by emptying ourselves in imitation of Jesus (Phil 2: 7) that we can receive the fullness of life which is his gift (Jn 10: 10). There can be no real growth in the Spirit if self-interest prevails.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Ps 46: 2

All peoples, clap your hands. Cry to God with shouts of joy!

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.
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 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 through the grace of adoption chose us to be children of light, grant, we pray, that we may not be wrapped in the darkness of error but always be seen to stand in the bright light of truth. 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.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

2 Kings 4: 8-11, 14-16

A reading from the second book of the Kings. That is the holy man of God, let him remain there.

One day as Elisha was on his way to Shunem, a woman of rank who lived there pressed him to stay and eat there. After this he always broke his journey for a meal when he passed that way. She said to her husband, ‘Look, I am sure the man who is constantly passing our way must be a holy man of God. let us build him a small room on the roof, and put him a bed in it, and a table and chair and lamp; whenever he comes to us he can rest there.’

One day when he came, he retired to the upper room and lay down. ‘What can be done for her?’ he asked. Gehazi (his servant) answered, ‘Well, she has no son and her husband is old.’ Elisha said, ‘Call her.’ The servant called her and she stood at the door. ‘This time next year,’ Elisha said ‘you will hold a son in your arms.’

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESP PSALM

Ps 88: 2-3, 16-19. R. v. 2

R. For ever I will sing the goodness of the Lord.

1. I will sing for ever of your love, O Lord; / through all ages my mouth will proclaim your truth. / Of this I am sure, that your love lasts for ever, / that your truth is firmly established as the heavens. **R.**

2. Happy the people who acclaim such a king, / who walk, O Lord, in the light of your face, / who find their joy every day in your name, / who make your justice the source of their bliss. **R.**

3. For it is you, O Lord, who are the glory of their strength; / it is by your favour that our might is exalted: / for our ruler is in the keeping of the Lord; / our king in the keeping of the Holy One of Israel. **R.**



SECOND READING

Rom 6: 3-4, 8-11

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

Having been buried with him through baptism, we shall walk in a new life.

When we were baptised in Christ Jesus we were baptised in his death; in other words, when we were baptised we went into the tomb with him and joined him in death, so that as Christ was raised from the dead by the Father’s glory, we too might live a new life.

But we believe that having died with Christ we shall return to life with him: Christ, as we know, having been raised from the dead will never die again. Death has no power over him any more. When he died, he died, once for all, to sin, so his life now is life with God; and in that way, you too must consider yourselves to be dead to sin but alive for God in Christ Jesus.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Pet 2: 9

Alleluia, alleluia! / You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy people. / Praise God who called you out of darkness and into his marvellous light. / Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mt 10: 37-42

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.

Anyone who does not accept his cross is not worthy of me. Anyone who welcomes you, welcomes me.

Jesus instructed the Twelve as follows: ‘Anyone who prefers father or mother to me is

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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 CentreforLiturgy@acu.edu.au.

For more information visit acu.edu.au/liturgy-melbourne

(NB: these are continuous, not repeated sessions)

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:

Anniversaries: Theresa Mancuso, Mario Mancuso, Florencia Alvarez, Cynthia & Ashton D’Costa

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, 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.



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

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**



NEXT WEEKEND WE WILL HAVE A COLLECTION FOR PETER’S PENCE 4-5TH JULY 2026

WHAT IS “PETER’S PENCE”?

Peter’s Pence is a **DONATION** that may be small in amount but has a profound symbolic value. It expresses **LOVE AND TRUST** in the Holy Father as the successor of Peter. It is a gesture of **communion** with the Holy Father. It is a concrete way of **participating** in his mission to bring the Gospel and to spread charity and hope throughout the world. It is a sign of **belonging to** and of **sharing** responsibility within the Church.

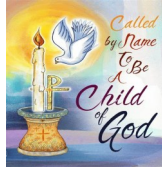


Our Parish Joyfully Welcomes

ARIEN JOSEPH

who will be baptised |this weekend.

We keep him in our prayers and ask that he, together with his family, continue to grow in faith and in the love of God.



PARISH SYNOD CORNER

33. Synodality and mission beyond the Church—A synodal Church listens not only inwardly but outwardly, engaging respectfully with society and culture.
34. Synodality prevents isolation- When leaders and communities walk together, no one carries the burden alone. Synodality builds shared responsibility.

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thanksgiving: 2169.60 **Loose Collection:** \$1292.00 **Presbytery Envelopes:** \$1546.00 **Presbytery Loose:** \$1418.00
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