

OUR SUNDAY CELEBRATION

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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME / B

9 JUNE 2024

Jesus went home with his disciples, and such a crowd collected that they could not even have a meal. When his relatives heard of this, they set out to take charge of him, convinced he was out of his mind.

The scribes who had come down from Jerusalem were saying, 'Beelzebul is in him,' and 'It is through the prince of devils that he casts devils out.' So he called them to him and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot last. And if a household is divided against itself, that household can never stand. Now if Satan has rebelled against himself and is divided, he cannot stand either – it is the end of him. But no one can make his way into a strong man's house and burgle his property unless he has tied up the strong man first. Only then can he burgle his house.

'I tell you solemnly, all men's sins will be forgiven, and all their blasphemies; but let anyone blaspheme against the Holy Spirit and he will never have forgiveness: he is guilty of an eternal sin.' This was because they were saying, 'An unclean spirit is in him.'

His mother and brothers now arrived and, standing outside, sent in a message asking for him. A crowd was sitting round him at the time the message was passed to him, 'Your mother and brothers and sisters are outside asking for you.' He replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking round at those sitting in a circle about him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers. Anyone who does the will of God, that person is my brother and sister and mother.'

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. Look kindly upon our service, O Lord, we pray, that what we offer may be an acceptable oblation to you and lead us to grow in charity. 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 17: 3

The Lord is my rock, my fortress, and my deliverer; my God is my saving strength.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P. May your healing work, O Lord, free us, we pray, from doing evil and lead us to what is right. 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

BELONGING TO JESUS

Just before today's Gospel, the crowds following Jesus continue to grow forcing him to preach from a boat on the Sea of Galilee. They come from far and wide, from Galilee and Judea. The mission is going well, so well that today's passage opens with the crowd gathering again 'so that Jesus and his disciples 'could not even have a meal'.

This Gospel takes the form of a 'Markan sandwich' with one story inserted in the middle of another. The opening lines link to the concluding lines. Common to the whole episode is the theme of belonging to Jesus.

It is unclear exactly who tried to restrain Jesus, convinced he was out of his mind. The Jerusalem Bible indicates this was his family, but the Greek is less clear about who 'they' are. It could be those inside the house with Jesus, the newly appointed Twelve plus other disciples. Or it could be people in the crowd outside preventing them from eating their meal.

Switching to the scribes from Jerusalem, who link to an earlier plot against Jesus, we hear them accuse Jesus of being possessed by Beelzebul. No wonder Jesus speaks of a house divided. He is not recognised as the Messiah by those who should accept him.

Returning to the house, the mother, brothers and sisters of Jesus have arrived, standing outside. Inside Jesus is encircled by a crowd. When advised his family is outside, he declares 'Anyone who does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother'. Across the stories, inside and outside, he marks out who is the new family of Jesus.

DR ROSEMARY CANAVAN

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THE FAMILY OF JESUS. Our first parents, Adam and Eve, hid from God after they had sinned. God, however, did not abandon them but sought them out and showed them mercy. Though they had to accept the consequences of their action, God promised that ultimately the forces of evil will be overcome. In Christ, God continues to seek us out and offer us forgiveness. If we accept forgiveness, and resolve to follow God's will, we will always be welcomed back into the family of God.

INTRODUCTORY RITES

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON cf. Ps 26: 1-2

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread?

When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

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 are the image of the unseen God: Lord, have mercy.

R. Lord, have mercy.

P. You are the first born of all creation: Christ, have mercy.

R. Christ, have mercy.

P. You are the head of the body, the Church: 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, from whom all good things come, grant that we, who call on you in our need,

may at your prompting discern what is right, and by your guidance do it. 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

Gen 3: 9-15

A reading from the book of Genesis.

I will make you enemies of each other: your offspring and her offspring.

The Lord God called to the man after he had eaten of the tree. 'Where are you?' he asked. 'I heard the sound of you in the garden;' he replied 'I was afraid because I was naked, so I hid.' 'Who told you that you were naked?' he asked. 'Have you been eating of the tree I forbade you to eat?' The man replied, 'It was the woman you put with me; she gave me the fruit, and I ate it.' Then the Lord God asked the woman, 'What is this you have done?' The woman replied, 'The serpent tempted me and I ate.'

Then the Lord God said to the serpent, 'Because you have done this,

'Be accursed beyond all cattle, all wild beasts.

You shall crawl on your belly and eat dust every day of your life.

I will make you enemies of each other:

you and the woman, your offspring and her offspring.

It will crush your head and you will strike its heel.'

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 129. R. v. 7

R. With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

1. Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, / Lord, hear my voice! / O let your ears be attentive / to the voice of my pleading. **R.**

2. If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, / Lord, who would survive? / But with you is found forgiveness: / for this we revere you. **R.**

3. My soul is waiting for the Lord, / I count on his word. / My soul is longing for the Lord / more than watchman for daybreak. **R.**

4. Because with the Lord there is mercy / and fullness of redemption, / Israel indeed he will redeem / from all its iniquity. **R.**



SECOND READING

2 Cor 4: 13-5: 1

A reading from the second letter of St Paul to the Corinthians.

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed, and therefore I spoke – we too believe and therefore we too speak, knowing that he who raised the Lord Jesus to life will raise us with Jesus in our turn, and put us by his side and you with us. You see, all this is for your benefit, so that the more grace is multiplied among people, the more thanksgiving there will be, to the glory of God.

That is why there is no weakening on our part, and instead, though this outer man of ours may be falling into decay, the inner man is renewed day by day. Yes, the troubles which are soon over, though they weigh little, train us for the carrying of a weight of eternal glory which is out of all proportion to them. And so we have no eyes for things that are visible, but only for things that are invisible; for visible things last only for a time, and the invisible things are eternal.

For we know that when the tent that we live in on earth is folded up, there is a house built by God for us, an everlasting home not made with human hands, in the heavens.

The word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Jn 12: 31, 32

Alleluia, alleluia! The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mk 3: 20-35

P. The Lord be with you.

R. And with your spirit.

P. A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark.

R. Glory to you, O Lord.

It is the end of Satan.

PARISH PRIEST: Fr. Sebastian Arockia
SEMINARIAN: Bro Nicolas Calandra
PARISH SECRETARY: Franca Van Boxtel
FINANCE OFFICER: Deslene de Niese
GARDENER/CARETAKER: Mr. Kevin McLaren
PARISH CENTRE MANAGER:
Mr. Miguel Matamala

If you urgently need a priest please call 9791 4611, if Father does not answer, please leave a message and he will call you back.

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)

ANOINTING MASS

Last Friday of every month 9.15 am

DAILY ROSARY

After morning Mass Mon-Sat
(Friday will be before Mass)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday after 9.15am Mass and 5pm to 5.45pm
before 6pm Mass or upon request

BAPTISM

Please contact the Parish Centre on 9791 4611

MARRIAGE

Please book the Church at the same time as you book your venue. As marriage preparation is an essential condition of marriage, you must book your **preparation course** at least **4 months** prior to the wedding. Further details can be obtained from Fr. Sebastian

HOUSE BLESSING

If any Parishioner would like their house to be blessed, please contact Franca or at the Parish office on 9791-4611 to make a booking with either Fr Sebastian

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.

Any parishioners who take Communion to the sick, could you please put your name and the person you are taking Communion to, into the **Communion to the Sick** book. This book is kept in the sacristy.

St. Mary's Primary School Phone: 9791 7650
New St, Dandenong.

Principal: Terry Gardiner
St. John's Regional College Phone 9791 3366
Caroline St, Dandenong.

Principal: Timothy Hogan
St. Mary's Community Centre **9792 4884**
Bookings: Miguel Matamala 0402 155 192

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*

**FR SEBASTIAN WILL BE AT THE ANNUAL CLERGY
CONFERENCE FROM 10TH JUNE TO 14TH JUNE**

**STREAMS OF MERCY PILGRIMAGE
8TH-22ND SEPTEMBER 2024**

Fr Sebastian Arockia and the parish of St Mary's Dandenong would like to invite you for a 14-day Streams of Mercy pilgrimage, departing on the 8th of September 2024. This pilgrimage features Prague, Warsaw, Krakow, Budapest, Zagreb, Medjugorje, for an all-inclusive price of \$7990 (30 pilgrims). The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides. For enquiries & bookings, call 03 8839 6615 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au

REFLECTION by Nick Brodie

Reflecting on today's Gospel, Pope Francis says that 'Jesus' response was not a lack of respect for his mother and his brethren.' He was not turning away from family, but rather widening the very concept.

'Jesus formed a new family,' the Pope explains, 'no longer based on natural ties, but on faith in him, on his love which welcomes us and unites us to each other, in the Holy Spirit.'

This is especially poignant when we remember that Jesus was just accused of being devilish. While Jesus' clever riposte turns the logic of the scribes upside down and puts them on the backfoot, the Pope suggests that 'this episode contains an admonishment which is useful to all of us.' He points out that 'it can happen that deep envy of a person's goodness and good works can drive one to falsely accuse him or her.' This, after all, was the root of the accusation against Jesus. We must be alert to this temptation ourselves, especially in the Church.

We should also be alert to a little detail in this Gospel which is easily overlooked. Pope Francis draws our attention to it, because it highlights why Jesus attracted both accusations and concerns in the first place.

Jesus, the Pope points out, 'did not even have time to eat.' He was too busy encountering people and encouraging them. 'Jesus,' the Pope says, 'was like that: people first; serving people; helping people; teaching people; healing people. He was for the people. He did not even have time to eat.'



BAPTISM

Welcome to Luis who is being baptised this Sunday. Please pray for him and his family.

**SACRED HEART FEAST—MELBOURNE
FIRST YEAR CELEBRATION**

Come and join us in the Grand celebration of
SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

The celebration will commence with Flag Hoisting followed by
Concelebrated High mass in Tamil and English, Benediction and
Chariot procession.
All are most welcome

Where: St Mary's Church, Dandenong,
Date: Saturday, 15th June 2024
Time: 3:00pm

For more information please contact:
Lucas-0421448753
Joseph-0401363143



**FRIDAY 14TH JUNE 2024 MORNING MASS WILL BE
AT 11AM (NOT 9:15AM)**

THE OPEN DOOR

That Made Me Laugh, That Made Me Wonder
Join us for a fun morning sharing poems, jokes, limericks and other reading material over a cup of coffee in homely setting. All welcome.
When: Monday 24 June 10.30am – 11.30 am
Where: The Open Door, 110 Ann St, Dandenong
Bookings essential: Ph 9791 8664 or E: Theopendoor@ssjg.org.au
Gold Coin donation is welcome

Singers and Actors or backstage helpers wanted to join a choir for a concert or perform as a soloist on October 27 in Dandenong. If you would like to be part of a choir or would like to audition to do a solo at the concert, please attend an information meeting on June 1st at St Roch's church hall at 3pm or contact cogtheatregroup@gmail.com or contact 0413398528. Concert is being staged by Cog theatre group and partner schools and parishes.

Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver invite you to their Annual Mission Dinner on Sunday, 16 June 2024 at 1.00 pm. It will be held at the Missionary Sisters of St Peter Claver Hall, 154 Cotham Road, Kew. Proceeds will assist the missions. Bookings close 7th June. Tickets: \$40.00 per person. Bookings: 154 Cotham Road, Kew 3101 or phone 9817 3715.

This weekend there will be handcrafted olivewood biblical items for sale in the parish foyer before and after each mass. These items are handcrafted in Bethlehem the Holy Land by the catholic families there. Any purchase will help support the catholic community in the Holy Land and improve their livelihood and also support maintaining the Holy sites

THANKSGIVING ENVELOPES

The latest sets of Thanksgiving envelopes are available for collection from the church foyer. They can be picked up during the times when the church is open during the day and weekend.

While collecting your envelopes, if you see a pack with a neighbour's address or the address of someone that lives down the street from you and you could do them a favour by dropping it off in their mailbox, please do! It would be greatly appreciated!

If you do not find your Thanksgiving envelopes or if your Thanksgiving contribution is incorrect, please contact the Parish Office on 9791-4611 or email dandenong@cam.org.au. If you wish to change from Thanksgiving envelopes and make your contribution by credit card or direct debit please contact the Parish Office.

Thanks again to all our parishioners who contribute to the Thanksgiving for your continuing support for our Parish and our priests.

ROSTER WEEKEND 15-16 JUNE 2024

READERS

6:00pm: Allister Simon & Dayang Balenbin
8:30am: Yolande Blom & Marie Monty
10:30am: Bernadette Roberts & Pamela Spink
5:30pm: Grace Ramos & Michelle Alvares

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS

6:00pm: Margaret Simmons & Ruth Kirpalani
8:30am: Ulalia Niupuluso & Carmel Simmonds
10:30am: Anna Minnena & Stefania Vecchio
5:30pm: Marie Michelle & Sharmini Perera

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR
PRAYERS**

Recently Deceased:

Anniversaries: Cynthia D'Costa,
Wolton Woods, Edna Adolphous

Sick: Rosa Maria Santos, Long Phan,
Ush Henry Bangkal, Leti Luki, Kathleen Nelson, Anthony Andrew, Jim Lynch, Emmanuel Bernardo, Ray Gilligan, Frank Pezzaro, Janet Augustine, Bridget Phyland, Desmond Hopper, Vincenzo Adrian, Tracey, Chris Grubb, Marivic Cabuhat, Lea Kirchhof, Patricia Villella, Tito Ioane Solofuti, Samantha Vasanthy, Kevin, Michael Conroy, Pauline D'Souza, Jim, Maria Perez, Vicki Linossi, Vanessa Curcio, Alan John Borninkhof, Angela Anthony, Ray Simmons, Frank Camara, Rita Breen, Tasileta Lolesio, Andrew Jackson, Imelda Quatre-bornes, Charlie Mastrogiovanni, Cristina Arcaro
(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)

**REGULAR GROUP MEETING
ST MARY'S PARISH**

LEGION OF MARY:

Saturday afternoons 4.30pm-5.30pm in the Fellowship Room. followed by Rosary before 6pm Mass

SPANISH PRAYER GROUP :

Wednesday evenings at 7pm in the church

AL-ANON : Tuesday evenings at 8pm in the Fellowship Room. For more information call 1300 252 666

**VINCENTIAN RETREAT
CENTRE:**

Fridays Mass with healing prayer 7pm

ST EPHREM CHALDEAN CHURCH:
Sundays Mass (Arabic) 12.30pm

ST MARY'S FRIENDSHIP CLUB:
3rd Wednesday of month lunch meet at Dandenong RSL.12pm

WEEKLY COLLECTION

Thanksgiving: \$1125.00 **Presbytery:**\$405.00
Loose: \$1996.00
Bank Account: St Mary's General Account
NAB BSB: 083 347 **ACC. No.** 483196852

SAFEGUARDING AT ST MARY'S PARISH—
All volunteers in the Parish must have a Working With Children Check and sign the Safeguarding Code of Conduct. If your WWCC is out of date, could you please update this and provide the parish with a copy. Online training, Safeguarding Essentials, also needs to be completed yearly. To access this go to <https://melbournecatholic.org/safeguarding>. A WWCC ID and email address is necessary for this. A copy of the Safeguarding Code of Conduct is available at the Parish Office.