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Prayers & Mass Times of the Week

Monday	No Service	
Tuesday	9.15 AM	Mass; Saint Barnabas
Wednesday	9.15 AM	Mass;
Thursday	9.15 AM	Mass; Rosary; Saint Anthony of Padua
Friday	9.15 AM	
Saturday	6.30 PM	Mass;
Sunday	9.00 AM	Rosary;
	9.30 AM	Mass,
	5.30 PM	Mass;
Reconciliation:	30 minutes prior to all masses.	

Last Fortnight's Collection

Thanks Giving Offering	\$1,453.30
Presbytery Offering	\$1,510.30

Thank you for your commitment and support

Next Week's Reading

Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B

First Reading Ezekiel 17: 22 – 24

Second Reading 2 Corinthians 5: 6 – 10

Gospel Mark 4: 26 – 34

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BAPTISMS *(Baptism requires a months' notice)*

Upcoming baptism:

Laundry in June	
Church Cleaning —	Clement; Herman; Matilde, Lolita, Clyde, Rina

Week's Roster

	Ministries	SATURDAY, 6.30 PM	SUNDAY, 9.30 AM	SUNDAY, 5.30 PM
THIS WEEK	Commentator	Volunteer	Joseph Bolano	Wilson Fernandez
	Reader	Volunteer	Volunteer	Fiona Fernandez
	Eucharistic Minister	Volunteer	Yves D'Argent	Wilson Fernandez
NEXT WEEK	Commentator	Chaarina Pereira	Hannah Chua	Peter Leptai
	Reader	Terry James	Belinda Liew	Yvonne Kumar
	Eucharistic Minister	Kate Robinson	Dominic Disanayake	Volunteer

Please pray for...

Those who are baptised:

Those who are sick: Pereira family members, Cecile Hien Pham, Kamari Family members, Frank Maning, Annita Diaz, Simeona Wilson, Jaime & Maria Cruz, Rafferti Florida, Vivian Martin, Sandra James.

Those who recently died:

Those whose memories are sacred to us, especially for the soul of Angelo Petroulias.



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TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME, YEAR B

9 JUNE 2024

First Reading Gen 3: 9 - 15

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.'

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.'

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

We believe, and therefore we speak.

As we have the same spirit of faith that is mentioned in scripture – I believed,

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 by human hands, in the heavens.

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

It is the end of Satan.

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.'

Reflection by Fr Michael Tate

The first way to reject the real Jesus is to domesticate him, and that is what members of his blood family were trying to do. They thought he was 'out of his mind', madly putting himself [and them] in harm's way and he had to be restrained. Have you or I tried to domesticate Jesus Christ, to reduce him to a non-threatening Jesus-meek-and-mild?

The second way is to misconstrue all the evidence of Jesus' mission on earth and to claim that he must be in league with the devil, 'He has an unclean spirit'.

If you do this publicly, as did these religious leaders, then you have deliberately put God's plan for the salvation of others at risk, and it is this which is unforgivable. This is real blasphemy.

We might pause for a moment, implore the grace of God, determine to really hear the Gospels, discern the will of God for our lives, and so come back within the ultimate family allegiance of those who dare to call God 'our Father

TENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GATHERING SONG SATURDAY 6.30 pm	
• Sing Of The Lord's Goodness	No 131; Page 130
PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG	
• Eye Has Not Seen	No 146; Page 146
COMMUNION SONG	
• Communion Song	No 187; Page 185
COMMUNION REFLECTION	
• Quiet Music	
FINAL SONG	
• Bring Forth The Kingdom	No 4; Page 206

GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 9.30 am	
• All the Earth	No 184; Page 182
PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG	
• Hosea	No 30; Page 33
COMMUNION SONG	
• As The Deer	Text attached
FINAL SONG	
• Blest Be The Lord	No 179; Page 177

AS THE DEER
(Martin Nystrom)

1. As the deer pants for the water
So my soul longs after You
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.

[Refrain]
You alone are my strength, my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship You.


2. I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye.

3. You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything.

GATHERING SONG SUNDAY 5.30 pm	
• Come As you Are	No 31; Page 34
PROCESSION OF GIFTS SONG	
• Eat This Bread	No 125; Page 124
COMMUNION SONG	
• From Heaven You Came	No 77; Page 266
COMMUNION REFLECTION	
• Quiet Music	
FINAL SONG	
• Sing A New Song	No 80; Page 81

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God's teaching
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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

Sing Your Praise to God!

Please pick up a copy of the newsletter and 'As One Voice' hymn book at the entrance and join us in the singing during mass.

We practice 45 minutes before mass either on Saturday or Sunday. All are welcome!

Please contact :
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PARISH NOTICES

PARISH OFFICE HOURS	
Tuesday	8.45am - 12.45pm
Wednesday	11.30am - 3.30pm
Thursday	8.45am - 12.45pm
Friday	11.30am - 3.30pm

St. Elizabeth's Parish Donation QR Code

We're excited to introduce a new **QR Code** for **donations towards the Presbytery, Thanksgiving, Special Collections.**

Your generosity ensures the continued support and care for our parish community. Scan the QR Code to contribute securely and conveniently. For additional information check our Parish Notice Board in the church foyer. Thank you for your kindness and support.



Saint Anthony of Padua



SAINT ANTHONY OF PADUA

Saint Anthony of Padua is one of the most revered saints within the Catholic Church. He was born in Lisbon, Portugal and was given the name Fernando Martins de Bulhões. His parents were wealthy nobility who provided a good education for him as a youth, most likely at the Cathedral school in Lisbon. At the age of fifteen, Fernando decided to enter religious life and joined the Canons Regular of St. Augustine, not far from his home. During his two years with the canons, he excelled in his studies and prayer. However, being so close to his home led to frequent visits from family and friends, prompting Fernando to desire greater solitude to more deeply embrace his vocation. He moved to Coimbra, just over 100 miles south of Lisbon, to join the Santa Cruz Monastery. At Santa Cruz, Fernando enjoyed nine years of excellent formation, studying, praying, and growing in virtue. After completing his formation in 1220, Fernando was ordained a priest.

One day, news reached Coimbra that five Franciscan missionaries had been martyred in Morocco by Muslims. The courage of these martyrs, coupled with the witness of their fellow friars, so impressed Fernando that he requested and received permission to leave the Canons Regular and join the Franciscans. He took the name Anthony after Saint Anthony of Egypt, the patron of the friars' house in Coimbra.

Desiring to emulate these five martyrs, Father Anthony sailed to Morocco to preach to the Muslims. However, a storm blew his ship off course, resulting in a landing in Sicily instead. Shortly after Father Anthony recovered from his illness, Saint Francis called the famous "Chapter of Mats" in Assisi. Most of the Franciscan Friars attended, including one of their newest members, Father Anthony.

In 1209, Saint Francis founded his order with twelve members. By 1221, the number of Franciscan friars had grown to about 5,000. At the General Chapter of Mats, Saint Francis resigned as the head of the order, turning leadership over to those he felt were more qualified. He preferred a life of greater humility, poverty, simplicity, and prayer. Shortly afterwards, Father Anthony was assigned to the hermitage of Monte Paola in Forli.

Anthony's initial time in Forli was spent in solitude, study, and prayer. He also became a well-known and sought-after preacher, changing many lives with his humble, down-to-earth, yet theologically profound preaching. His preaching and humble wisdom even caught the attention of Saint Francis. In Father Anthony, however, Francis found someone he could trust and put him in charge of the theological training of the friars preparing for ordination.

Father Anthony continued to preach far and wide for the next several years until his death at the age of thirty-five. Pope Gregory IX was so impressed with Anthony's insight into Scripture that he referred to him as the "Ark of the Testament." The pope asked Father Anthony to compose sermons for Sundays and feast days of the liturgical year. It is those sermons that later led to him being named a Doctor of the Church with the unique title of "Evangelizing Doctor."

Although Saint Anthony lived just thirty-five years, God used him in powerful ways. His life bears testament to the idea that the quality of life supersedes its length. "Quality" of life can only be attained through grace, and Saint Anthony received an abundance of grace in his life. It's worth reflecting on the importance of seeking as much holiness as possible in life. Too often, we pursue longevity rather than holiness. However, many of the great saints, including Saint Anthony, lived on this earth for only a brief period. As we honor this great saint, remember that God wants you to spend whatever time you have left on earth dedicated to growing in holiness and serving His holy will. Doing so will imbue your life with a quality that far surpasses mere longevity.

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