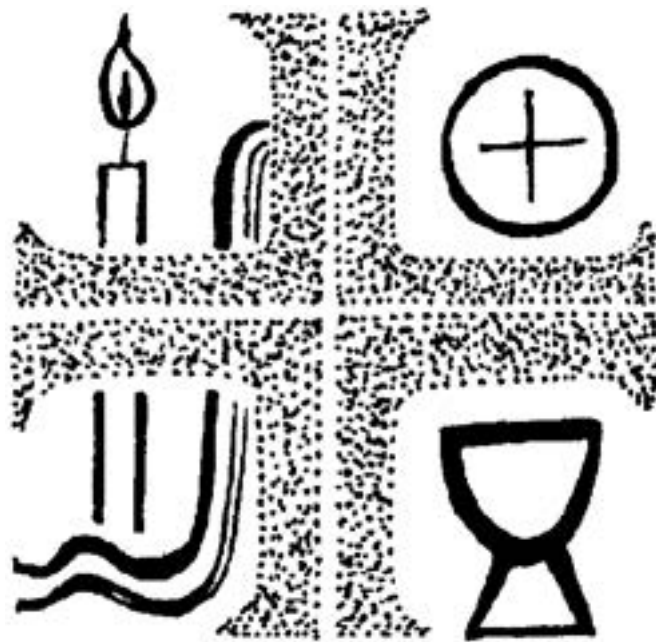




THE SUNG EUCHARIST
THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
9 AUGUST 2026

Order of the Liturgy and Parish News

TODAY'S CELEBRATION

*Welcome to Saint Mary's! The Order of Service begins on page 4
Calendar Dates, Liturgies and How to Donate – see p.2-3 & 24ff*

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

RUBRICS

These are instructions or descriptions of what is happening, and they are printed in *italics*.

These also provide prompts and guides for posture and gesture.

OUR PART

The congregation's (people's) parts are printed in **bold**.

SINGING

Saint Augustine is reputed to have said 'those who sing pray twice'.

We include the music, so it is easier for you to join in as you are able

THE LITURGICAL ENVIRONMENT

The liturgical colour for the Sundays in Ordinary Time is green.

It symbolises growth and potential in the new life we have in Christ. The Sundays outside the main seasons of preparation and celebration are termed 'ordinary'. They are termed ordinary because they are counted sequentially through the entire year.

Personal prayers can be made on either side of the sanctuary after receiving communion. Light a candle and pray. The light burns long after we leave as our prayers rest in the heart of God.

CELEBRATING THE LITURGIES TODAY

9 AUGUST 2026 – THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Year A in the Three-Year Lectionary Cycle

8 AM

Presider / Homilist

Reader

THE EUCHARIST

Fr Stuart Soley SMMS

Susanne Dahn

10 AM

Principal Celebrant

Homilist

Assisting Clergy

Director of Music

Mass Setting

1st and 2nd Readers

Servers

Welcomer

Introduction/Intercession

Live Stream / AV

Kids Cnr / Sunday School

Morning tea

SUNG EUCHARIST

Fr Russell Goulbourne

Fr Stuart Soley SMMS

Beverley Phillips

Missa Sanctae Maria

Michael Golding

Anne Sunderland, Peter O'Donoghue

Adam Wing

Sam Miller

Fabien Nunes

Harriet Jenkins

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Fabien Nunes

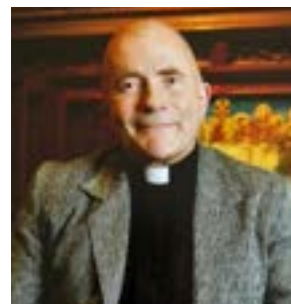
Rosie Moloney

David Keuneman

FROM FR STUART:

CELEBRATING MARY, OUR PATRON

Our house of prayer in which we gather is dedicated to Mary, the mother of the Lord, named Mother of God, *Theotokos* by the Council of Ephesus. We have all found this place to be our spiritual home and the life and witness of our Patron, Mary, assists us in many ways walk the spiritual path. Come next week and celebrate her and our life together. Invite your friends and neighbours!



A WEEKEND OF CELEBRATIONS

EVENSONG – FRIDAY 14 AUGUST – 7 pm

On Friday we will commence our celebration with Evensong with some superb music sung by Polyphonic Voices and great hymns. Following the liturgy we will have mulled wine and nibbles in the aisle of the church.

EUCCHARISTIC CELEBRATIONS – SUNDAY 16 AUGUST – 8 am and 10 am

On Sunday we will be blessed by the visit of Archbishop Jeremy Greaves of Brisbane at our Sung Eucharist. Please invite friends now!

Following a light morning tea is a Spit Roast Lunch. BYO beverages of choice. \$10 per adult and children under 18 free. There will be vegetarian and gluten free options for food.

Our hospitality committee needs some help in setting up on Saturday, some extra finger food desserts for the lunch and packing up. Talk please, to Susan or Marion.

TODAY'S PARISH NEWS

There are many notices on pages 24-26. There is also a long article about the new names for the episcopal regions of the diocese on pages 27-31.

God bless you as we prepare to celebrate our Patronal Feast. *Stuart*

GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

The bell is rung and we stand for the entrance procession which is sung during the following hymn. The altar which represents Christ is revered and censed.



- 1 To the name that brings salvation
Praise and honour let us pay,
Which for many a generation
Hid in God's foreknowledge lay,
But to every tongue and nation
Holy Church proclaims today.**
- 2 Jesus, be that name we treasure,
Name beyond what words can tell;
Name of gladness, name of pleasure,
Ear and heart delighting well;
Name of sweetness, passing measure,
Freeing souls from sin and hell.**
- 3 Name that calls for adoration,
Name that speaks of victory,
Name for grateful meditation
In the vale of misery,
Name of loving veneration
By the citizens on high.**

- 4** Name that whosoever preaches
Makes sweet music to the ear;
Who in prayer this name beseeches
Finds divinest comfort near;
Joyful then the heart that reaches
To embrace that name so dear.
- 5** Name by hard-won right exalted
Over every other name;
And when we are sore assaulted
Puts our enemies to shame:
Strength to them that else had halted,
Sight to blind, and health to lame.
- 6** Jesu, we thy name adoring,
Long to see thee as thou art:
Of thy clemency imploring
So to write it in our heart,
That hereafter, upward soaring,
We with angels may have part.
- 7** Where thou reingest with the Father,
Thou the everlasting Son,
Where with the eternal Spirit,
Threefold God, yet ever one,
May our eyes behold thy splendour
When our earthly course is done.

WORDS: Latin, c15th cent *tr* John Mason Neale 1818-1866

and the Editors of *The New English Hymnal*, 1986 (REH 583)

MUSIC: ORIEL Tune as set to *Pange lingua* in C. Ett's *Cantica Sacra* Munich 1840 (NEH 470)

INTRODUCTORY RITES

+ In the Name of God: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God,

to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,

and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts

by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,

that we may perfectly love you,

and worthily magnify your holy name,

through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Merciful God,

our maker and our judge,

we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,

and in what we have failed to do:

we have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;

we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.

Father, forgive us.

Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ABSOLUTION

The rite concludes with the absolution.

THE KYRIE

Kyrie

1. Choir; 2. ALL *mf*

Lord, have mer-cy, Lord _____ have mer-cy.

1. Choir; 2. ALL *f*

Christ, _____ have mer - cy, _____ have mer - cy.

1. Choir; 2. ALL *mf*

Lord, have mer-cy, Lord _____ have mer-cy.

THE GLORIA

1. Choir; 2. ALL

Gloria *f*

Glo-ry, glo-ry to God in the high-est, — and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Choir

Lord God, hea-ven-ly King, al - migh-ty God and Fa-ther, we wor-ship you,

ALL **Choir** **ALL**

we give you thanks, we praise you — for your great glo-ry, Lord Je-sus Christ, on-ly

Choir

Son of the Fa-ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

ALL *mp* **Choir** **ALL** *mp*

have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sin of the world: re - ceive our prayer.

Choir **ALL** **Choir**

For you a-lone — are the Ho-ly One, — you a-lone — are the Lord, — you a-

ALL *f*

lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit,

Choir **ALL** *f* **Choir**

Ho - ly — Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God — the Fa - ther, in the glo - ry of

ALL *meno mosso*

God — the Fa - ther. A - men, A - men, A - men.

THE OPENING PRAYER

The response to the prayer:

Amen.

We sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

A reading from the book of Genesis:

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. These are the descendants of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives, and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock, and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.' " So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life."

Reuben said to them, “Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him”—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the ornamented robe^[b] that he wore, and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat, and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

(Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28)

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

PSALM 105



O give thanks to God, call the holy name aloud,
and tell the deeds of the Lord to all the people.

Sing to God, sing praises; sing praises, sing praises to the Lord.

Heirs of Abraham, Jacob's offspring, chosen ones,
God is ruler and authority for ever.

Sing to God, sing praises; sing praises, sing praises to the Lord.

God's own promise is sure, a covenant that lasts;
a thousand generations hence it will be true.

Sing to God, sing praises; sing praises, sing praises to the Lord.

SECOND READING

A reading from the Saint Paul's letter to the Romans:

For Christ is the culmination of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes. Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?' " (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?' " (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim), because if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart, leading to righteousness, and one confesses with the mouth, leading to salvation. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him.

For "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard?

And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written,

“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

(Romans 10:4-15)

Hear the word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ACCLAMATION: 1. Choir; 2. ALL, then after the Verse.



Alleluia, **alleluia!**

I wait for the Lord; I hope in his word.

(Psalm 130:5)

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea.

But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!"

And they cried out in fear.

But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said,

"Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret. After the people of that place recognized him, they sent word to that whole surrounding region, and people brought all who were sick to him and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

(Matthew 14:22-36)

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Please sit

THE HOMILY

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,] *all may bow to honor*
and became truly human.] *the incarnation*

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
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.

We 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 worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.

Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each section:

or:

or:

Lord in your mercy

Lord hear us

Let us pray to the Lord

Hear our prayer

Lord hear our prayer

Lord hear our prayer

After the prayers for the departed:

✚ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord.

And let light perpetual shine on them.

And at the end:

Almighty God, you have promised to hear our prayers.

Grant that what we have asked in faith

we may by your grace receive,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

The priest introduces the Greeting of Peace:

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS AND THE CENSING OFFERTORY HYMN



- 1** How firm a foundation, you people of God,
is laid for your faith in his excellent word;
what more can he say than to you he has said,
to all who for refuge to Jesus have fled?
- 2** Fear not, he is with you, and be not dismayed.
For he is your God, and will still give you aid:
he'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,
upheld by his righteous, omnipotent hand.
- 3** When through the deep waters he calls you to go,
the rivers of grief shall not you overflow;
the Lord will be with you in trouble to bless,
and sanctify to you your deepest distress.

- 4** When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie
his grace all-sufficient shall be your supply;
the flame shall not hurt you, his only design
to consume and your gold to refine.
- 5** The soul that on Jesus still leans for repose
he will not, he cannot, desert to its foes;
that soul, though all hell should endeavour to shake,
he never will leave, he will never forsake.

WORDS: Author 'K – ' (?Richard Keen) in John Rippon's *Selection of Hymns* 1787 *alt.*

MUSIC: FOUNDATION American traditional folk melody (TIS 578)

OFFERTORY PRAYERS

Our response to the prayers is: **Blessed be God for ever.**

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Our response to the prayer is: **Amen.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

We stand throughout the prayer.

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *All* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *All* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. *All* It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*The Prayer continues to the Sanctus and Benedictus
which are sung by all to the setting below.*

Sanctus *f* Ho - ly, — ho - ly, ho - ly — Lord,
God of — power and might. Hea - ven and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. —

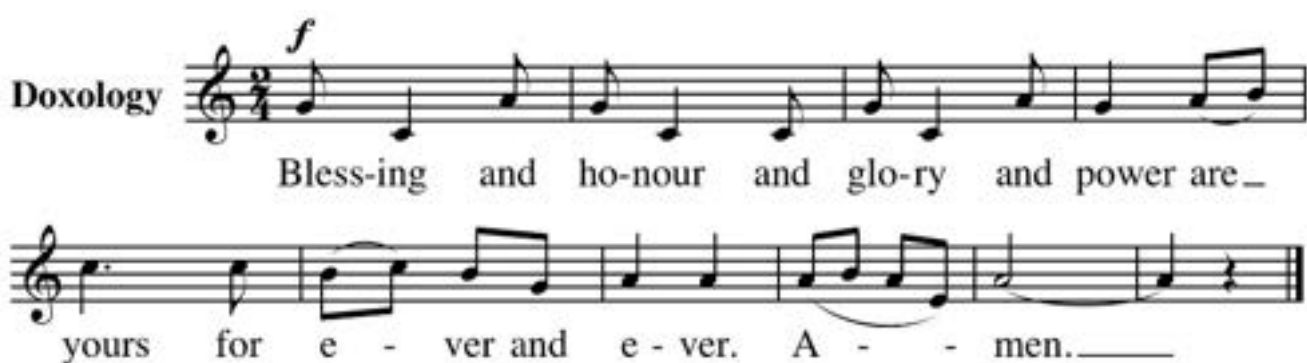
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, comes in the
easing . . . f a tempo
name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high -
est, Ho - san-na in the high - est. —

The Prayer continues

After the elevation of the Host and the elevation of the Chalice, all may bow with the priest in adoration of the real presence of Christ ... and all join in singing the acclamation:



*The Prayer continues, ending with the celebrant singing:
... in songs of never ending praise:*



*After the Host and Chalice are placed back on the altar,
all may bow with the priest in adoration.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name, your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and for ever.
Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND THE COMMUNION

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
for we all share in the one bread.

The Agnus Dei is sung by all to the setting below.

Choir (SA)
mf warmly

Agnus Dei

Lamb — of God, you take a-way the sin — of the

ALL

Choir (TB)

world, have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

mf warmly

Lamb — of God, you take a-way the sin — of the world, have

ALL

mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

Choir *mf warmly*

Lamb — of God, you take a-way the sin — of the world,

mp **ALL** *p poco rall.*

grant us your — peace, grant us your — peace.

- ✚ Behold the Lamb of God,
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to the banquet of the Lamb.
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Fr Stuart administers communion to the servers and Eucharistic Assistants.

Feel free to sit until the following invitation to communion

Come! Draw near with faith

and receive the gifts of God for the people of God!

Thanks be to God.

*Christ is the host at the altar here at Saint Mary's and welcomes all,
especially those who are communicant members of other denominations.*

*If today, you prefer to receive a blessing—please ask the priest or by crossing your
arms across your chest.*

COMMUNION MUSIC

Michael Noble on recorder
Largo from J.B. Loeillet de Gant
Sonata Op.2 No.5

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand. Our response to the prayer is: **Amen.**

Most loving God,

you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage

in the power of your Spirit

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN



- 1** How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands and thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?
- 2** Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I their footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face.
They sing, because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

- 3 Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold
Lord, treasure up my mite.
- 4 How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

WORDS: John Mason c.1646-1694

TUNE: COE FEN Kenneth Nicholson Naylor 1931-1991 (REH 483)

NOTICES

The priest may give some notices

THE SENDING OUT OF GOD'S PEOPLE

THE BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Priest prays for God's blessing and reply **Amen.** *The dismissal is given.*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord,
In the name of Christ. Amen.

POSTLUDE

PARISH NEWS IN BRIEF

PATRONAL FESTIVAL PREPARATIONS

EVENSONG REFRESHMENTS

After Evensong we will be serving mulled wine and snacks in the church. If you can assist, please speak to Marion or Helen.

SETTING UP FOR THE SPIT ROAST LUNCH

We will be setting up the large hall on ***Saturday at 2 pm*** and we need a couple of volunteers to help move tables and chairs etc.

If you can assist, please speak to Marion or Helen.

SPIT ROAST LUNCH ON SUNDAY

There will be a delicious spit roast lunch on Sunday after the Festive Sung Eucharist and morning tea.

There will be vegetarian and gluten free food options.

We need a few more volunteers to bring some finger food sweets for dessert, e.g. slices or small cakes for the Sunday lunch.

Please let Susan Gribben know if you can help.

Bring your own drinks. At \$10 per adult (children free) it will be the cheapest meal out this year!

THURSDAY EUCHARIST THIS WEEK

The church will be out of use during this coming week as the organ is going to be repaired. Thursday's Eucharist will be celebrated in the Vicarage. Please let Fr Stuart know if you are coming so he can cater for those staying for lunch.

AVE – PATRONAL FESTIVAL EDITION

Will be distributed next weekend! Thanks to all our contributors.

COULD YOU JOIN THOSE WHO SHOW SAINT MARY'S HOSPITALITY IN A TEAM OF VERGERS / HOSPITALLERS?

There has been increasing interest from various groups to hire the church for public musical performances, mostly on Saturday or Sunday afternoons. We welcome the interest.

However, to make it work, we are looking to establish a small team of people who may be willing, from time to time, to open up the church, be on hand should something unexpected occur and close up at the end.

In return, the person or persons will receive an orientation to the task and a modest honorarium. If you have potential interest, or know someone who may be interested - please let Father Stuart know"

ST MARY'S KIDS UPDATE

St Mary's Kids has changed in semester 2. There are two engaging opportunities for all our preschool and primary school-aged children to grow in faith, build friendships, and have fun together.

First Sunday of each month – Sunday School

Focused on our primary school aged children, participants will enjoy Bible stories, discussions, games, and activities that help them explore and deepen their faith.

Third Sunday of each month – Messy St Mary's

Focused on our preschoolers and inspired by the Messy Church philosophy, Messy St Mary's is a creative, hands-on experience where children and their families can explore faith through crafts, activities, celebration, and community.

Please note: Everyone is welcome at both sessions! The suggested ages are a guide to help us plan activities that are engaging and appropriate and to ensure there is something for everyone. We look forward to welcoming all children as we learn, create, and grow together!

Harriet Jenkins.

ARCHBISHOP RIC'S CONVERSATION

Over recent months, I have had the great privilege of visiting parishes, listening to clergy and lay leaders, and hearing stories of what God is doing across our Diocese. Those conversations have encouraged me deeply.

I would love to invite people from across the Diocese to join me for an informal afternoon of questions, conversation and shared hope at St Paul's Cathedral on Sunday 16 August, from 2.30–3.30 pm. It will be an opportunity to hear something of my story and some of my reflections, to ask questions, and to share what is on your mind. Refreshments will follow before Cathedral Evensong at 4.00 pm.

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St. Marys North Melbourne

TICKETS HERE → 

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BELONGING TO PLACE, SERVING GOD'S MISSION

From 19 September 2026, the Diocese of Melbourne is moving from three geographical episcopal areas to four. The new areas will be known as **Geelong, Dandenong, Merri and Nunawading**.

These names are more than administrative labels. They express something important about the Church: the relationship between God's people and the places in which we are called to live and serve.

Each is a First Nations place name already embedded within the geography, history and contemporary life of the area it encompasses.

Their meanings offer richness and resonance, but first and foremost they are names of places. Therefore, the assistant bishops will be known as the Bishop of Geelong, the Bishop of Dandenong, the Bishop of Merri and the Bishop of Nunawading.

The Church Belongs Somewhere

The Anglican tradition has always been deeply rooted in place.

That is one of the reasons we have parishes. A parish is more than a congregation gathered around a particular tradition, style or set of interests. It is a commitment to a place. A church's care extends beyond those who enter its buildings to the neighbourhoods and communities among whom God has placed it. It is called to serve the whole place.

This understanding is also expressed in episcopal ministry. A bishop does not simply lead a collection of churches or a particular constituency. Bishops are called to shepherd the Church within particular places and to share responsibility for God's mission among the communities who live there with the clergy under their care. This is why Anglican bishops have traditionally been known by place, for example, the Bishop of London, the Bishop of Bendigo and the Archbishop of Melbourne.

These titles express a central gospel conviction; we are called to serve our communities, and this world, with the good news of Jesus Christ.

In Acts, Jesus promises that his disciples will be empowered to be his witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth. Every place matters because places are where people live, where we are to be witnesses to the Gospel, and where people can encounter God in Jesus Christ.

Place and Country

This theology of place has particular significance in Australia.

In developing these names, we have sought the counsel of First Nations leaders within the Diocese of Melbourne, in the Province of Victoria and from the main indigenous people groups in the country through which the Diocese of Melbourne ministers. I am grateful for the wisdom, care and generosity offered through those conversations. They have reinforced the profound importance of Country, place, memory, responsibility and belonging.

Anglican theology and First Nations understandings of Country are distinct. We should not collapse one into the other. There are, however, meaningful points of resonance between them. Both recognise that human beings are shaped by the places they inhabit. Both recognise that places carry stories, relationships and responsibilities. Both encourage us to receive place as a gift and to care for it faithfully.

Long before the Diocese of Melbourne existed, these lands were known, named and cared for by First Nations peoples. The story of these places did not begin with European settlement or with the establishment of our churches.

By using First Nations place names already carried within each episcopal area, we acknowledge something of that deeper history and the continuing significance of First Nations peoples and Country.

While there are alternative spellings of indigenous names, we are using the common spellings for each. There is no one correct spelling when one language is taken into another using a different alphabet. The local indigenous communities are very comfortable with us using the common spellings and are keen for us to explain the meanings of the names.

The Four Names

Geelong

Geelong derives from the Wadawurrung language and was recorded as Djilang, Djalang, or Djillong but is most well-known as Geelong. It is commonly understood as meaning “land” or “tongue of land”. The name evokes the landscape reaching into the waters of Corio Bay.

Using Geelong as an episcopal area name makes visible that our Diocese extends well beyond metropolitan Melbourne. It reminds us that every part of the Diocese belongs within our common life.

Land is a significant biblical theme, from God’s promises to Abraham to the vision of the gospel reaching the ends of the earth. Let the name remind us that every place matters for the gospel, and that all can belong to the people of God.

The Rev’d Canon Nigel Pope will be the Bishop of Geelong.

Dandenong

Dandenong comes from the Woi-wurrung and Boon-wurrung languages and is associated with “high mountains”, referring to the Dandenong Ranges. The name is also carried by the City of Greater

Dandenong and by Dandenong Creek, which flows through much of the episcopal area, from Olinda to Patterson Lakes.

Mountains are important places within the Bible. Remember Mount Sinai, where the law was given, Mount Moriah, where Isaac was spared and later the Temple was built, to the Mount of Transfiguration and the Mount of Olives. Let the name lift our sights to meeting with and hearing from God.

Bishop Paul Barker will be the Bishop of Dandenong.

Merri

Merri is a Woi-wurrung word meaning “rocky”. It is preserved in the name of Merri Creek, which flows from Heathcote, north of Melbourne diocese, to join the Yarra at Abbotsford.

The image of rock speaks of stability, endurance and faithfulness. It recalls the biblical language of God as our rock and Jesus’ call to build on firm foundations. Let the name remind us of being founded on and secure in Christ.

The Venerable Megan Curlis-Gibson will be the Bishop of Merri.

Nunawading

Nunawading is a Woi-wurrung word and is commonly understood to mean “ceremonial ground”. Of the indigenous place names within this episcopal area, this one resonated the most because the church gathers in consecrated places to worship and celebrate the grace of God in prayer, sacrament and word.

Let the name speak of gathering for worship and celebration as God’s people.

The Rev’d Canon Ben Wong will be the Bishop of Nunawading.

One Diocese, Serving Particular Places

The move to four episcopal areas will enable episcopal leadership and pastoral care to be shared more sustainably and bring the areas closer in size, measured by numbers of parishes and congregations.

The names and structures are changing, but we remain one Diocese. The episcopal areas are not separate dioceses. Their bishops share responsibility for the care and leadership of the whole Diocese under the oversight of the Archbishop of Melbourne, while holding particular responsibility for the places entrusted to them.

While each episcopal area will now be named after a place, we need to remember that each episcopal area goes beyond simply that place. The Bishop of Geelong will have oversight over Melbourne's western suburbs; the Bishop of Nunawading will have oversight over suburbs down to Bayside, for example.

Together, these names speak of land and belonging, mountains and vision, rock and faithfulness, gathering and worship. They express the hope that we will be a Diocese deeply rooted in place, attentive to the histories and communities we serve, honouring the enduring significance of First Nations peoples and Country, and committed to faithful local presence over the long term.

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

CLIMATE ACTION	<i>To be advised</i>
HOSPITALITY	<i>1 September</i>
PARISH COUNCIL	<i>Meets after Sunday Eucharist – Sunday 23 August</i>
WARDENS	<i>To be scheduled</i>

A FEW POINTERS FOR YOUR PRAYERS

FOR THE CREATED ORDER

For a right use of the resources of the bountiful earth

For a proper distribution of the wealth of the earth

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

For an end to violence in every land and for the work of those who bring aid, and all who pursue peace, for all peoples.

For those who seek asylum and for compassionate responses worldwide

For those caught up in major social and technological changes

FOR THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

For our parish and its ministry in North Melbourne.

For Pope Leo, Sarah, Archbishop of Canterbury

For Ric, Archbishop of Melbourne and his assistant bishops

For Megan Curlis Gibson as she prepares for ordination to the episcopate

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Judie, Max, Audrey, Graham and Denise, Michael, Cecilia, Isaiah, , Deepa, Vasu, Les, John, Ross, Suzanne

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Margie Dahl (minister), Wes Campbell (minister)

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK

Dianne Lorraine Mason, Austin John Fernandez, Doris Elizabeth James, Ethel Lloyd, Robert Storey Whalley (priest), Dorothy Mary Soley, Julia Boville, Yvonne Dann, John Bayton (bishop)

IF YOU HAVE PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you'd like a name to be included, please email Fr Stuart on:

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A bequest also helps the parish into the future. You can speak with the Treasurer in confidence about how to incorporate St Mary's into your estate planning.

THINKING OF THOSE IN GREAT NEED:

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CHILD SAFETY COMMITMENTS



The Anglican Diocese in conjunction with St Mary's Anglican Church North Melbourne does not tolerate abuse, harassment or other misconduct within our communities. If any person has concerns about behaviour of a church worker, past or present. The Diocese of Melbourne is committed to doing all that is possible to ensure that abuse does not occur. All complaints of abuse are taken very seriously, and we do all we can to lessen harm. We offer respect, pastoral care and ongoing long-term support to anyone who makes a complaint. St Mary's Statement of Commitment to Child Safety is on our noticeboard and can be downloaded from our website www.stmarys.org.au

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CELEBRATING THE LITURGY NEXT SUNDAY WHO'S DOING THINGS!

16 AUGUST 2026 – THE PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Year A in the Three-Year Lectionary Cycle

Readings of the Day	First Reading	Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a; 10 ab
	Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 45
	Second Reading	1 Corinthians 15:20-26
	Gospel	Luke 1:39-56

8 AM

THE EUCHARIST

Reader

Rhondda Fahey

10 AM

SUNG EUCHARIST

1st and 2nd Readers

Robert Gribben

Katie Holmes

Servers

Chris Phillips, Alice Christofi, Peter O'Donoghue

Welcomer

Michael Golding

Introduction/Intercession

Jen Langmead

Live Stream / AV

Adam Wing

Kids Cnr / Sunday School

Harriet Jenkins

Rosie Moloney

Morning tea

Michael & Margaret Noble

Sam Miller & Hospitality
Committee

Flowers

Malcolm Elms

FORTHCOMING PREACHMEMENTS

SUNDAY 23 AUGUST

Fr Stuart Soley

SUNDAY 30 AUGUST

Fr Stuart Soley

SUNDAY 6 SEPTEMBER

Fr Luke Hopkins

PATRONAL FESTIVAL DATES FOR THE DIARY

Friday 14 August – Evensong – 7 pm

Refreshments in the church afterwards

Sunday 16 August – Eucharists – Visit of Archbishop Jeremy Greaves

Spit Roast Lunch to follow

\$10 per head | Children free

LITURGIES & ACTIVITIES AT SAINT MARY'S

EVERY SUNDAY

8.00 am The Eucharist

10.00 am Sung Eucharist

EUCCHARISTS DURING THE WEEK

12.00 pm Thursday

MORNING PRAYER – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.30 am

Click the link: <https://bit.ly/499lON4>

Meeting ID: 826 4665 0345, Passcode: 464706.

CHOIR

Our choir sings at the Sung Eucharist each Sunday. They practice on Tuesdays. Speak to Beverley Phillips if you would like to join our parish choir. Her contact details are on the back of this booklet.

DELTA STUDIES

Occasional series on various theological and topics concerning social justice or current affairs. These are held after the Sunday Eucharist.

GARDENING GROUP

A group of parishioners care for the gardens surrounding our church. If you would like to assist, please contact Margaret Noble or Helen McCallum.

HOSPITALITY COMMITTEE

This group meets regularly to plan social and fundraising events in the parish.

SERVERS

This group of faithful parishioners assist at the altar. Talk to Fr Stuart, or Alice or Anne.

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You can fill this form in and tear it off or this page and give to a person on the door, Fr Stuart or one of the servers. You may wish to tick an option below.

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PARISH OF NORTH MELBOURNE

*We are a faithful, inclusive, sacramental community
in the Anglican Catholic tradition in this part of Melbourne since the 1850s.*

*We acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the land on which we gather and
worship, the Wurundjeri people of the Kulin Nations. We pay our respects to their
Elders, past and present, who have cared for Country for generations. We are
grateful for their ongoing custodianship and for their generous invitation to join
them in caring for Country.*

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