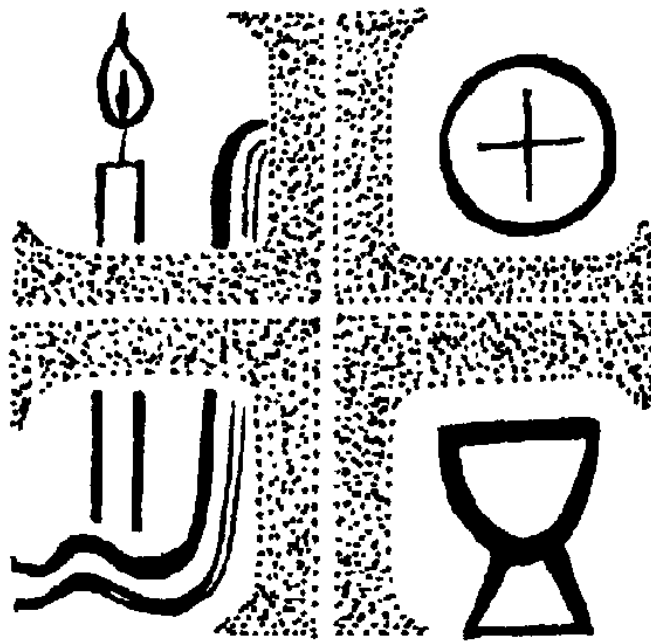




THE SUNG EUCHARIST

THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

27 SEPTEMBER 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 & 23ff*

HOW TO USE THIS BOOK

RUBRICS	These are instructions or descriptions of what is happening, and they are printed in <i>italics</i> .
	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

27 SEPTEMBER 2026 – THE TWENTY SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

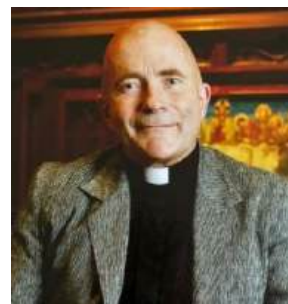
Year A in the Three-Year Lectionary Cycle

8 AM	THE EUCHARIST
Presider / Homilist	Fr Stuart Soley SMMS
Reader	Tischa Leah Biddle
10 AM	SUNG EUCHARIST
Principal Celebrant	Fr Stuart Soley SMMS
Homilist	
Organist	Elijah Lim
Cantors	Tim Pillbrow and Chips Sowerwine
Mass Setting	Christ Church Mass Philip Matthias
1 st and 2 nd Readers	Michael Golding Fabien Nunes
Servers	Peter O'Donoghue, Anne Sunderland
Welcomer	Sam Miller
Introduction/Intercession	Alice Christofi
Live Stream / AV	Geoff Jenkins
Kids Cnr / Sunday School	Harriet Jenkins Rosie Moloney
Morning tea	Helen McCallum David Keuneman

FROM FR STUART:

BEING GOOD STEWARDS

The end of September signals, not just the Grand Finals of the football codes in Australia, but the entry point into that busy time of rounding off the year in projects, education and many other things. The sporting culture goes from footy to racing to cricket. In the consumer culture sales begin shortly. In the secular religious festivals with a heavy dose of consumerism to boot, we move through footy and Halloween to Christmas!



ANNUAL MEETING

In the Diocese of Melbourne, the end of the temporal year for parish and diocese is 30 September. Parish Council is working on wrapping up some of its business in preparation for the Annual Meeting in November. There will be more detail next week but if you have reports to write, see p.23.

A good way to look at this is to see it as part of being good stewards that God has called us to be and what our forebears have given us in faith and trust. Some see stewardship as only about our financial giving. I think it is about all we do – not just materially and financially but also about how we care for this place, each other and care for the earth.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

To take the financial aspect of this stewardship seriously on Sunday 18 October we will have a Stewardship Sunday with prayers and talks on these things to refresh our minds about this important topic.

Last Sunday, the parish council accepted my proposal to purchase two electronic donation points for giving to the work of God's church. This is to assist those who no longer carry cash or desire to give in response to prayer, music, beauty or graces received.

Tuesday is one of my favourite feast days: **Saint Michael and All Angels.** **There will be a Eucharist at 7.30 am that morning.** May the holy angels watch over us as we resolve to be good stewards of all that has been given to us. God bless you all, *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** Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, your great name we praise.
- 2** Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, but ruling in might;
your justice like mountains high soaring above,
your clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
- 3** You give life to all, Lord, to both great and small;
in all life now living, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither: but ever unchanged you will be.
- 4** Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
your angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
of all your rich graces this race, Lord, impart –
take the veil from our faces, the veil from our heart.

**5 All praise we would render: reveal to our sight
what hides you is only the splendour of light;
and so let your glory, Almighty, impart,
through Christ in the story, your Christ to the heart.**

WORDS: Walter Chalmers Smith 1824-1908 *alt.*

MUSIC: ST DENIO Welsh melody (TIS 143)

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

Holy and merciful God,
we confess that we have failed to honour you
by rightly claiming our kinship with all your creatures.
We have walked heavily on your earth,
overused and wasted its resources,
taken for granted its beauty and abundance,
and treated its inhabitants unjustly,
holding future generations hostage to our greed.
Have mercy on us and forgive us our sin.
renew in us the resolve to keep and conserve your earth
as you desire and intend,
with grateful and compassionate hearts,
through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

ABSOLUTION

The rite concludes with the absolution.

THE KYRIE

Lord, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy Lord, have mer -
-cy. Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer -
-cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

THE GLORIA

Glo - ry to God in the high-est, and
 peace to God's peo-ple on earth, Lord God, heav'n - ly King, al - might - y God and
 Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for_ your
 glo - ry. Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,
 Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have
 mer - cy on us: you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
 ceive our prayer. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
 you a - lone are the Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the
 Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Musical markings include: *f*, *mf*, *cresc.*, *f*, *mp*, *p*, *f*, *cresc.*, and *ff*.

THE OPENING PRAYER

The response to the prayer:

Amen.

We sit for the readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

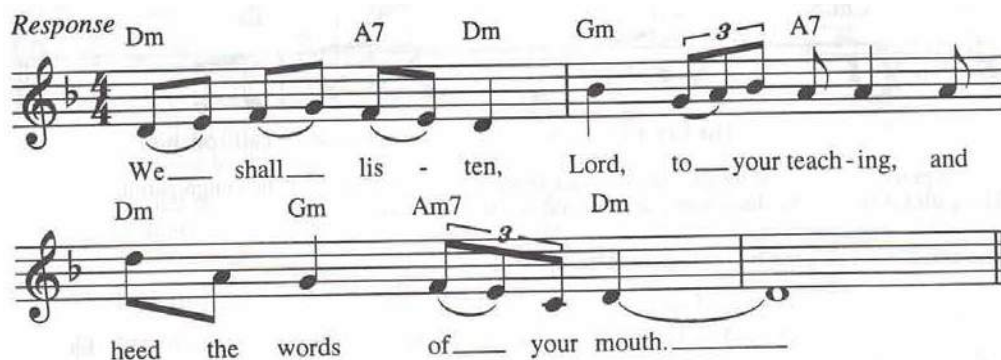
A reading from the book of Exodus:

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water, and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do for this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

(Exodus 17:1-7)

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

PSALM 78



Give ear, O my people, to my teaching:
incline your ears to the words of my mouth!
I will open my mouth in a parable;
I will utter dark sayings from of old,
things that we have heard and known,
that our forebears have told us.

**We shall listen, Lord, to your teaching,
and heed the words of your mouth.**

We will not hide them from their children,
but tell to the coming generation
the glorious deeds of the Lord, the might,
and wonders God has wrought

**We shall listen, Lord, to your teaching,
and heed the words of your mouth.**

The Lord wrought marvels in the sight of their forebears
in the land of Egypt, in the fields of Zoan,
the Lord divided the sea and let them pass through it,
and made the waters stand like a heap,
led them with a cloud in the daytime,
and all the night with a fiery light,
cleft rocks in the wilderness,
and gave them drink abundantly as from the deep,
made streams come out of the rock,
and caused waters to flow down like rivers.

**We shall listen, Lord, to your teaching,
and heed the words of your mouth.**

SECOND READING

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

If, then, there is any comfort in Christ, any consolation from love, any partnership in the Spirit, any tender affection and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or empty conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he existed in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be grasped,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
assuming human likeness.

And being found in appearance as a human,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death
—even death on a cross.

Therefore God exalted him even more highly
and gave him the name
that is above every other name,
so that at the name given to Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence but much more now in my absence, work on your own salvation with fear and trembling, for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

(Philippians 2:1-13)

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

Please stand to welcome the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Alleluia, **alleluia!**

My sheep hear my voice, says the Lord,
I know them, and they follow me.

(see John 10:27)

Alleluia!

THE GOSPEL

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew:

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?"

Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?"

And they argued with one another, “If we say, ‘From heaven,’ he will say to us, ‘Why, then, did you not believe him?’ But if we say, ‘Of human origin,’ we are afraid of the crowd, for all regard John as a prophet.” So they answered Jesus, “We do not know.” And he said to them, “Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. “What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not,’ but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same, and he answered, ‘I go, sir,’ but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him, and even after you saw it you did not change your minds and believe him.

(Matthew 21:23-32)

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:

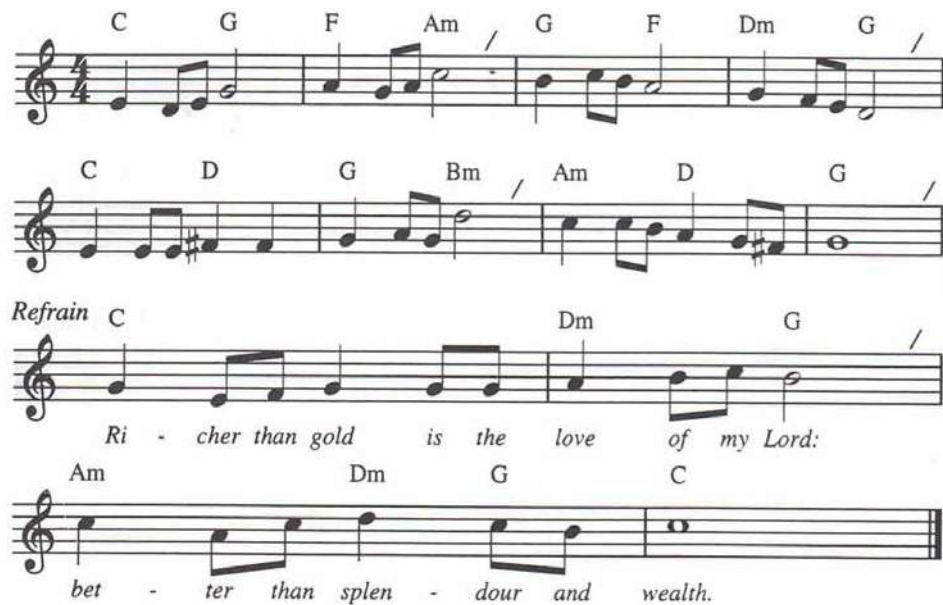
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.



THE LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

THE PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS AND THE CENSING OFFERTORY HYMN



- 1 Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with friends, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again,
love, only love, is his way.**

Refrain:

***Richer than gold is the love of my Lord:
better than splendour and wealth.***

- 2 Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at his table, host to the twelve,
love, only love, is his mark.**

Refrain:

- 3 Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood',
love, only love, is his sign.**

Refrain:

**4 Love is his sign, love is his news,
‘Do this’, he said, ‘lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my life’s blood.’
Love, only love, is his news.**

Refrain:

**5 Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, cousins and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.**

Refrain:

**6 Love is his name, love is his law.
Hear his command, all who are his:
‘Love one another, I have loved you’,
Love, only love, is his law.**

Refrain:

**7 Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one.
Love, only love, is his word.**

Refrain:

WORDS: Luke Connaughton 1917-1979 *alt.*

TUNE: CRESSWELL Anthony Francis Dominic Milner 1925-2002 (TIS 534)

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.

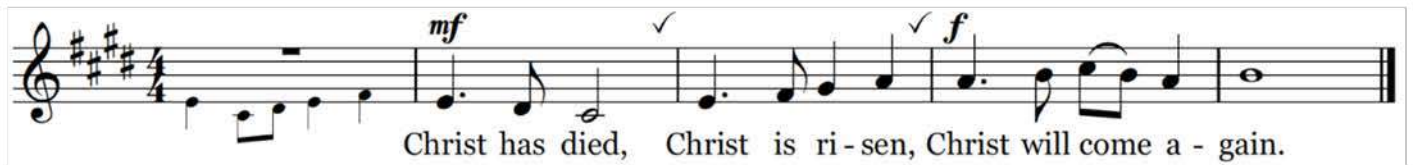
The musical score consists of three staves, each with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The first staff is divided into two parts: 'Celebrant' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.' The second staff is also divided into 'Celebrant' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.' The third staff is divided into 'Celebrant' and 'All'. The lyrics are: 'Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 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.*

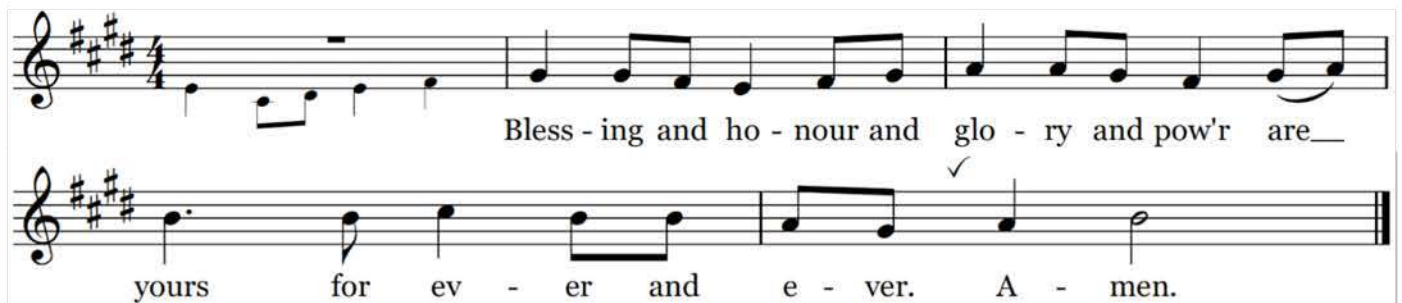
The musical score consists of four staves, all in a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#) and a 4/4 time signature. The lyrics are: 'Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might, Heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' The score includes various musical notations such as dynamics (f, mf), articulation marks (accents, slurs), and repeat signs.

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.

Je - sus, Lamb of God, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er of our sins, have
mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er of the world,
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

Organ solo

THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand.

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

Most loving God,

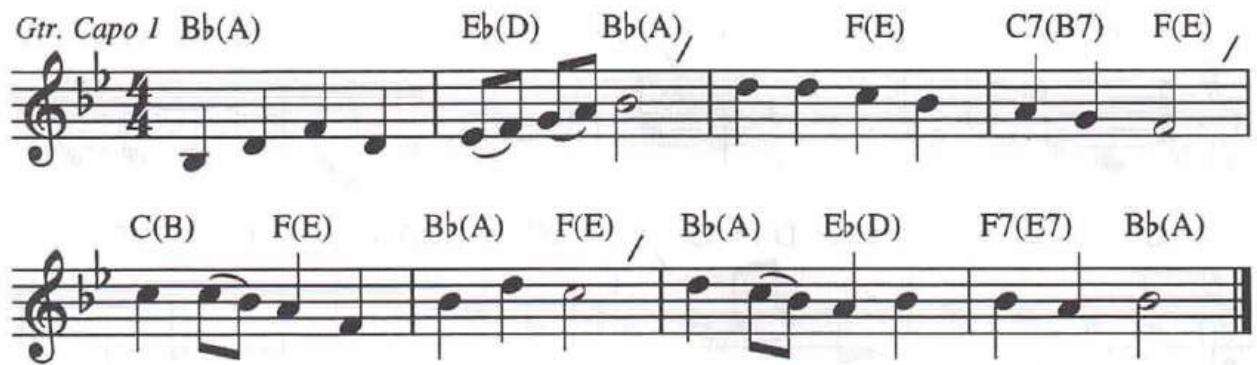
you send us into the world you love.

Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage

in the power of your Spirit

Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN



- 1 Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord, for he is kind:
for his mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.
- 2 Let us blaze his name abroad,
for of gods he is the God:
for his mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.
- 3 He, with all-commanding might,
filled the new-made world with light:
for his mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.
- 4 All things living he doth feed,
his full hand supplies their need:
for his mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.

**5 He his chosen race did bless
in the wasteful wilderness:
for his mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.**

**6 Let us with a gladsome mind
praise the Lord, for he is kind:
for his mercies shall endure,
ever faithful, ever sure.**

WORDS: John Milton 1608-1674 *alt.*

MUSIC: MONKLAND Melody composed or adapted by John Antes 1740-1811 (TIS 83)

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

ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY 22 NOVEMBER

Preparations for the Annual Meeting and annual reports are underway. Reports from the following office bearers or committees will be included:

Vicar / Churchwardens / Secretary / Treasurer / Director of Music / Children's Ministry / Safe Ministry / Hospitality Committee / Climate Action Group / Synod Representatives

Could all those who are responsible for submitting a report please email their completed report to Alice Christofi at **before Sunday, 1 November**. Please email to: achristofi@stmarys.org.au. If there are any additional reports you would like to be included, please feel free to send those in as well. Thank you for your assistance and for helping us prepare for the Annual Meeting.

ARCHBISHOP'S DINNER

Wednesday 18 November 2026

Each year a joyful band of Saint Mary's parishioners make the trek up the road for this fundraiser for the Theological College. There is a discount for a table of 8 which we will enquire as to the value of that. It is a fun night with good food and wine, silent auction and so on. It would be good to support the College as we have always had a strong link with it. The evening's program is:

6.00 pm – 6.30 pm Evensong in the Chapel

6.45 pm – 10.30 pm Dinner in the ACC Farran Hall

\$120 per person

Bookings for singles, or for a discount for tables of 8

RSVP 11 November

JOIN A HOSPITALITY 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 are looking to establish a small team of people who may be willing, to open the church, be on hand should something unexpected occur and close at the end. We will provide orientation for the task and a modest honorarium.

If you have interest - please let Father Stuart know.

ST MARY'S KIDS UPDATE

There are two engaging opportunities for all our preschool and primary school-aged children to grow in faith, build friendships, and have fun.

First Sunday of each month – Sunday School

For primary school aged children. Bible stories, discussions, games, and activities that help them explore and deepen their faith.

Third Sunday of each month – Messy St Mary's

For preschoolers and inspired by the Messy Church philosophy. Hands-on, creative experience for children and their families to 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. We look forward to welcoming all children as we learn, create, and grow together!

Harriet Jenkins.

ST MARY'S MUSIC AND CULTURE FUND

You can give money to enrich the music and culture of the parish via the Saint Mary's North Melbourne Music and Culture Fund. Gifts to this fund enable a tax deduction to be made.

Go to the Melbourne Anglican Foundation website and scroll down the page to the "Melbourne Anglican Cultural Organisation". Use the drop-down menu to select our fund.

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CELEBRATING 800 YEARS

ST MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH
NORTH MELBOURNE

SERVICE TIMES

SUNDAY 4TH OCTOBER

8.00AM EUCHARIST
WITH BLESSING OF PETS

10.00AM SUNG EUCHARIST
WITH BLESSING OF PETS

11.30AM COMMUNITY
BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS
ON THE LAWN

5.00PM CHORAL
EVENSONG WITH THE
CHOIR OF TRINITY COLLEGE,
THE UNIVERSITY OF
MELBOURNE

Be praised, my Lord, through all your creatures

Why Christians Should Care for Creation?

Tony Rinaudo to visit Saint Mary's on Sunday 11 October 2026

Our guest homilist at 10 am Sung Eucharist – Delta Forum at 11.45 am



Tony Rinaudo served as an agriculturalist and missionary with 'Serving in Mission' in Niger Republic from 1981 to 1999. There, he oversaw long-term rural development and periodic, large-scale relief programs.

Through these he contributed to a transformation in how Nigeriens farm, and the reforestation of over six million hectares of land, which still inspires re-greening movements globally.

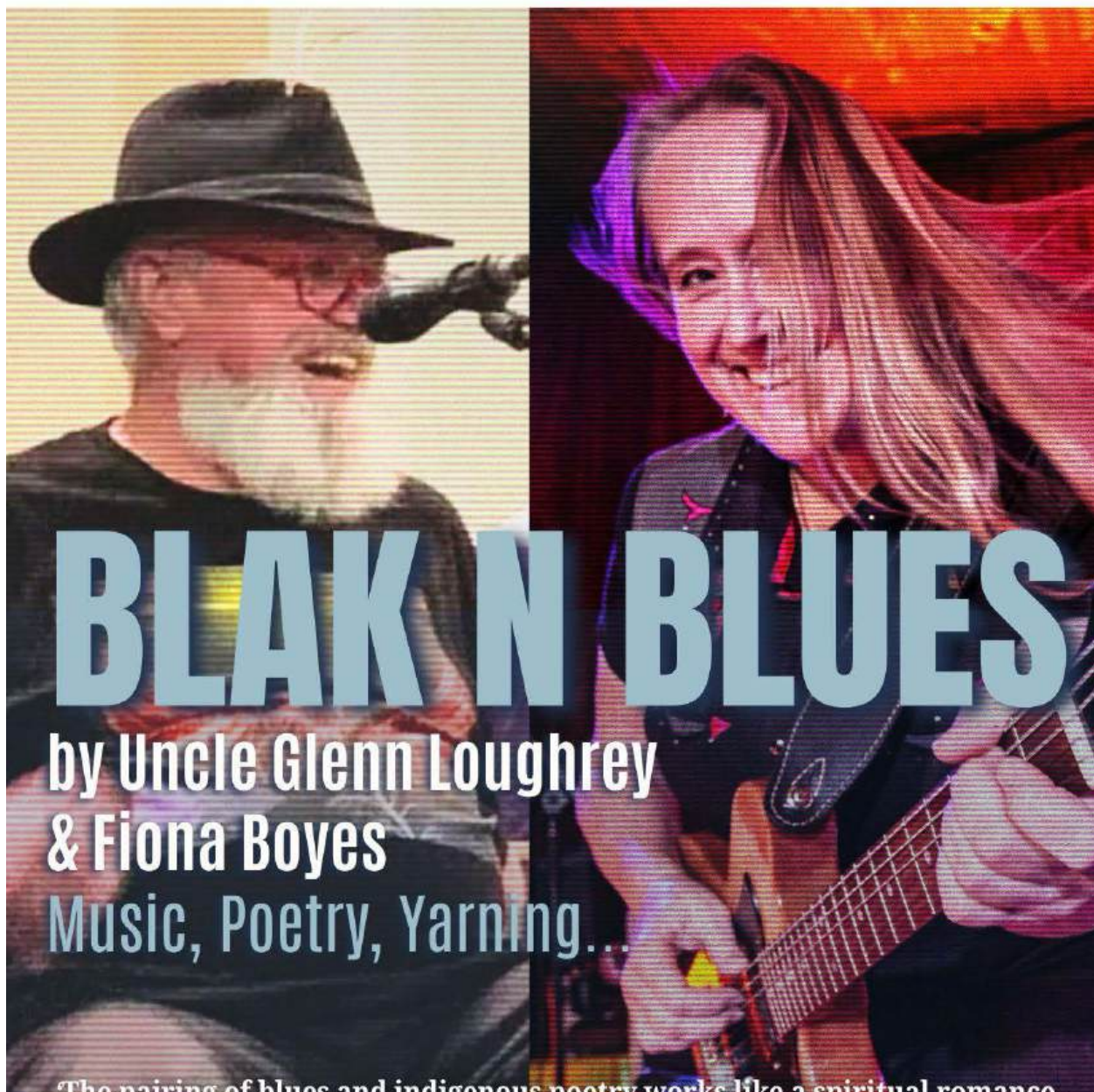
For his 18 years' service to humanity and the environment, the government of Niger awarded him its highest honor for an expatriate "The Order of Agriculture with Merit" (Merite Agricole du Niger).



Since joining World Vision Australia in 1999, Tony initiated and/or oversaw important land regeneration projects, worldwide. Serving now as Principal Climate Action Advisor, he promotes forestry and agro-forestry initiatives globally within the World Vision partnership, and beyond.

He is widely recognized for his influential contribution to heightened international awareness on the impact and efficacy, and uptake of, simple, low cost, scalable methods of reforestation known as FMNR (Farmer-Managed Natural Regeneration). Among major awards Tony and FMNR have recently received the 2018 Right Livelihood Award "for demonstrating on a large scale how drylands can be greened at minimal cost, improving the livelihoods of millions of people", and the World Future Council Agroecology Award. In 2019, Tony was appointed as a Member (AM) of the Order of Australia (General Division).

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BLAK N BLUES

by Uncle Glenn Loughrey
& Fiona Boyes
Music, Poetry, Yarning...

'The pairing of blues and indigenous poetry works like a spiritual romance. You're not just entertained; you're asked to listen, learn, and witness the collision of two distinct but echoing oral traditions.'

— Mary Sinanidis, 'On the House' ★★★★★

Tues 13 - Sun 18 Oct 2026
WHEAT WINE & WHISKY 284 Smith St, Collingwood 7 - 8pm

A FEW POINTERS FOR YOUR PRAYERS

FOR THE CREATED ORDER

For right use of the resources of the bountiful earth in changing climates
For a proper distribution of the wealth of the earth

FOR THE NEEDS OF THE WORLD

For an end to war and violence in every land and for the work of those who bring aid, and all who pursue peace, for all peoples | For the United Nations and a renewal of international cooperation and justice

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, Ben and Nigel newly ordained as bishops

FOR THOSE IN NEED OF HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Ivana, Kingsley, Max, Brenda and family, Graham and Denise, Cecilia, Isaiah, Evan, Audrey, Vasu, Les, John, Ross,

FOR THE RECENTLY DEPARTED

Margaret Rizza, David Conolly (priest), Brian Smith, Christian Ford (priest), Sally Fitzgerald, Peter Boylan

FOR THOSE WHOSE YEAR'S MIND OCCURS THIS WEEK

Stanley Keith Dean, Frances Hartshorn, Damon O'Keefe, Noel Whale (priest), Vera Dettman, Jean Austin, Elisabeth Coldicutt, Tedd Gill, Effie Taylor, Margaret Josephine Maher, James Murray (priest), Yvonne Gardner, David Penman (bishop), Peter Brandenburg, Jo-Anne Wells (priest), William Barrel Hunter (priest), Philip Keith Hender

IF YOU HAVE PRAYER INTENTIONS

If you'd like a name to be included, please email Fr Stuart on:
contactfrstuart@gmail.com (Names will be listed for 1 month unless otherwise specified).

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THINKING OF THE FUTURE: BEQUESTS

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:

We donate foodstuffs to Anglicare Victoria / St Mark's Community Care.

You can make tax deductible donations also so please visit:

<https://www.melbourneanglican.org.au/maf-donation-page/> - 'Melbourne Anglican Benevolent Society' - 'St Mary's North Melbourne—Relief Program'

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!*

4 OCTOBER 2026 – SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Year A in the Three-Year Lectionary Cycle

Readings of the Day	First Reading	Micah 6:6-8
	Responsorial Psalm	Psalm 100:1-2, 3, 4, 5
	Second Reading	Galatians 6:14-18
	Gospel	Luke 12:22-34

8 AM

THE EUCHARIST

Reader

Andrew McKinley

10 AM

SUNG EUCHARIST

1st and 2nd Readers

Calvin Lee

Michael Golding

Servers

Peter O'Donoghue, Alice Christofi

Welcomer

Steph Chapple

Introduction/Intercession

Katie Holmes

Live Stream / AV

Adam Wing

Kids Cnr / Sunday School

Harriet Jenkins

Rosie Moloney

Morning tea

Susan Gribben

Marion Poynter

Flowers

Helen McCallum

Sunday 4 October – The Octocentenary of Saint Francis of Assisi

8 am – Eucharist | 10 am – Sung Eucharist – as always

11.30 am Blessing of the Animals

for the faith community and broader community – outside the church

5 pm – Choral Evensong with the Choir of Trinity College

GUEST HOMILISTS: SUNDAY 11 OCTOBER Tony Rinaudo

Followed by a DELTA Forum

PARISH GROUP MEETINGS

CLIMATE ACTION

To be advised

HOSPITALITY

Friday 6 November in the vicarage

PARISH COUNCIL

Meets in person after Sunday Eucharist – Sunday 18 October

WARDENS

28 September 2026

LITURGIES & ACTIVITIES AT SAINT MARY'S

EVERY SUNDAY

8.00 am The Eucharist
10.00 am Sung Eucharist

EUCCHARISTS DURING THE WEEK

7.30 am Tuesday | 12.00 pm Thursday

MORNING PRAYER – Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 8.30 am

Click the link: <https://bit.ly/499l0N4>

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

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

Want to keep in touch?

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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SAINT MARY'S ANGLICAN CHURCH

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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