

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

20 October 2024

Readings

Next Week

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 31: 7-9

Ps 125

Heb 5: 1-6

Mk 10: 46-52

in a nutshell

A Servant Leadership. Some people use their authority to oppress others and win glory for themselves. They make their authority felt. Good leaders exercise their authority lightly, using it to help people live and work together. In today's Gospel Jesus describes his authority in terms of service and self-sacrifice: he 'Came not to be served but to serve and give his life as a ransom to many.' How do we exercise authority within our family, workplace, society and church?

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Harry & Dorothy Heering, Jim & Pat Henshaw

For those who have died recently, and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Last weekend for census cards. Please fill out a card and return to Father after Mass.

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful and all his works to be trusted. The Lord loves justice and right and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him, on those who hope in his love. to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord. The Lord is our help and our shield. May your love be upon us, O Lord, as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Son of Man came to serve and to give his life as a ransom for all.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Son of Man has come to give his life as a ransom for many.

The Parish of St Mary's

Parish Priest

REV. MICHEL G CORRIVEAU

Parish Secretary

Janine Meades

Parish Office Hours

Thursday

9:00am-4:00pm

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass

Saturday—6:30pm (EST)

5:00pm (EDST)

Sunday—10:30am & 5:00pm

Weekday Mass & Rosary

Tuesday—6:00pm

Thursday—9:00am

Friday—9:00am

Rosary prayed before morning Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday—11:30am-12:30pm

Friday—8:10am-8:40am

Exposition

Tuesday 5:00pm

Friday 8:00am

Weddings

Please contact the office

Baptisms

Please see Father after Mass

Parish Primary School

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Child Safety

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility. Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

Remember children should be accompanied by an adult family member to the toilet.

Safeguarding Committee

Fr Michel
Janine Meades
Alan Somers
Sue Van der Linden
Karla Zmegac

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH



Car Parking –WEEKDAY Masses

Please use available car parks for Mass rather than the front of the church leaving the front for the truly disabled.

Do you need a Helping Hand?

Ring the St Vinnies Call Centre 1800 305 330
Monday - Friday 10am to 3pm, St Mary's
Conference 0427 874 374 or Alan Somers
0419 134 300

Bulletin notices: by 12:00 noon Thursday
please: moutevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese
visit:
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Regular Gardening/Working Bee on first and third Saturdays of the month at 8:00 –10:00 am. Thank you to the volunteers who turn up to assist with the maintenance of the grounds around the church.

September 21

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, October 22

Finance Committee 7:00pm
Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm
Parish Council 8:00pm

Parish Notices

Parish Census—Please use BLOCK LETTERS and don't forget SURNAME IF YOU ARE A REGULAR ATTENDEE AT MASS PLEASE ENSURE YOU RETURN A CENSUS CARD WITH ALL AREAS FILLED IN.

By completing the census form, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you.

SVDP—Piety Stall

Now in stock the 2025 Columban Art Calendar which includes beautiful artwork, liturgical information and feast days at \$11.00 each. We also have a stock of Christmas Cards in packs of 5.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration: I adore Thee, O my Saviour, present here as God and man, in soul and body, in true flesh and blood. (St. John Henry Newman)

Sacrament of Confession: There is a beautiful reference in the Psalms to oil running down upon your beard, upon the collar of your robe. The divine mercy is like that: poured out upon us, poured out without reservation—and not because it's earned, because it can't be earned. We don't deserve his mercy, but we soak it in and there by are transformed. (Bishop Robert Barron)

Adoration: Tuesday 5:00pm, Friday 8:00am. Yarra Junction Thursday 6:00pm (first Thursday Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

The Annunziata Festa 2024

The Parish would like to thank Tony Sposato and the Festa Committee for their hard work in organising, promoting and running the Festa. They have donated the profit of **\$8334.15** to the parish. Many thanks!

Stewardship Corner

"For the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many." (MARK 10:45)

If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and mercy? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share". This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others. Pray daily to become less self-centered and to become more God-centered

Supporting the Parish

There are a number of ways to contribute to the financial viability of the Parish:

- Cash donations and envelopes in the labelled boxes in the narthex
- Tap and Go terminals
- Via the QR code in the bulletin
- Direct Debit BSB 083347 **Church:** 648531736, **Presbytery:** 649237379

September Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Thanksgiving income: \$4911
Total Expenditure: \$3444.50

Petition against the government's "Rainbow Toolkit"

The Victorian government is rolling out "Rainbow Toolkits" for Victorian libraries which would require librarians to ask children as young as five years old about their "preferred pronouns". In addition, more books on gender diversity will be added to library collections and drag queen story time will be promoted and "gender language" will be avoided, i.e. no boy/girl, he/she. A petition to oppose this is in the foyer.

World Mission Sunday Appeal This Weekend

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require.

The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require.

During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/Mongolia. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

March for Babies—Report

The annual March for the Babies was a great success, and the Bus of Life close to full. Our bus driver Peter Boer donated his time. Thanks to Martyrs and Peter for the safe journey. Speakers at the March were Bernie Finn, Father Francis Denton (for the prayer), Dr Johanna Howe, Dr Rachel Carling, and a couple of other great speakers. Thank you to all who came along to save babies!

2024 Knox Public Lecture 7th November 7.30 pm

"Connecting with Hope, Reconnecting with the Christian Vision of the Person"

Presented by Rev. Assoc. Prof. Jamie Calder SJ MAPS

Booking: Scan the QR code or go to trybooking.com/CVXGD

Enquiries: phone: 9412 3333

email: vi.panganiban@ctc.edu.au web: ctc.edu.au

Something to bring a smile!

One of the best marksmen in the FBI was passing through a small town. Everywhere he saw evidence of the most amazing shooting. On trees, on walls, and on fences there were numerous bull's-eyes with the bullet hole in dead centre. The FBI man asked one of the townsmen if he could meet the person responsible for this wonderful marksmanship. The man turned out to be the village idiot.

"This is the best marksmanship I have ever seen," said the FBI man. "How in the world do you do it?"

"Nothing to it," said the idiot. "I shoot first and draw the circles afterward."

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Readings Reflection

[Cup of Salvation](#)

The sons of Zebedee hardly know what they're asking in today's Gospel. They are thinking in terms of how the Gentiles rule, of royal privileges and honors.

But the road to Christ's kingdom is by way of His Cross. To share in His glory, we must be willing to drink the cup that He drinks.

The cup is an Old Testament image for God's judgment. The wicked would be made to drink this cup in punishment for their sins (see Psalm 75:9; Jeremiah 25:15, 28; Isaiah 51:17). But Jesus has come to drink this cup on behalf of all humanity. He has come to be baptized—which means plunged or immersed—into the sufferings we all deserve for our sins (compare Luke 12:50).

In this He will fulfill the task of Isaiah's suffering servant, whom we read about in today's First Reading.

Like Isaiah's servant, the Son of Man will give His life as an offering for sin, as once Israel's priests offered sacrifices for the sins of the people (see Leviticus 5:17–19).

Jesus is the heavenly high priest of all humanity, as we hear in today's Epistle. Israel's high priests offered the blood of goats and calves in the temple sanctuary. But Jesus entered the heavenly sanctuary with His own blood (see Hebrews 9:12).

And by bearing our guilt and offering His life to do the will of God, Jesus ransomed "the many"—paying the price to redeem humanity from spiritual slavery to sin and death.

He has delivered us from death, as we rejoice in today's Psalm.

We need to hold fast to our confession of faith, as today's Epistle exhorts us. We must look upon our trials and sufferings as our portion of the cup He promised to those who believe in Him (see Colossians 1:24). We must remember that we have been baptized into His passion and death (see Romans 6:3).

In confidence, let us approach the altar today, the throne of grace, at which we drink the cup of His saving blood (see Mark 14:23–24).

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
stpaulcenter.com

Rejoice In So Far As You Share Christ's Sufferings

What is the value of taking up our cross, or suffering?

For [Christ Jesus'] sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him...that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. (Phil 3:8-12)

I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church. (Col 1:24)

Rejoice in so far as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. (1 Pet 4:13)

By enduring our own personal trials and hardships virtuously, we can unite our sufferings to the Passion of Christ. In doing so, we allow our suffering to share in Christ's act of redemption.

Christ became man in order to suffer and die for us and thereby save us from our sins. "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases" (Mt 8:17). In calling us to take up our daily cross, he asks us to "offer up" all our pain and suffering virtuously in imitation of him. By configuring ourselves to Christ and his redemptive act, we can give our suffering a redemptive character. Thus, through our suffering, trials, hardships, and labor, we can grow in holiness and closer to Christian perfection.

During his earthly ministry Christ took a special interest in the sick and suffering, visiting them and often healing them; he identified closely with those who suffer. By inviting us to take up our own personal crosses, he beckons us to identify ourselves ever more closely with his sufferings and share in his act of redemption.

There are two popular misconceptions of Christ's Redemption and our proper response to it. One understands that his Passion was a mere endurance of physical pain — the scourged, beaten, and crucified Christ as a victim because he did not have the power to stop his torturers; this view leaves us as mere observers who have no role in his suffering. The other views the Redemption as nothing more than an appeal to the subjective influence of the Passion on our lives. While it is true that we receive the benefit of Christ's Redemption, we are also called to share in his redemption by taking up our own crosses and uniting them to his.

From the Didache Bible

618 The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the "one mediator between God and men." But because in his incarnate divine person he has in some way united himself to every man, "the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery" is offered to all men. He calls his disciples to "take up [their] cross and follow [him]," for "Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in his steps." In fact Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries. This is achieved supremely in the case of his mother, who was associated more intimately than any other person in the mystery of his redemptive suffering.

Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven. (St. Rose of Lima)

1505 Moved by so much suffering Christ not only allows himself to be touched by the sick, but he makes their miseries his own: "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases." But he did not heal all the sick. His healings were signs of the coming of the Kingdom of God. They announced a more radical healing: the victory over sin and death through his Passover. On the cross Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil and took away the "sin of the world," of which illness is only a consequence. By his passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion.

1521 Union with the passion of Christ. By the grace of [the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick] the sick person receives the strength and the gift of uniting himself more closely to Christ's Passion: in a certain way he is consecrated to bear fruit by configuration to the Savior's redemptive Passion. Suffering, a consequence of original sin, acquires a new meaning; it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church