

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



The Most Holy Body and Blood of Christ (Corpus Christi) (Year A)

11 June 2023

Readings

Next Week

Ex 19:2-6
Ps 99:2-3, 5
Rom 5:6-11
Mt 9:36-10:8

in a nutshell

For the life of the world. When we eat the flesh of Jesus and drink his blood in Eucharistic communion, we share in his very life, a life poured out for all on the cross. As we gratefully receive this food of eternal life, we are called in turn to pour out our lives in loving service to our brothers and sisters.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Dorothy Heering
For those who have died recently and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Giovanni DeAngelis

of special note

Two new parish committees are forming. All interested are welcome!

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

He fed them with the finest wheat and satisfied them with honey from the rock.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!
Zion, praise your God!
He has strengthened the bars of your gates,
he has blessed the children within you. (R.)

He has established peace on your borders,
he feeds you with finest wheat.
He sends out his word to the earth
and swiftly runs his command. (R.)

He makes his word known to Jacob,
to Israel his laws and decrees.
He has not dealt thus with other nations;
he has not taught them his decrees. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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—9:00am
Thursday—9:00am
Friday—9:00am
Rosary prayed before morning Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday—11:30am-12:30pm
Friday—8:10am-8:40am

Exposition

Friday at 8:00am

Weddings

Please contact the office

Baptisms

Please see Father after Mass

Parish Primary School

Principal: Angela Glennie

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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
Karen Somers
Sue Van der Linden
Karla Zmegac

Car Parking –WEEKDAY Masses

Please use available car parks for Mass rather than the front of the church. Please Leave 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:

mountevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Regular Gardening/Working Bee—Friday June 16

Thank you to the volunteers who turn up to assist with the maintenance of the grounds around the church. 4pm onwards

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, June 20

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

St. Mary's Focus Groups—Volunteer to Assist Your Parish

Following the Parish Meeting on 29th March, we are now all aware of the need to improve St Mary's financial viability.

To tackle this task, we are forming two focus groups. The first will be a Parish Fundraising committee, to combat our immediate financial shortfalls. The second focus group will be a Parish Outreach committee, tasked with increasing the number of parishioners coming to Mass and the number of contributors to our Parish Thanksgiving program.

There will be an initial meeting on Sunday 2nd July, after the 10:30am Mass. Please join us to share any ideas you may have.

If we all pitch in and help, the tasks can be shared and will not fall to just a few. This is our Parish and the responsibility is on us to build upon the firm foundations laid by past generations, to continue our Parish mission.

We trust that with our Lord's help, we will overcome these challenges and continue to grow in unity as a Parish.

God bless,

Fr. Michel Corriveau PP

The Parish Pastoral Council

Parish Notices

Sacramental Program

This weekend and next weekend children of the Parish will be receiving First Communion at the Parish Masses. Keep them and their families in your prayers.

Adoration of the Eucharist

Jesus is there expressly for you— for you alone. (St. Therese of Lisieux)

How good it feels to come back to Him whenever we are lost! God never tires of forgiving us. Time and time again He bears us on his shoulders. No one can strip us of the dignity bestowed upon us by this boundless and unfailing love. He makes it possible for us to start anew. (Pope Francis)

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

Stewardship Corner

"Because there is one bread, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one bread." 1 CORINTHIANS 10:17

As disciples of Jesus, we are called to lead holy lives and invite others to join us. We are called to be fed and to feed others. Living a stewardship lifestyle, being grateful and generous with our gifts, serves a twofold purpose. One, it helps build God's kingdom here on earth. Two, it helps us strengthen each other's relationship with God the Father, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit. It becomes our roadmap to Heaven. Let's help each other get there!

May Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total Thanksgiving income: \$4266

Total Expenditure: \$5115.56

Wishing to contribute? Direct debit details: St Mary's Church BSB 083-347 account number 648531736 Ref **THK and your surname** or call the office and arrange with Janine to get envelopes or set up regular direct debit/credit card payments or pick up a form and return at your earliest convenience.

Just a reminder donations via the Tap and Go machine go towards the presbytery collection.

Giving Envelopes

The current set of envelopes finish today. A new set of envelopes is available in the narthex. Please take yours.

Parish Car Parks

Please leave the disabled car spaces for those people who require them. At school times this is a shared car park and there are families with children attending the school who require these spaces.

Just a reminder for school parents to use available parking spaces and leave the church driveway clear for our elderly/disabled parishioners attending weekday masses. Thank you for your consideration.

We have a NEW parish website!

With recent upgrades to Archdiocese of Melbourne platforms we have a new website. <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/mountevelyn>. Go have a look!

Morning Tea after 10.30am Sunday Mass

Stay and chat over a cuppa! Consider joining the roster to assist in serving. If you are unable to serve but would like to contribute, donations of packaged biscuits would be appreciated. Contact Rachael 0437123802
Morning tea after 9:00am Mass first Tuesday of the month.

Catholic Mission Appeal—Thank you

Thank you for your generous partnership with life-changing mission programs, like supporting Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters and their work through the Maria Auxiliadora Clinic in Venilale, Timor-Leste. (\$513.35 across both parishes)

Pro-Life News

In Victoria and Queensland in the last 10 years, 724 babies have been...left to die. Below are two items where you can make a difference.

1. Abortion Inquiry Update (ACL): get informed on the bias of the abortion inquiry, the content of their report, and what you can do next. June 13 at 8:00pm More information (from Cherish Life): <https://lnnk.in/e5gl>

Register: <https://acl.nationbuilder.com/webinar-abortion-inquiry-update>

2. Save Calvary Hospital: Refuse to do abortions and you will to be taken over by the government? URGENT – sign the petition to save Calvary: <https://www.savecalvary.com.au/>

Something to make you smile

What was Moses' wife, Zipphora, known as when she'd throw dinner parties?

"The hostess with the Moses."

I asked my girlfriend to meet me at the gym but she never showed up.

I guess the two of us aren't going to work out.

Readings Reflection

Word of the 'Living Father'

The Eucharist is given to us as a challenge and a promise. That's how Jesus presents it in today's Gospel.

He doesn't make it easy for those who hear Him. They are repulsed and offended at His words. Even when they begin to quarrel, He insists on describing the eating and drinking of His flesh and blood in starkly literal terms.

Four times in today's reading, Jesus uses a Greek word—*trogein*—that refers to a crude kind of eating, almost a gnawing or chewing (see John 6:54, 56, 57, 58).

He is testing their faith in His Word, as today's First Reading describes God testing Israel in the desert.

The heavenly manna was not given to satisfy the Israelites' hunger, as Moses explains. It was given to show them that man does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

In today's Psalm, too, we see a connection between God's Word and the bread of life. We sing of God filling us with "finest wheat" and proclaiming his Word to the world.

In Jesus, "the living Father" has given us His Word come down from heaven, made flesh for the life of the world.

Yet as the Israelites grumbled in the desert, many in today's Gospel cannot accept that Word. Even many of Jesus' own followers abandon Him after this discourse (see John 6:66). But His words are Spirit and life, the words of eternal life (see John 6:63, 67).

In the Eucharist we are made one flesh with Christ. We have His life in us and have our life because of Him. This is what Paul means in today's Epistle when He calls the Eucharist a "participation" in Christ's body and blood. We become in this sacrament partakers of the divine nature (see 1 Peter 2:4).

This is the mystery of the faith that Jesus asks us to believe. And He gives us His promise: that sharing in His flesh and blood that was raised from the dead, we too will be raised up on the last day.

[Dr. Scott Hahn
stpaulcenter.com](https://stpaulcenter.com)

Eucharist: Body, Blood, Soul & Divinity of Christ

How is Christ truly present in the Eucharist?

[Jesus said:] 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'... Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life....For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. (Jn 35, 53-55)

[Jesus] took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (Lk 22.19)

The Church teaches that Jesus Christ is truly, really, and substantially present—in his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in the Eucharist. The bread and wine consecrated by the bishop or priest in the Liturgy of the Eucharist become the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Church has always recognised Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. Christ's words in instituting this Sacrament at the Last Supper were unequivocal: "This is my body....This is my blood" (Lk 22:19f). In the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained*" (Council of Trent [1551]). St. Paul condemns the unworthy reception of the Eucharist as a profanation of the very Body and Blood of Christ (cf. 1 Cor 11:27ff). Already in the fourth century St. Cyril of Jerusalem exhorted, "Do not see in the bread and wine merely natural elements, because the Lord has expressly said that they are his Body and his Blood: faith assures you of this, though your senses suggest otherwise."

This change in the Eucharistic species in which the substance of the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ is called *transubstantiation*. It occurs at the consecration during the Mass, when the bishop or priest pronounces *the words of consecration* over the bread and wine as Christ commanded.

In the Eucharist Christ remains truly and totally present under the appearances of bread and wine. He offers his Body and Blood to us in Holy Communion to be nourished by his divine life. The Eucharist is, therefore, not merely a symbol of Christ's present but also the active presence of Christ himself, who gives himself to us unconditionally so our lives might be united to his intimately. The Eucharist is "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend" (St. Thomas Aquinas).

From the Didache Bible

Mass: The Eucharist or principal sacramental celebration of the Church, established by Jesus at the Last Supper, in which the mystery of our salvation through participation in the sacrificial death and glorious Resurrection of Christ is renewed and accomplished. The Mass renews the paschal sacrifice of Christ as the sacrifice offered by the Church. It is called "Mass" (from the Latin *missa*) because of the "mission" or "sending" with which the liturgical celebration concludes (Latin: "*Ite, Missa est.*")

1382 The Mass is at the same time, and inseparably, the sacrificial memorial in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated and the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord's body and blood. But the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice is wholly directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ through communion. To receive communion is to receive Christ himself who has offered himself for us.

1384 The Lord addresses an invitation to us, urging us to receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist: "Truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you."

1385 To respond to this invitation we must *prepare ourselves* for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: "Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself." Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion.

1386 Before so great a sacrament, the faithful can only echo humbly and with ardent faith the words of the Centurion: "Domine, non sum dignus ut intres sub tectum meum, sed tantum dic verbo, et sanabitur anima mea" ("Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul will be healed."). And in the Divine Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom the faithful pray in the same spirit:

O Son of God, bring me into communion today with your mystical supper. I shall not tell your enemies the secret, nor kiss you with Judas' kiss. But like the good thief I cry, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom."

1387 To prepare for worthy reception of this sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church [One hour]. Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.

1389 The Church obliges the faithful to take part in the Divine Liturgy on Sundays and feast days and, prepared by the sacrament of Reconciliation, to receive the Eucharist at least once a year, if possible during the Easter season. But the Church strongly encourages the faithful to receive the holy Eucharist on Sundays and feast days, or more often still, even daily.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church