

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

17 November 2024

Readings

Next Week

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Dan 7: 13-14
Ps 92: 1-2, 5
Rev 1: 5-8
Jn 18: 33-37

in a nutshell

My Words Will Not Pass Away. We live in a world of rapid change. Many of the places of our childhood have gone or been altered significantly. Customs, attitudes and pastimes are different now. All of this reminds us of the transitory nature of life. The heavens and the earth as we know them are passing away. Only the word of God stands forever. May we place our trust in the kingdom of God and not in the passing kingdoms we create.

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: Diane Hyde and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Parish Census
Have You Returned a Card?

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction. You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Keep me safe, O God: you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup; it is you yourself who are my prize.

I keep the Lord ever in my sight: since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad; even my body shall rest in safety. For you will not leave my soul among the dead, nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

You will show me the path of life, the fullness of joy in your presence, at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Be watchful, and pray constantly, that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness, to place my hope in God 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—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: muntevelyn@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.
December 7

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, October 22

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

Parish Notices

The funeral Mass for Diane Hyde will take place at 11:00am on Tuesday 19 November. R.I.P.

Parish Census—Have You Returned a Card?

Thank you to the **45** people/families who have returned the census card. If you consider yourself a parishioner of St Mary's we would appreciate that you return the census card ASAP if you have not already done so. These cards allow us to update our data base and give us a more accurate count of our parishioners.

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.

Giving Tree

St Vincent de Paul Society will be having a giving tree this year. While we will still be assisting people in need, instead of presents we will be giving them gift vouchers so they can get what they need as many have found this year very unpredictable. You are invited to make a donation of a gift voucher or make a cash donation by placing it in an envelope and placing in the box in the foyer by 16th December.

November Masses

Names of deceased loved ones can be written in the Prayer Book which will be placed on the Sanctuary for the month of November. Names can be added throughout the month. Masses throughout November will be offered for the repose of their souls. Envelopes are available to make an offering.

Pastoral Care Appeal 2024

Thank you! Last weekend, we conducted CatholicCare Victoria's annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. Thank you for enabling CatholicCare Victoria and their Catholic Prison Chaplains to continue being messengers of God's mercy, love and compassion. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal. If you still wish to donate or if you would like to learn more about the Chaplaincy Services, please visit www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515. Collected across both parishes: \$523.40

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration: Devotion to the Blessed Sacrament helps us to offer the Mass with greater awareness and depth. Christ loves the whole Church as his bride. But he also loves each one of us in particular. This calls for a personal response from each one of us. (Fr. Anthony Foy)
Reconciliation: Lord Jesus Christ, who on the cross called the penitent thief into your kingdom, in faith and trust and confessing our sins we implore your mercy, that after our death you will lead us rejoicing through the gates of paradise. Amen. (From Liturgy of the Hours)
Adoration: Tuesday 5:00pm, Friday 8:00am. Yarra Junction Thursday 6:00pm (first Thursday Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

Stewardship Corner

"And then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." (MARK 13:26)
We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond? The good news – it's never too late to start living a grateful and generous lifestyle.

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

Sacramental Program 2025

For Children, not attending the Parish School, wanting to receive the Sacraments, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, instructions are available through our Parish. Contact Anne at annevan.tilburg@gmail.com Lessons will begin Sunday 2nd March after 10:30 Mass for First Communions and Tuesday 4th of March at 5pm for Confirmation.

Something to bring a smile!

A man walked into a chemist and noticed a customer leaning against a wall. He asked the chemist what the man was doing.

The chemist replied, "Well, he came in here this morning to get something for his persistent cough. I had run out of syrup, so I gave him an entire bottle of laxatives."

The customer was perplexed and said, "You can't treat a cough with laxatives!"

"Want a bet? Look at him now. He's afraid to cough."

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Christmas Mass Times – Upper Yarra Valley

Christmas Eve – Vigil Mass 7:00pm Yarra Junction
(Carols from 6:30pm)

Christmas Day – 8:30am Warburton

Christmas Mass Times – Mount Evelyn

Christmas Eve – Vigil Mass 5:00pm (Carols from
4:40pm)

Midnight Mass – 12:00am (Carols from 11:30pm)

Christmas Day – 10:30am

Readings Reflection

Hope in Tribulation

In this, the second-to-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem.

Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation" (see Mark 13:9). He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a "devolution" of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down (see Mark 13:7–8). Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8). Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9–13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence (13:14).

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars (see also Isaiah 13:10; 34:4). Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see Mark 8:31). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels (see Daniel 7:13). He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant (see Isaiah 43:6; Jeremiah 32:37).

As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust.

We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.

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The Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect

What does Scripture tell us about the Second Coming of Christ?

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.... Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect. (Mt 24:35-36, 44)

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality. (1 Cor 15:51-53)

The Second Coming of Christ will take place at the end of the world when Christ returns in glory to judge all of humanity. It is a moment that the faithful in Christ look forward to with eager anticipation because of the hope for eternal life with God in Heaven.

The Second Coming is also known as the *Parousia*, a Greek word meaning “apparition” or “presence.” The Apostles’ Creed tells us that Christ will return at the end of time “to judge the living and the dead.” This is called the General Judgment, the moment when Christ will separate the good from the wicked, with the good bound for Heaven and the wicked entering their self-imposed eternal separation from God in Hell, “the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (Mt 25:41). The dead will be raised, and each person will be reunited with his or her earthly body — the blessed will be glorified in body and soul.

The *Parousia* marks the definitive and final triumph of Christ over sin and death, the culmination of salvation history. The faithful in Christ have awaited the Second Coming ever since Christ ascended into Heaven with the promise that he would return. For them it is a time of great joy, when our earthly sojourn will end and all of creation will be restored and renewed in Christ. The Kingdom of God will be established in its fullness, and the Church will be perfected in her heavenly glory. As the Nicene Creed professes, “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead / and the life of the world to come.”

Because of Christ’s deliberate choice to leave us in ignorance about the time of his Second Coming, some people believe erroneously that he did not intend to return or that he is a false prophet. On the contrary, because no one knows when the *Parousia* will take place, its imminence is an urgent call for conversion while there is still time to repent.

From the Didache Bible

1038 The resurrection of all the dead, “of both the just and the unjust” (Acts 24:15), will precede the Last Judgment. This will be “the hour when all who are in the tombs will hear [the Son of man’s] voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment” (Jn 5:28–29). Then Christ will come “in his glory, and all the angels with him.... Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left.... And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (Mt 25:31, 32, 46).

1039 In the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each man’s relationship with God will be laid bare. The Last Judgment will reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life....

1040 The Last Judgment will come when Christ returns in glory. Only the Father knows the day and the hour; only he determines the moment of its coming. Then through his Son Jesus Christ he will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and of the entire economy of salvation and understand the marvellous ways by which his Providence led everything towards its final end. The Last Judgment will reveal that God’s justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God’s love is stronger than death.

1041 The message of the Last Judgment calls men to conversion while God is still giving them “the acceptable time, ... the day of salvation” (2 Cor 6:2). It inspires a holy fear of God and commits them to the justice of the Kingdom of God. It proclaims the “blessed hope” of the Lord’s return, when he will come “to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at in all who have believed” (Titus 2:13; 2 Thess 1:10)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church