

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year B)

17 March 2024

Readings

Next Week

Entrance: Mk 11:1-10

Is 50:4-7

Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24

Phil 2:6-11

Mk 14:1-15:47

in a nutshell

The hour has Come. Jesus was greatly troubled as the hour of his suffering and death approached. He was tempted to ask the Father to save him from this hour. But he knew that his death would be the source of life for all. Today's liturgy invites us to share in Jesus' self-sacrificing love. For ourselves, as for Jesus, the grain of wheat must die in order to produce a rich harvest.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Harry & Dorothy Heering, Frankie Petinella. For those who have died recently and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Holy Week schedule now available.

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Create a clean heart in me, O God.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt.
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

Give me again the joy of your help;
with a spirit of fervour sustain me,
that I may teach transgressors your ways
and sinners may return to you. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!
If you serve me, follow me, says the Lord; and
where I am, my servant will also be.
Glory to you, Word of God, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon

Amen, Amen I say to you: Unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains a single grain. But if it dies, it bears much fruit.

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

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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

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: mountevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

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

Regular Gardening/Working Bee—1st & 3rd Friday

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

Next—Friday March 15

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, 19 March

Finance Committee 7:00pm

Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm

Parish Council 8:00pm

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH



Parish Notices

Palms for Palm Sunday

Time to start thinking about palms for Palm Sunday. If you have palms please bring them with you to Masses next weekend for blessing. If you can bring extra to share with other parishioners that would be appreciated.

New Tap and Go Terminals

Further to our new method of collecting contributions to the Parish and Presbytery, we have two new Tap and Go machines: one for the parish account and one for the presbytery account. These are placed beside the respective collection boxes in the narthex. These machines allow you to choose the amount you are giving. Be patient we are trying to rectify connection problems!

A reminder that as collections are no longer taken up during Mass donations can be placed in the labelled boxes in the narthex either before or after Mass.

Stations of the Cross During Lent

We are praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. Please come and pray this traditional devotion following the path of our Lord to Calvary. Jesus said to St Faustina: There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My sorrowful Passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood; the contemplation of My painful wounds is of great profit to you, and it brings Me great joy.

Mount Evelyn: 7:30pm; Yarra Junction: 6:00pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Jesus said, "I have come to bring fire upon the earth, and how I wish it was blazing already!" Luke 12:49. Nothing can set hearts ablaze with love for God like the Blessed Sacrament. Saint Catherine of Siena saw far-reaching flames coming from this furnace of love and spreading throughout the world. Seeing this, St. Catherine simply could not understand how so many people could live without loving God. My Lord, set me on fire with love for you. Make my love for you grow stronger each day of my life. (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

Confession: The greatest grace the Church can offer; Reconciliation, the restoration of the divine friendship, the forgiveness of our sins. (Bishop Robert Barron)

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

Stewardship Corner

"I will be their God and they shall be my people."- Jeremiah 31:33

What does it mean to be God's people? It means we recognize that everything we have and everything we are belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given us. It means we are willing to use our gifts and our lives to care for our family, our neighbours and for people we don't know, just as God cares for each of us.

February Finance Report

Total income (stewardship & Cash): \$5097.07

Total Expenditure: \$11441.12

Celebrating 170 years of St Vincent de Paul Society in Australia

Article on Parish Website: <https://www.melbatholic.org/s/mountevelyn>

Holy Week Schedule — (Both Parishes)

Holy Thursday

NO 9am Mass.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Yarra Junction 6pm

Mt Evelyn 8pm

Good Friday

Stations of the Cross:

Warburton 10:30

Mt Evelyn 9am

Passion of the Lord:

Pallotti College 3pm

Mt Evelyn 3pm

Confessions—Mount Evelyn

Good Friday:

after Stations

and

after 3pm Passion

Holy Saturday

11:30am-12:30pm

Easter Vigil:

Yarra Junction 6pm

Mt Evelyn 8:30pm

Easter Sunday:

Warburton 8:30am

Mt Evelyn 10:30am, & 5pm

Project Compassion—Fifth Sunday of Lent

Partnership in action

The work of Caritas Australia is only possible with the dedication, passion and tenacity of our local partners who implement the programs. They are the heroes on the ground, working tirelessly behind-the-scenes every day to create a better future for their communities.

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes are still available or, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Something to Bring a Smile!

Paddy and Mick were standing at the base of a flagpole, looking up. A woman walked by and asked what they were doing. "We're supposed to work out the height of the flagpole," said Paddy. "but we don't have a ladder." The woman took a spanner from her purse and loosened a few bolts. She then laid the pole down, took a tape measure from her pocket, and measured the pole. She proudly said, "Six metres, fifteen centimetres." She then walked away. Mick shook his head and laughed. "Well now! Ain't that just dandy! We ask for the height and she gives us the length!"

And because Sunday is Saint Patrick's Day ... Why do people wear shamrocks to celebrate St Patrick's Day? Because real rocks are too heavy.

What's small, lucky, and green all over? A leprechaun who recycles.

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Readings Reflection

[The "Hour" Comes](#)

Our readings today are filled with anticipation. The days are coming, Jeremiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The hour has come, Jesus says in the Gospel. The new covenant that God promised to Jeremiah is made in the "hour" of Jesus—in His Death, Resurrection, and Ascension to the Father's right hand.

The prophets said this new covenant would return Israel's exiled tribes from the ends of the world (see Jeremiah 31:1, 3–4, 7–8). Jesus too predicted His passion would gather the dispersed children of God (see John 11:52). But today He promises to draw to Himself not only Israelites, but all men and women.

The new covenant is more than a political or national restoration. As we sing in today's Psalm, it is a universal spiritual restoration. In the "hour" of Jesus, sinners in every nation can return to the Father—to be washed of their guilt and given new hearts to love and serve Him.

In predicting He will be "lifted up," Jesus isn't describing only His coming Crucifixion (see John 3:14–15). Isaiah used the same word to tell how the Messiah, after suffering for Israel's sins, would be raised high and greatly exalted (see Isaiah 52:3). Elsewhere the term describes how kings are elevated above their subjects (see 1 Maccabees 8:13).

Troubled in His agony, Jesus doesn't pray to be saved. Instead, as we hear in today's Epistle, He offers himself to the Father on the Cross—as a living prayer and supplication. For this, God gives Him dominion over heaven and earth (see Acts 2:33; Philippians 2:9).

Where He has gone we can follow—if we let Him lead us. To follow Jesus means hating our lives of sin and selfishness. It means trusting in the Father's will, the law He has written in our hearts. Jesus' "hour" continues in the Eucharist, where we join our sacrifices to His, giving God our lives in reverence and obedience—confident He will raise us up to bear fruits of holiness.

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St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary

(The Solemnity of St Joseph is celebrated on Tuesday, 19 March)

After the most sacred, and most adorable name of Jesus; after the sweet and holy name of Mary, the Mother of Jesus; the next dearest and most loving name, on the lips of the pious Christian, is that of St. Joseph, the foster-father of Jesus, and the chaste spouse of Mary, the Mother of Jesus.

If the Prophet Jeremias was sanctified, as he was in his mother's womb, because he was destined to announce to the world the mysteries and revelations of the Almighty; if St. John the Baptist, whose eminent sanctity we have from the Divine lips of Jesus Himself, when He announced that none greater was born of woman, was sanctified, as St. John was, before he was born, because his mission was to baptise the Saviour, to point out the Redeemer in person, to say, "Behold, the Lamb of God;" surely, it is just and reasonable to believe, that signal favours, special privileges, and unique graces must have been showered, in the plenitude of their abundance by the Almighty upon St. Joseph, whose mission was of a far higher order than that of the Prophet Jeremias, or of St. John the Baptist; and whose privilege it was to approach nearer to Jesus than any other person, except the Blessed Virgin.

The heavenly appointed mission of St. Joseph was twofold. First, he was chosen by the Almighty from among the sons of men to be the spouse and guardian of the purest of virgins, the Immaculate Mother of God. "O sublime elevation," exclaims a pious author, "O admirable dignity of Joseph! whom the Mother of God, the Queen of heaven, deemed worthy to call her spouse." "The Evangelists," writes St. Leonard of Port-Maurice, "say but very little of the life and virtues of St. Joseph; but when they call him the spouse of Mary, of whom was born Jesus, they give him the most glorious title possible; for he was nearest to Mary, the purest creature ever made by God Almighty." Secondly, St. Joseph was chosen by God to be the guardian and protector of Jesus, as well as of Mary; by the labour of his hands to minister to their wants and comforts, and to be the Head of the Holy Family.

St. Joseph—first after Mary—heard from an Angel sent from heaven by the Almighty the secret of the mystery of the Incarnation. St. Joseph—by God's special order—was the Protector of Mary, and of Jesus before He was born; St. Joseph—first after Mary—adored and reverentially kissed the Infant Saviour in the crib at Bethlehem; St. Joseph watched over and protected the Divine Infancy of the Redeemer, and, at the bidding of an Angel, fled with Jesus and Mary into Egypt, to escape the hands of the cruel Herod. By the labour of the hands of St. Joseph, our Blessed Saviour received for years His daily bread; and, finally, St. Joseph died in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

Enter a cathedral, a church, or a little country chapel by the mountain side, or shut in the bog—the high Altar is dedicated to God Almighty, or the Sacred Heart of Jesus; the Altar or statue at the Gospel side is sure to be under the invocation of Mary the Mother of God; the next in dignity and order is an altar or statue at the Epistle side in honour of St. Joseph, the spouse of Mary, and the reputed father and guardian of Jesus, our Blessed Saviour. Here we see the instinct of Catholic faith; we have the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph.

God knows the wants of His Church; He knows "the times and the seasons;" in her days of trial and need He raises up in her defence new friends and new protectors; hence, special systematic devotion to St. Joseph, like that to the Sacred Heart of Jesus, has, under the inspiration of God, grown up, and borne abundant fruit, in the Church of the nineteenth century.

All the beauty of the most exquisite statue ever chiseled, all the perfections of the painting on the canvass, are reflected on the genius of the artist; so all the sanctity of the saints emanates from God alone, and proclaim His wisdom, power, and glory. "Wonderful is God in his saints" (Ps. 68:35). "Blessed be God in his angels and saints."

pious reflection

My soul! how dear and sweet the holy names of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph. Jesus is thy God, thy Blessed Saviour and dear Redeemer. Jesus will be thy Judge, and hereafter may Jesus be thy reward in paradise. Mary is the Mother of God, the Mother of Jesus, and thy Mother and advocate. St. Joseph is the reputed father of Jesus, the chaste spouse of Mary, and the patron of a happy death.

resolution

O Jesus! my God, my love, and my all. O Jesus! my Saviour, my Redeemer, my Judge. "Too late have I known Thee, too late have I loved Thee." O Mary! my mother, my advocate, my friend; and, after Jesus, the love of my heart. O St. Joseph! so near and dear to Jesus and Mary. When tempted to offend God in any respect, I resolve to cry for help; to invoke the Holy Family—Jesus, Mary, and Joseph; to say: "Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, assist me."

Kinane, T. H. (1884). St. Joseph: His Life, His Virtues, His Privileges, His Power (Seventh Edition)