

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

14 July 2024

Readings

Next Week

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 23:1-6

Ps 22

Eph 2:13-18

Mk 6:30-34

in a nutshell

The mission of the twelve. Before sending out the twelve on a missionary journey, Jesus talks to them in great detail about how they are to dress and behave while on the mission. He knows that actions speak louder than words and that people will listen to what the Twelve say only if they live and act in a manner that wins respect.

we pray for

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

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

of special note

Parish BBQ next week
Sunday 21 July after 10:30am
Mass.

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace,
peace for his people.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land. (R.)

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven. (R.)

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our hearts that we might
see how great is the hope to which we are
called.

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

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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.
Next: 6 July & 20 July

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, August 20

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

Parish Notices

Parish BBQ Sunday 21 July

Hopefully the weather will be kind to us next Sunday to come together after 10:30 Mass to enjoy a sausage and a drink at our next Parish BBQ.

Fr Michel—Holidays

Fr Michel will be taking two weeks of annual leave during the weeks beginning 15th & 22nd July. While weekend Masses remain the same, with Fr Michel celebrating, there will be no weekday Masses or Adoration.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal—Next Sunday

It is time again for the SVDP Winter Appeal. This will be held at all the Masses on the weekend of the 20th and 21st July. All money received will go towards assisting people from our parish who are struggling to make ends meet and who ask for our help. Please place your donations in the collection basket. For those who wish to donate by credit card or require a receipt there will be envelopes on the seats which can be placed in the collection or handed in to the piety stall. Direct Debit is available and, if doing this, please mark that it is for the Mount Evelyn Conference
Direct Debit details are: BSB: 063 003 Account No: 1008 1787
Refence Agent 471
Thank you very much for your previous and continued support.
Alan Somers Mount Evelyn Conference President

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament—Resumes August

What is Eucharistic Adoration? Adoration of the Most Holy Eucharist is the process of coming before Christ in His entirety; His Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity (we simply can't see Him) to contemplate His awesomeness and to lovingly adore Him. When we have Eucharistic Adoration, Christ is more visible and given more public honour. As we gaze at His Sacred Body in the Host we become more conscious of His Presence, more attentive, more grateful, and deepens our love for the Eucharist. (Fr. Stephen Wang)

The present time is the time for confession. Confess what you have done, whether by thoughts, or by words or by actions. If you are holding anything against anyone, forget it, let it go. You have come here to receive forgiveness of sins, so you must first forgive whoever has sinned against you. (St. Cyril)
Adoration: Friday morning 8:00am. Yarra Junction Thursday 6:00pm (first Thursday Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

Stewardship Corner

"He instructed them to take nothing for the journey but a walking stick – no food, no sack, no money in their belts." Mark 6:8

Imagine taking nothing but a stick when you go on a trip. The Apostles must have really trusted in God's providential care. Think of all the material things "we can't live without" in today's world. We make our life's journey more difficult because of all the material baggage that we drag along. Putting God first in everything and putting our money and possessions second gives us freedom because we don't become "slaves" to wanting to acquire more things.

June Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$5143.04
Total Expenditure: \$6746.90

Stewardship Envelopes

Have you picked up your envelopes for the next 6 months? These are available in the narthex.

Solemnity of the Assumption—Thursday 15 August

The Assumption is a holy day of obligation which means everyone is required to attend Mass on this day. The schedule of Masses for both parishes:

Wednesday, 14 Aug at Warburton, 6:00p

Thursday, 15 Aug at Mount Evelyn, 9:00a (Whole School)

Thursday, 15 Aug at Yarra Junction, 11:35a (Whole School)

Thursday, 15 Aug at Mount Evelyn, 6:00p

Supporting the Parish

As Collections (other than Special Collections) are no longer taken up during Mass there are a number of ways to contribute to the financial viability of the Parish:

- Cash donations 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
- To donate via envelopes notify the office.

Safeguarding Update

The safety of children and vulnerable people is everyone's responsibility. Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community. Updated policies have been produced by the Archdiocese and links to these are available on the Parish website. A reminder that anyone volunteering in the Parish needs a current Working With Children Check (WWCC); whether you are reading, playing the organ, singing as part of the choir, doing the flowers, cleaning the church, serving morning teas etc. this is a requirement. It is expected that you read and sign the Code Of Conduct. It is suggested that you visit the website to read this or hard copies will be available in the Sacristy. A single Declaration signature page will also be available. Completing the online training is also a requirement and should be completed over the next month or two if you have not already done so. Janine is available to assist on a Thursday if you would like to make an appointment. Both the signing of the Code of Conduct and completion of online training should be done every 3 years. **Remember children and young people should be accompanied by an adult family member to the toilet.** For more information visit the Safeguarding page on the parish website.

Something to bring a smile...

After Mass one Sunday morning the parish priest noticed a young boy staring at a plaque on the wall inside the church. The plaque included names and flags.

"Father," asked the boy. "What's all this about?"

The priest replied, "It's a memorial to all the local men and women who died in the service."

They stood in silence for a minute. The boy with a concerned look on his face then said, "Did they die at the eight thirty or the ten o'clock Mass?"

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Readings Reflection

[The Church's Mission](#)

In commissioning the Apostles in today's Gospel, Jesus gives them, and us, a preview of His Church's mission after the Resurrection.

His instructions to the Twelve echo those of God to the twelve tribes of Israel on the eve of their exodus from Egypt. The Israelites likewise were sent out with no bread and only one set of clothes, wearing sandals and carrying a staff (see Exodus 12:11; Deuteronomy 8:2-4). Like the Israelites, the Apostles are to rely solely on the providence of God and His grace.

Perhaps, also, Mark wants us to see the Apostles' mission, the mission of the Church, as that of leading a new exodus—delivering people from their exile from God and bringing them to the promised land, the kingdom of heaven.

Like Amos in today's First Reading, the Apostles are not "professionals" who earn their bread by prophesying. Like Amos, they are simply men (see Acts 14:15) summoned from their ordinary jobs and sent by God to be shepherds of their brothers and sisters.

Again this week, we hear the theme of rejection: Amos experiences it, and Jesus warns the Apostles that some will not welcome or listen to them. The Church is called not necessarily to be successful but only to be faithful to God's command.

With authority and power given to her by Jesus, the Church proclaims God's peace and salvation to those who believe in Him, as we sing in today's Psalm.

This word of truth, this Gospel of salvation, is addressed to each of us, personally, as Paul proclaims in today's Epistle. In the mystery of God's will, we have been chosen from before the foundation of the world—to be His sons and daughters, to live for the praise of His glory.

Let us, then, give thanks for the Church today, and for the spiritual blessings He has bestowed upon us. Let us resolve to further the Church's mission—to help others hear the call to repentance and welcome Christ into their lives.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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How the Church Represents Christ

Just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. (1 Cor 12:12)

You are the body of Christ and individually members of it. (1 Cor 12:27)

The Church represents Christ not only as the credible exponent of his life and teachings but also as a sign of his living presence, as his instrument, and as his permanent presence among his people. “Where there is Christ Jesus, there is the Catholic Church” (St. Ignatius of Antioch). It is this singular presence that makes the Church truly catholic, or “universal.”

Christ is present among us in many ways, but he is present in a visible way in his Church. The Church is dependent upon Christ as she received her doctrines and worship from Christ himself, “the fullness of the means of salvation” (Decree On Ecumenism, UR 3). She confesses him in her faith, speaks about him in her teachings, celebrates him in her liturgy, imitates him in her moral law, calls upon him in prayer, desires his consolation, seeks his will, and loves him with a pure spousal love.

Because of that dependency, the Church is rightly described as a sign of Christ. As the Fathers of the Church taught, the Church permanently revolves around Christ as the moon revolves around the earth. Moreover, the Church, as his Mystical Body, represents Christ because she does not speak about him as an historical figure of the past but as a Person who is alive with us today. The Church is thus the instrument that Christ founded on earth to make his saving action present to the world through her apostolic mission of preaching and the sacramental life. As St. Augustine wrote:

Divine virtue and power are not manifested to our eyes in the life of Christ. That we have not seen. But we do see these in present things, in his Church that lives now. The first disciples that saw Jesus did not see the Church. They saw the head and believed in the Body. For our part, what do we see? The Church. What is it that we don’t see that they saw? We don’t see Jesus in his human shape. Therefore, as they, seeing the head, believed in the Body, so we, seeing the Body, should believe in the head.

From the Didache Bible

748 “Christ is the light of humanity; and it is, accordingly, the heart-felt desire of this sacred Council, being gathered together in the Holy Spirit, that, by proclaiming his Gospel to every creature, it may bring to all men that light of Christ which shines out visibly from the Church” (*Lumen Gentium*, 1). These words open the Second Vatican Council’s Dogmatic Constitution on the Church. By choosing this starting point, the Council demonstrates that the article of faith about the Church depends entirely on the articles concerning Christ Jesus. The Church has no other light than Christ’s; according to a favorite image of the Church Fathers, the Church is like the moon, all its light reflected from the sun.

751 The word “Church” (Latin *ecclesia*, from the Greek *ek-kalein*, to “call out of”) means a convocation or an assembly. It designates the assemblies of the people, usually for a religious purpose. *Ekklesia* is used frequently in the Greek Old Testament for the assembly of the Chosen People before God, above all for their assembly on Mount Sinai where Israel received the Law and was established by God as his holy people. By calling itself “Church,” the first community of Christian believers recognized itself as heir to that assembly. In the Church, God is “calling together” his people from all the ends of the earth. The equivalent Greek term *Kyriake*, from which the English word Church and the German Kirche are derived, means “what belongs to the Lord.”

760 Christians of the first centuries said, “The world was created for the sake of the Church.” God created the world for the sake of communion with his divine life, a communion brought about by the “convocation” of men in Christ, and this “convocation” is the Church. The Church is the goal of all things, and God permitted such painful upheavals as the angels’ fall and man’s sin only as occasions and means for displaying all the power of his arm and the whole measure of the love he wanted to give the world:

Just as God’s will is creation and is called “the world,” so his intention is the salvation of men, and it is called “the Church.” (Clement of Alexandria)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church