

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year B)

28 April 2024

Readings

Next Week

Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48

Ps 97:1-4

1 Jn 4:11-16

Jn 15:9-17

in a nutshell

Remain in me. The branches of a vine will bear fruit only if they are attached to the vine. It is from the vine that they draw the life-giving nourishment they need. Likewise, we must stay attached to Jesus if we are to receive the life of God and produce the fruits of the Spirit in our world: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. (Gal 5:22)

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

BBQ after 10:30am Mass next Week!

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and shall have their fill. They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him. May their hearts live for ever and ever! (R.)

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him. They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust. (R.)

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn: 'These things the Lord has done.' (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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 Saturday

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

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, 30 April

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

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH



Parish Notices

New Tap and Go Terminals

The terminals are up and running! Thank you for your patience and to Andrew Zmegac for the work on solving the connection issues. A reminder that collections are no longer taken up during Mass. Place donations in the labelled boxes in the narthex either before or after Mass. Donations can also be made through the website using the QR code on this page.

Parish Sausage Sizzle—May 5

The first Parish BBQ is on next Sunday after the 10:30 Mass. As always we thank SVDP group for their contributions for these events. Please stay and mingle with fellow parishioners.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Frequently, only silence can express my prayer. When I am before the Monstrance, I can say only one thing to Our Lord: "My God, you know that I love you", and I feel my prayer does not tire Jesus. (St. Therese of Lisieux)
When I converted to Catholicism, of course I knew Confession would be a part of my life, but I didn't anticipate how indispensable it would become. There is just no feeling on earth like knowing my sin is completely death with—once and for all on the Cross, and every time I examine my conscience and submit to Christ's reconciling grace. The seasoned Catholics that I know do it as often as they can. I want to be like them. (Andrew Petiprin)
Adoration: Friday morning 8:00am. Yarra Junction Thursday 6:00pm (first Thursday Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

Stewardship Corner

"Children, let us love not in word or speech but in deed and truth." -1 JOHN 3:18

Regarding our Catholic faith, do you "walk the talk?" Do your actions reflect what it means to be a good disciple? Are you an active participant at Sunday Mass? Are you joyful when participating in parish ministry? Do you give gratefully and generously with your financial support to your parish and other Church needs? If not, it's not too late to start!

Stewardship Envelopes

Please note envelopes for either Parish can be placed in the collection and will find their way to the correct account.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal—Next Weekend

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential. The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope which are available this weekend to return next weekend, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Volunteer to Vacuum Church

If you are able to volunteer some of your time to vacuum the church once a month please speak to Anne van Tilburg or send her an email at annevan.tilburg@gmail.com

Regular Gardening/Working Bees

Please note the working bees will now be held on Saturday mornings 8:00-10:00am. Thank you to the parishioners who turn up to assist with the maintenance of the grounds around the church. **Next—Saturday May 4**

Project Compassion

Counting of donations has been completed with \$545.35 collected across both parishes. Any outstanding money can be sent directly to Project Compassion.

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World Mission May Rosary Prayers

As the month of May approaches, we would like to invite your parish to join us in online prayer to mark the traditional time for Marian devotions. Catholic Mission will host the recitation of the Rosary every day (from Monday to Friday) in May, and we invite our friends, supporters and collaborators from around the country to join in. During this virtual Rosary, we will reflect on the mysteries of the Rosary and offer our intentions for peace, healing and blessings for our parishes and the world. This online gathering is open to everyone in the parish community. For more information see noticeboard or visit the parish website.

Are You Being Called to Serve?

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. An Information Session about the Permanent Diaconate will be held on **4 May 2024 Saturday**, 10:00 -11.45 am at the Catholic Theological College (CTC), 278 Victorian Parade, East Melbourne.

For more information: The Vocations website for the Archdiocese is available. The links below (copy, then paste) are a source of additional information.

Contact: Office of the Permanent Diaconate (Phone) 03 9412 3357 (Email) diaconate@cam.org.au

Something to Bring a Smile!

The taxation office was auditing the pizza shop owner, a very devout Catholic. The investigator wanted to know how the man could justify adding deductions for trips to Rome, Fatima, Lourdes and the Holy Land in a single year.

With a shrug, he said, "We deliver."

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Readings Reflection

[On the Vine](#)

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us that He is the true vine that God intended Israel to be—the source of divine life and wisdom for the nations (see Sirach 24:17–24).

In Baptism, each of us was joined to Him by the Holy Spirit. As a branch grows from a tree, our souls are to draw life from Him, nourished by His word and the Eucharist.

Paul in today's First Reading seeks to be grafted onto the visible expression of Christ the true vine—His Church. Once the chief persecutor of the Church, Paul encounters initial resistance and suspicion. But he is known by his fruits, by his powerful witness to the Lord working in his life (see Matthew 7:16–20).

We too are commanded today to bear good fruits as His disciples so that our lives give glory to God. Like Paul's life, our lives must bear witness to His goodness.

Jesus cautions us, however, that if we're bearing fruit, we can expect that God will "prune" us—as a gardener trims and cuts back a plant so that it will grow stronger and bear even more fruit. He is teaching us today how to look at our sufferings and trials with the eyes of faith. We need to see our struggles as pruning, by which we are being disciplined and trained so that we can grow in holiness and bear fruits of righteousness (see Hebrews 12:4–11).

We need to always remain rooted in Him, as today's Epistle tells us. We remain in Him by keeping His commandment of love, by pondering His words, letting them dwell richly in us (see Colossians 3:16), and by always seeking to do what pleases Him. In everything we must be guided by humility, remembering that apart from Him we can do nothing.

As we sing in today's Psalm, we must fulfill our vows, turning to the Lord in worship, proclaiming his praises, until all families come to know His justice in their lives.

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

Those in Whom the Spirit Dwells are Divinized

What is justification?

It is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. (Rom 2:13)

We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by men and hating one another; but when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:3-7)

Now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from law, although the law and the prophets bear witness to it, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction; since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as an expiation by his blood, to be received by faith. (Rom 3:21-25)

Justification means the forgiveness of our sins, sanctification, and interior renewal through faith and the state of being on the path to eternal life — in other words, being in the state of grace.

Under the Old Law the People of God remained in God's favour as long as they kept the Law of Moses. Under the New Law of Love instituted by Christ, the Commandments are enriched and perfected; they are now understood not as the sole benchmark of righteousness but as the indispensable expression and response of true faith. Christ is the "end" of the Law; we are made righteous, or justified, by faith in Christ, who gives us grace through the Holy Spirit.

Justification cleanses us from sin and puts us in right order with God, i.e., in the state of grace. We are reconciled and no longer slaves to sin. We are justified first of all in Baptism and remain justified as long as we freely cooperate with God's grace. We do this by keeping the moral law and the laws of the Church. It requires continual interior conversion. Justification is lost by mortal sin but can be restored through the Sacrament of Penance.

From the Didache Bible

1987 The grace of the Holy Spirit has the power to justify us, that is, to cleanse us from our sins and to communicate to us "the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ" and through Baptism.

1988 Through the power of the Holy Spirit we take part in Christ's Passion by dying to sin, and in his Resurrection by being born to a new life; we are members of his Body which is the Church, branches grafted onto the vine which is himself:

[God] gave himself to us through his Spirit. By the participation of the Spirit, we become communicants in the divine nature.... For this reason, those in whom the Spirit dwells are divinized. (St. Athanasius)

1989 The first work of the grace of the Holy Spirit is conversion, effecting justification in accordance with Jesus' proclamation at the beginning of the Gospel: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Moved by grace, man turns toward God and away from sin, thus accepting forgiveness and righteousness from on high. "Justification is not only the remission of sins, but also the sanctification and renewal of the interior man." (Council of Trent (1547))

1990 Justification detaches man from sin which contradicts the love of God, and purifies his heart of sin. Justification follows upon God's merciful initiative of offering forgiveness. It reconciles man with God. It frees from the enslavement to sin, and it heals.

1991 Justification is at the same time the acceptance of God's righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ. Righteousness (or "justice") here means the rectitude of divine love. With justification, faith, hope, and charity are poured into our hearts, and obedience to the divine will is granted us.

1992 Justification has been merited for us by the Passion of Christ who offered himself on the cross as a living victim, holy and pleasing to God, and whose blood has become the instrument of atonement for the sins of all men. Justification is conferred in Baptism, the sacrament of faith. It conforms us to the righteousness of God, who makes us inwardly just by the power of his mercy. Its purpose is the glory of God and of Christ, and the gift of eternal life.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church