

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

23 February 2025

readings

Next Week

8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7
Ps 91:2-3, 13-16
1 Cor 15: 54-58
Lk 6: 39-45

in a nutshell

Love your enemies. The words of Jesus we hear in today's Gospel are very challenging: 'love your enemies, do good to those who persecute you, freely part with your possessions and money, do not judge, forgive.' In brief, we are asked to imitate the unconditional compassion and love of God. The challenge is great but so is the reward. The more we give to others, the more richly we are blessed.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially, John Laan, Harry & Dorothy Heering, Jim & Pat Henshaw, Fr Pat Purcell
For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

General Parish Meeting
February 25 at 7:00pm
At the school hall

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love. My heart will rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

Psalm Response

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,
all my being, bless his holy name.
My soul, give thanks to the Lord
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

It is he who forgives all your guilt,
who heals every one of your ills,
who redeems your life from the grave,
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

The Lord is compassion and love,
slow to anger and rich in mercy.
He does not treat us according to our sins
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

As far as the east is from the west
so far does he remove our sins.
As a father has compassion on his sons,
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I give you a new commandment; love one another as I have loved you.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Christ, the Son of the living God, who is coming into this world.

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—6:30 pm (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

Tuesday—5:10pm-5:40pm

Friday—8:10am-8:40am

Exposition

Tuesday 5:00pm

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.

Safeguarding Committee

Fr Michel
Janine Meades
Alan Somers
Sue Van der Linden
Karla Zmegac

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH



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 John Bird 0407 848 192

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.

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, April 1

Finance Committee 7:00pm

Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm

Parish Council 8:00pm

Parish Notices

Parish BBQ—This Sunday

All parishioners are invited to attend the first Parish BBQ for 2025 which will be held on Sunday 23 February after 10:30 Mass. Mark it in your diary.

Ash Wednesday Masses— 5th March

Mount Evelyn, 11:35am (Whole School Mass) & 7:30pm

Yarra Junction, 9:00am (Whole School Mass), Warburton, 6:00pm

General Parish Meeting—February 25 at 7:00pm

All parishioners are encouraged to attend the meeting this Tuesday. This will be held in the school hall.

Parish Stewardship Program

In two weeks, we will commence our Offertory Giving Program in our parish community, which will run over a four-week period. Giving generously is a way to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christian worshippers. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

Stewardship Corner

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." - LUKE 6:35

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

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

Adoration of the Eucharist

Every act of reverence, every genuflection that you make before the Blessed Sacrament, is an act of faith in Christ, an act of love for Christ. May God preserve you in this faith- this holy Catholic faith- this faith in the Blessed Sacrament. (St. John Paul II)

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.

Adoration, spend time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Tuesday at 5:00pm & Friday mornings 8:00am. Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 6:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

Mass Thursday 27 February—Change of Time

Mass will begin at 8:00am as Fr Michel has a Clergy Workshop to attend.

Free Lenten Series – The Seven Last Words

The St. Paul Centre (Dr. Scott Hahn) is offering a free Lenten Video Series. This Lent, gather at the foot of the Cross as we contemplate Christ's greatest sermon: His "Seven Last Words." What to expect: Weekly 30-minute video reflections led by Scott Hahn; Contemplative musical accompaniment by Floriani; Practical tips from St. Paul Centre theologians. To register, go to <https://stpaulcenter.com/> and just enter your email. A great way to keep focused during the weeks of Lent.

Lenten Discussion Group –Interested?

Anyone interested in coming together on Wednesday evenings during Lent to work through the above mentioned program please add your name and contact details to the sign up sheet. This will go ahead if there is enough interest.

Stations of the Cross During Lent—6:00pm Fridays

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.

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.

The Parish Prayer Group is expanding to Mondays!

You may be aware that the parish has had a Prayer Group meeting on Fridays at 2pm for some time now. Beginning on Monday, 3 February 2025, the Prayer Group will also meet on Mondays at 9:15am. For more information please call Maria at 0409 793 001 or just come on in and discover peace in the presence of our Lord in the Eucharist!

Something to make you Smile!

A concerned senior citizen phoned her doctor. "Is it true," she wanted to know, "that the medication you prescribed has to be taken for the rest of my life?" "Yes, I'm afraid so," the doctor replied. There was a moment of silence before the woman replied: "I'm wondering, then, just how serious is my condition because this prescription is marked 'NO REPEATS'".

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Readings Reflection

[Davids and Sauls](#)

The story of David and Saul in today's First Reading functions almost like a parable. Showing mercy to his deadly foe, David gives a concrete example of what Jesus expects to become a way of life for His disciples.

The new law Jesus gives in today's Gospel would have us all become "Davids"—loving our enemies, doing good to those who would harm us, extending a line of credit to those who won't ever repay us.

The Old Law required only that the Israelites love their fellow countrymen (see Leviticus 19:18). The new law Jesus brings makes us kin to every man and woman (see also Luke 10:29–36). His kingdom isn't one of tribe or nationality. It's a family. As followers of Jesus, we're to live as He lived among us—as "children of the Most High" (see Luke 6:35; 1:35).

As sons and daughters, we want to walk in the ways of our heavenly Father, to "be merciful, just as your Father is merciful." Grateful for His mercy, we're called to forgive others their trespasses because God has forgiven ours.

In the context of today's liturgy, we're all "Sauls"—by our sinfulness and pride we make ourselves enemies of God. But we've been spared a death we surely deserved to die because God has loved and shown mercy to His enemies, "the ungrateful and the wicked," as Jesus says.

Jesus showed us this love in His Passion, forgiving His enemies as they stripped Him of cloak and tunic, cursed Him and struck Him on the cheek, condemned Him to death on a cross (see Luke 22:63–65; 23:34). "He redeems your life from destruction," David reminds us in today's Psalm.

That's the promise, too, of today's Epistle: that we who believe in the "last Adam," Jesus, will rise from the dead in His image, as today we bear the image of the "first Adam," who by his sin made God an enemy and brought death into the world (see 1 Corinthians 15:21–22).

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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Diary Dates

AGM - 25th February 7pm

(In the school hall)

Stewardship Program

Starts - 8/9th March