

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

16 June 2024

Readings

Next Week

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Job 38:1, 8-11

Ps 106:23-26, 28-31

2 Cor 5:14-17

Mk 4:35-41

in a nutshell

The Laws of Growth. We would love to be able to plant a seed today and have a magnificent tree tomorrow. But that is not possible. It will take many years for the tree to grow to its full height. Likewise, the Church is constantly growing toward maturity. The Church is nourished in its growth by the Eucharist and the Word of God. The Church is like a growing tree, already bearing fruit and giving comfort, but always open to further growth.

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: Chris De Vincentiis and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Santo Licciardi

of special note

Special collection for the Propagation of the Faith this weekend.

More Information Inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you; be my help. Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The seed is the word of God, Christ is the sower; all who come to him will live for ever. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life.

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: 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.

Next: 6 July & 20 July

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, June 18

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

Parish Notices

Funeral Mass on Monday at 10:30am

A Requiem Mass for Chris De Vincetiis will be celebrated at St Mary's on Monday 17 June at 10:30 a.m.

The Blessing of St Anthony's Bread

As has become a custom at St Mary's, we will have the Blessing of St Anthony's Bread at the 10:30 Mass. Parishioners are then welcome to take some home.

The actual name of "St. Anthony's Bread" came from a French woman named Louise Bouffier in 1890, who promised loaves of bread for the poor when St. Anthony helped her with opening the broken lock of her small linen shop. After his help, her shop was the basis of St. Anthony's Bread.

Catholic Mission Appeal 2024—This Weekend

This week, you're invited to partner with the Church in Mongolia to help deliver essential services to people who need it most. Lack of access and social stigma mean that some of the most vulnerable people are not getting the support they require. The House of Mercy will provide a haven for many people, including those affected by homelessness and domestic violence. Without your partnership, people in need will go without the assistance they require. During World Mission Sunday, we are called to "Invite others to the banquet", and we invite you to share the warmth of God's love with our brothers and sisters who need it most in Mongolia. You can support this work by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also assist many other Church programs around the world.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration: Let us kneel down before Him in adoring awe, where we see His beauty, His sweetness, his goodness and His nearness. When we think we know Him we shall not know the half, and when we speak of Him we will stammer as children do, and when our hearts are hot with love of Him, they will be cold in comparison to His great love for us. (Fr. Frederick William Faber)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: There are people who go through their entire lives and they have never encountered the reality of God's love, that He gave to us through the Cross. It's an incredible gift to be able to make going to Confession a regular habit. (Fr. Mike Schmitz)

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

Stewardship Corner

"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil." - 2 Corinthians 5:10

We are all accountable for all of the gifts God has given us – our time, our talent and our treasure; everything we have and everything we are. Each of us is accountable not only for our own life but for the lives of others as well. One day God will ask each of us what did we do with the gifts we were given. How will you respond?

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 can be posted in the labelled boxes in the narthex
- Tap and Go terminals
- Via the QR code on this page
- Direct Debit BSB 083347 **Church:** 648531736, **Presbytery:** 649237379
- To donate via the Stewardship Program notify the office.

Stewardship Envelopes

Envelopes for the next 6 months are available in the narthex for collection.

Pro-Life News

This year, make a bold stand for life by participating in the Baby Booties Campaign (run by the ACL). Every year, hundreds of babies are born alive during failed abortions in Australia, only to be denied basic medical care and left to die.... Knit, Crochet or Buy Baby Booties to Help Us Create a Powerful National Visual Protest. Whether you knit tiny booties yourself or purchase them, each one represents a precious life lost and becomes a powerful symbol honouring their humanity. You can POST BOOTIES NOW to Australian Christian Lobby, GPO Box 1424, Canberra, ACT 2601. <https://www.acl.org.au/baby-booties-2024/>

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Something to bring a smile...

In the words of Pope Francis, "A sense of humour is a grace that I ask for every day, and I pray that beautiful prayer of St Thomas More: 'Give me, Lord, a sense of humour,' that I know how to laugh at a joke ... it's beautiful, that prayer, isn't it? Because a sense of humour lifts you up, makes you see the temporariness of life and take things with a spirit of a redeemed soul. It is a human attitude, but it is the closest to God's grace." So with the pope's message in mind this week's joke goes like this ...

A television reporter at a local TV station was sent on assignment to interview a ninety-year-old woman who had just been married for the fourth time. The journalist began the interview with questions about her new husband. "So, what does your new husband do?" "He's a funeral director?" she replied. The reporter then asked if she wouldn't mind talking about her previous husbands and what they did for a living. She paused, then said with a smile that her first husband was a banker. After he died, she wed a circus ringmaster. Widowed again, she married a man who later became a deacon in her parish. Finally, after outliving him, she tied the knot with the funeral director. The journalist was staggered that she had married men with such diverse careers. "Not at all," she told him. "I married one for the money, two for the show, three to get ready, and four to go."

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Readings Reflection

[Tree of Righteousness](#)

In the cryptic message of the prophet Ezekiel, long centuries before the Lord's coming, God gave His people reason to hope. Ezekiel glimpsed a day when the Lord God would place a tree on a mountain in Israel, a tree that would "put forth branches and bear fruit." Who could have predicted that the tree would be a cross on the hill of Calvary, and that the fruit would be salvation?

Ezekiel foresees salvation coming to "birds of every kind"—thus, not just to the people of Israel, but also to the Gentiles, who will "take wing" through their new life in Christ. God indeed will "lift high the lowly tree," as He solemnly promises.

Such salvation surpasses humanity's most ambitious dreams. And so we express our gratitude in the Psalm: "Lord, it is good to give thanks to you." It is indeed good, and better still to give thanks with praise. The Psalmist speaks of those who are just upon the earth, but looks to God as the source and measure of justice, of righteousness. Like Ezekiel, he evokes the image of a flourishing tree to describe the lives of the just. The image, again, suggests the Cross as the measure of righteousness.

The Cross is a sign of contradiction to those who would rather "flourish" in worldly terms. As St. Paul emphasizes to the Corinthians, we need courage. Our faith makes us strong, and it is proved in our deeds. He reminds us that we will be judged by the ways our faith manifests itself in works: "so that each may receive recompense, according to what he did in the body, whether good or evil."

God Himself will empower the works He expects from us, though we freely choose to correspond to His grace. In the prophetic oracles, He scattered the seed that sprang up and became the mustard tree, large enough to accommodate all the birds of the sky, just as Ezekiel had seen. He gave this doctrine to His disciples in terms they were able to understand, and He provided a full explanation. In the sacraments He provides still more: the grace of faith and the courage we need to live in the world as children of God.

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What can we say the kingdom of God is like?

What do we mean by the “Kingdom of God”?

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.” (Mk 1:14-15)

The Kingdom of God refers not only to Heaven but also to the era of peace, joy, and justice ushered in by Christ and carried on as a “work in progress” by the members of his faithful, the Church. In a very real way, the Kingdom of God is the Church herself.

The proclamation of the Kingdom of God was the central theme of Christ’s teaching. Through parables, he gave his disciples images of various aspects of the kingdom and how his followers were to live in it. His teaching makes it clear the kingdom he established is not an earthly kingdom but rather an intimate communion between God and his people. “In the word, in the works, and in the presence of Christ, this kingdom was clearly open to the view of men” (Lumen Gentium 5). This intimate communion is realised through Baptism and membership in his body, the Church.

When describing how his kingdom would affect the world, Christ stressed that his faithful must act as a leaven in the world, transforming it and sanctifying it from within as a tiny amount of yeast leavens a large measure of flour. Like a mustard seed, the Church began small but grew to be the largest of trees, spreading throughout the entire world. Christ established the kingdom, but it will never be completely fulfilled here on earth. Thus, it remains our sacred obligation to help build the Kingdom of God in our world.

The Church continues the mission of Christ by calling people to repentance and proclaiming the kingdom’s existence. Just as Christ’s divinity was veiled under his humanity while on earth, the Kingdom of God stands veiled under the appearance of a merely human institution, the Church. Only by faith are the faithful able to see the divine nature of the Church, which will be veiled until the glory of Christ is made manifest to the entire world at the end of time.

In the Lord’s Prayer, “thy kingdom come” makes two requests of Christ: to assist us in building the Kingdom of God on earth and hastening his Second Coming at the end of time.

From the Didache Bible

541 “Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying: ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe in the gospel.’ ” “To carry out the will of the Father Christ inaugurated the kingdom of heaven on earth.” Now the Father’s will is “to raise up men to share in his own divine life.” He does this by gathering men around his Son Jesus Christ. This gathering is the Church, “on earth the seed and beginning of that kingdom.”

542 Christ stands at the heart of this gathering of men into the “family of God.” By his word, through signs that manifest the reign of God, and by sending out his disciples, Jesus calls all people to come together around him. But above all in the great Paschal mystery—his death on the cross and his Resurrection—he would accomplish the coming of his kingdom. “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” Into this union with Christ all men are called.

543 Everyone is called to enter the kingdom. First announced to the children of Israel, this messianic kingdom is intended to accept men of all nations. To enter it, one must first accept Jesus’ word...

545 Jesus invites sinners to the table of the kingdom: “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” He invites them to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father’s boundless mercy for them and the vast “joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.” The supreme proof of his love will be the sacrifice of his own life “for the forgiveness of sins.”

546 Jesus’ invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of parables, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough; deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word? What use has he made of the talents he has received? Jesus and the presence of the kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of the parables. One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to “know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven.” For those who stay “outside,” everything remains enigmatic.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church