

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

25 August 2024

Readings

Next Week

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 4:1-2, 6-8

Ps 14: 2-5

James 1:17-18, 21-22, 27

Mk 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

in a nutshell

The Holy One of God. It was very difficult for the Jewish people to accept Jesus' teaching that they must eat his own flesh and drink his blood if they are to have life. The Twelve accepted his teaching, not because they understood it but because they believed in him. Having seen his signs they believed that he was the Holy One Of God. May Christ heal our unbelief that we too may accept his saving words even when we do not understand them fully.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Helen O'Kane, Harry & Dorothy Heering, Jim & Pat Henshaw
For those who have died recently, and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Archbishop's Campaign collection this week.

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me; save the servant who trusts in you, my God. Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

Psalm Response

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
(R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord, and I will raise him
up on the last day.

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.
September 7 & 21

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, October 22

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

Parish Notices

Proposed Mass Time Change

Rather than have a morning Mass on a Tuesday, Fr Michel is proposing a 6:00pm one. Father is interested in hearing any feedback regarding this change so please speak to him after Mass.

Social Justice Sunday - August 25

Every year, in time for Social Justice Sunday the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference seek to make a substantive comment on a key social issue with the release of the Social Justice Statement. Entitled, "Truth and Peace: A Gospel Word in a Violent World", this year the focus is on the promotion of peace and the need for truth in public life. The statement examines rising tensions around the world, the nature of truth, the spread of misinformation and disinformation, the arms race, domestic cohesion, the need for dialogue and education for peace. A copy of the 2024 statement and other resources can be found [here](https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/07/25/social-justice-statement-2024-25/). <https://socialjustice.catholic.org.au/2024/07/25/social-justice-statement-2024-25/>

Annunziata Festa 22 September—Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for setting up, during, and clean up. If anyone can help at one or more of these times contact Andrew Zmegac on 0427887329 or via email zmegacandrew@gmail.com

Donations for the hampers to be raffled are also being sought. If you would like to contribute please place items in the box provided.

The Archbishop's Campaign—Collection This Weekend

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign (Link on parish website) or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude." (St. Angela of Foligno)

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

Stewardship Corner

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." Joshua 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we become a disciple in the work of the Lord. A disciple is a person who spends time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports their local parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, our words and actions should reflect the Gospel message to others.

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
- Direct Debit BSB 083347 **Church:** 648531736, **Presbytery:** 649237379

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.

Pro-Life News

Babies Born Alive Update

A sad day unfolded in parliament on 20th of August when the Born-Alive Protection Bill failed with 18 votes for and 32 against. How did they vote? See here (includes Ralph Babet's impassioned plea): <https://dailydeclaration.org.au/2024/08/21/majority-of-senate-vote-to-deny-medical-care-to-dying-babies-born-alive-after-a-failed-abortion/>

40 Days For Life: World Day against Abortion, Saturday 7th September, 10.30am (9am for Low Mass) at St. Philip's Catholic Church Hall, 60 Junction Road, Blackburn North. Hear from Mark Sutherland who has published a book about his grandfather's legal battle with Marie Stopes in the UK. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CUGWI>

Pro-Life group

The aim is to raise awareness, join together to save babies and the vulnerable, and provide information and resources. If you have any ideas for actions or are interested in being part of the group, please contact James Nolet or Andrew Zmegac.

Something to bring a smile...

Emma hadn't been to church for a few weeks because of poor health so the local parish priest decided to visit her. The eighty-five-year-old heard the knock on the door and Father Pete announced his presence. She opened the door and invited him into the lounge room.

"How have you been going, Emma?" Fr Pete asked.

"I haven't been too good of late. I had quite an extensive root canal two weeks ago and the dentist is trying to save the last of the few teeth I have left."

The phone soon rang and Emma excused herself to take the call in another room. Father Pete picked up a copy of a magazine and started flicking through the pages. After ten minutes he was getting bored and noticed a bowl of peanuts nearby, so he reached over and started to eat them, one-by-one. After five minutes the bowl was empty.

Just then Emma returned and said, "I am so sorry. That was my sister in Darwin. She only calls once a month and I don't like to be too abrupt. She loves to chat. In fact, I can hardly get a word in."

"That's quite alright," said Fr Pete. "But I must apologise. While you were gone, I ate all the peanuts in your bowl."

Emma replied, "That's okay Father. Since the root canal, I can only manage to suck the chocolate off the peanuts."

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Readings Reflection

[A Choice to Make](#)

This Sunday's Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist.

The Twelve Apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood or return to their former ways of life.

Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today's First Reading.

Joshua gathers them at Shechem—where God first appeared to their father Abraham promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see [Genesis 12:1–9](#)). And he issues a blunt challenge: either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us.

It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed Himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world.

As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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The Eucharist is the flesh of our Saviour

What are the benefits of receiving the Eucharist?

Jesus said to [the Jews], “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.” (Jn 6:53-56)

The Holy Eucharist, in which the faithful receive the Body and Blood of Christ, is the ultimate sign of our sharing in the divine life of Christ as well as of our status as one Body in Christ.

In the Gospel of St. John, Christ identified himself as the “bread which came down from heaven” (Jn 6:41). At the Last Supper he took the bread and the cup filled with wine and said, “This is my body....this is my blood for the covenant” (Mt 26:27-28). Each time a bishop or priest repeats these words of consecration in the Mass, the substance of the bread and wine is changed into the Body and Blood of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Because the members of the Church are one Body in Christ, we partake of the one bread, the Body of Christ, in the Eucharist, “the fount and apex of the whole Christian life” (LG11). Holy Communion is thus a rich symbol of our unity in Christ and of Christ’s presence dwelling within us.

Though every Catholic is required to receive the Eucharist at least once yearly, he or she should receive it as often as possible, even daily, as long as he or she is properly disposed.

The person who receives the Eucharist is blessed with many graces. The Eucharist...

- ⇒ Maintains and increases intimate union with Christ.
- ⇒ Reinforces the unity of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ.
- ⇒ Removes venial sins and increases charity toward God and neighbor.
- ⇒ Strengthens the recipient from grave sins.
- ⇒ Decreases temporal punishment due to sin.
- ⇒ Helps the recipient to avoid temptation and control concupiscence.

From the Didache Bible

1362 The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ’s Passover, the making present and the sacramental offering of his unique sacrifice, in the liturgy of the Church which is his Body. In all the Eucharistic Prayers we find after the words of institution a prayer called the anamnesis or memorial.

1363 In the sense of Sacred Scripture the memorial is not merely the recollection of past events but the proclamation of the mighty works wrought by God for men. In the liturgical celebration of these events, they become in a certain way present and real. This is how Israel understands its liberation from Egypt: every time Passover is celebrated, the Exodus events are made present to the memory of believers so that they may conform their lives to them.

1364 In the New Testament, the memorial takes on new meaning. When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she commemorates Christ’s Passover, and it is made present: the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present. “As often as the sacrifice of the Cross by which ‘Christ our Pasch has been sacrificed’ is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out.”

1365 Because it is the memorial of Christ’s Passover, the Eucharist is also a sacrifice. The sacrificial character of the Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution: “This is my body which is given for you” and “This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood.” In the Eucharist Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the cross, the very blood which he “poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

1366 The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross, because it is its memorial and because it applies its fruit:

[Christ], our Lord and God, was once and for all to offer himself to God the Father by his death on the altar of the cross, to accomplish there an everlasting redemption. But because his priesthood was not to end with his death, at the Last Supper “on the night when he was betrayed,” [he wanted] to leave to his beloved spouse the Church a visible sacrifice (as the nature of man demands) by which the bloody sacrifice which he was to accomplish once for all on the cross would be re-presented, its memory perpetuated until the end of the world, and its salutary power be applied to the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit. (Council of Trent)

1367 The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: “The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different.” “And since in this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and offered in an unbloody manner ... this sacrifice is truly propitiatory.” (Council of Trent)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church