

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

31 August 2025

readings

Next Week

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 9:13-18
Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17
Philemon 9-10, 12-17
Lk 14: 25-33

in a nutshell

Taking the Lower Place. In today's Gospel Jesus offers some wise advice on table etiquette. For Luke, the story has implications for the relationship of the rich to the poor who gather for the Eucharistic banquet. Only if the members are treated with equal dignity can it truly be called the Lord's Supper. Parishes prosper when all are treated equally regardless of how much each can put in the collection plate.

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

First Class Relic of 'soon to be canonised' Blessed Carlo Acutis at Lilydale and Healesville

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Psalm Response

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

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—5:00pm

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

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,
the QR code



Do you need a Helping Hand?

Ring the St Vinnies Call Centre 1800 305 330
Monday - Friday 10am to 3pm 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 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.

Tuesday September 9

Parish Safeguarding Meeting 7:00pm

Parish Meetings: Tuesday 14 October

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

Parish Notices

Office Closed this week

As Janine is on a week's leave this week, the office will be unattended.

The Archbishop's Campaign August 17—31st

This is a final reminder to complete your pledges to the 2025 Archbishop's Campaign and play your part in supporting the vital ministries that serve all in our faith community in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. The campaign calls on all the faithful to support our seminary, our retired priests, and important care and evangelisation ministries of the Archdiocese. More details about the campaign and how to make a gift are in the brochures in the pews and foyer today. I know that times are challenging but encourage you to consider giving generously to the extent you are able.

Donations, including envelopes, can be put in the Leaving Collection for the next two weekends. (Baskets in the narthex)

Annunziata Festa—Sunday 5 October

Beginning with 10:30am Mass followed by processional statue. Join us afterwards at the school hall for great food, music, huge jumping castle, raffles, auction and a wonderful social & fun afternoon together.

The Annunziata committee need volunteers to help make the event successful for our parish & visitors. Please call Andrew Zmegac 0427887329. We also invite gifts/donations for raffle prizes; these can be left at the church foyer in the marked Annunziata box. We hope to enjoy the afternoon with you.

Adoration of the Eucharist

The prefect emeritus of the Dicastery for Divine Worship and the Discipline of the Sacraments, Cardinal Robert Sarah, preached that: Our first task is to adore and glorify God.....There are sacred places, places set apart for God, chosen by God — These places must not be profaned by any activity other than prayer, silence and liturgy.

Your baptised soul is a sacred place — do not profane it by giving it over to disordered passions and to the spirit of the world.....It is time for you to go to confession: confess the sins you have committed in word or in deed, by night and by day; confess now, in this favourable time, and on the day of salvation receive the heavenly treasure.

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

Stewardship Corner

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."
LUKE 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

Relic of Blessed Carlo Acutis

The Lilydale and Healesville Parishes will be hosting in September the First Class Relic of 'soon to be canonised' Blessed Carlo Acutis and the Exhibition of Eucharistic Miracles that he documented. Information on noticeboard in Narthex.

Sacramental Program 2026

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 1st March after 10:30 Mass for First Communions and Tuesday 3rd March at 5pm for Confirmation.

Get on the BUS OF LIFE! – Saturday, 11th October

The annual March For The Babies in the Melbourne CBD (marchforthebabies.com) is approaching. A bus for travelling to and from the event will be available.

Pickup: 10.30 am from St Patrick's Lilydale

Pitstop: 11.00 am at Shell/Hungry Jacks on the corner of Maroondah Hwy and Mt Dandenong Rd in Ringwood

Destination: Melbourne (Treasury Gardens) – bus stop at the corner of Lansdowne Street and Wellington Parade

March begins: 1 pm from Treasury Gardens

Destination Departure Time: Everyone must be back at the bus stop at 4.00 pm for the return journey

Book your seat - contact James (0407 406 384, jnolet@iinet.net.au), or use the form in the narthex.

Donations: to James, or to St Patrick's Church Account, BSB 083 347 Account 63931 6508, reference: BUS

Church Cleaning—Volunteers Needed

Presently we have a small group of volunteers working to keep our church clean. Often this means cleaning happens once a month. If you can give some of your time so the cleaning could happen more often call the office on a Thursday. Perhaps get together with a group of friends.

Parish Prayer Group

Monday at 9:15 am and Fridays at 9:45 a.m. For more information please call Maria at 0409 793 001 or just come and discover peace in the presence of our Lord in the Eucharist!

Jubilee Year—Pilgrims of Hope

The theme of this Jubilee is Pilgrims of Hope. If you are unable to travel to Rome during the Jubilee Year, you are invited on a local journey of reconciliation and renewal by participating in the 2025 Jubilee at one or more of the many Pilgrim Places across the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, where plenary indulgences may be obtained as part of this very special time. Pilgrim Places across the Archdiocese of Melbourne will offer extended hours, additional Masses, Reconciliation, and Adoration. Pilgrims will receive a commemorative postcard, monthly reflections, and a Pilgrim Passport (available for a small donation) to be stamped at each location. Local Pilgrim Places will welcome visitors from February 2025 to 6 January 2026. Besides the Cathedral as a Pilgrim Place, Sacred Heart Church, Croydon is the closest to us. A not too distant pilgrimage location, which offers various experiences for pilgrims this Jubilee Year, including Masses, Reconciliation and adoration. Visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pilgrim-place-sacred-heart-croydon> for more information about Sacred Heart Croydon.

Readings Reflection

[To Go up Higher](#)

We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today's First Reading, and the message of today's Gospel.

Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all (see Luke 22:24–27).

This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages—filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud (see Luke 1:52–53).

We again call to mind the Exodus in today's Psalm—how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a “Father of orphans.”

We now have also gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table (see Luke 6:7; 15:21). We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood (see 1 Corinthians 6:19–20).

The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favor with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous.

We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist, today's Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God. It is the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher (see Proverbs 25:6–7).

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Jesus...was obedient to them

What can we learn from the “Hidden Life” of Christ?

[Jesus] went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man. (Lk 2:51-52)

On the sabbath [Jesus] began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard him were astonished, saying...”Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary?” (Mk 6:2-3)

Christ’s earthly life between his infancy and the age of thirty were spent in virtual anonymity, leaving an example for us of how we can sanctify our everyday lives.

The Gospels speak eloquently of many things that Christ said and did during his public ministry, but even his years of obscurity—his so-called “hidden years,” of which the gospels are virtually silent—speak volumes for us. Aside from the story of his being found in the Temple at the age of twelve after having gone missing from his family, the years between his infancy and his public ministry, a span of nearly thirty years, remains shrouded in mystery except for this: he remains obedient to his parents and he “grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man” (Lk 2:51-52). But in this obedience he was already preparing for and beginning his mission to redeem humanity from sin.

In his Hidden Life, Christ provides a model for our own everyday lives as faithful Christians. In his youth, he was obedient to his parents, an obedience and submission that would culminate in his submission to the will of the Father on the Cross, which atoned for our own disobedience. In all things he sought and acquired wisdom and maintained communion with the Father while serving as a model for his fellow men and women.

The Hidden Life of Christ suggests that he lived in humility, attending to his family and professional duties as he worked his trade as a carpenter while also giving proper time and attention to a life of prayer and contemplation. In like manner, we are called to carry on the responsibilities of our lives, mindful always of our duty and opportunity to sanctify our family and our daily activities humbly and faithfully.

From the Didache Bible

531 During the greater part of his life Jesus shared the condition of the vast majority of human beings: a daily life spent without evident greatness, a life of manual labour. His religious life was that of a Jew obedient to the law of God, a life in the community. From this whole period it is revealed to us that Jesus was “obedient” to his parents and that he “increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man.”

532 Jesus’ obedience to his mother and legal father fulfils the fourth commandment perfectly and was the temporal image of his filial obedience to his Father in heaven. The everyday obedience of Jesus to Joseph and Mary both announced and anticipated the obedience of Holy Thursday: “Not my will....” The obedience of Christ in the daily routine of his hidden life was already inaugurating his work of restoring what the disobedience of Adam had destroyed.

533 The hidden life at Nazareth allows everyone to enter into fellowship with Jesus by the most ordinary events of daily life:

The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus—the school of the Gospel. First, then, a lesson of silence. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us ... A lesson on family life. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character ... A lesson of work. Nazareth, home of the “Carpenter’s Son,” in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work... To conclude, I want to greet all the workers of the world, holding up to them their great pattern, their brother who is God. (Pope St Paul VI)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church