

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

22 October 2023

Readings

Next Week

Ex 22:20-26
Ps 17:2-4, 47, 51
1 Thess 1:5-10
Mt 22:34-40

in a nutshell

Serving God through civil society.
The kingdom of God is already present in our world. It is here that we practice the kingdom values of justice, honesty, love and compassion. It is here that we show our faith in action, work for love and persevere in hope. When we contribute to the well-being of civil society we are promoting the kingdom of God.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Harry & Dorothy Heering
For those who have died recently and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time

of special note

World Mission Sunday Appeal
October 21/22

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God;
turn your ear to me; hear my words.
Guard me as the apple of your eye;
in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Give the Lord glory and honour.

O sing a new song to the Lord,
sing to the Lord all the earth.
Tell among the nations his glory
and his wonders among all the peoples. (R.)

The Lord is great and worthy of praise,
to be feared above all gods;
the gods of the heathens are naught.
It was the Lord who made the heavens. (R.)

Give the Lord, you families of peoples,
give the Lord glory and power,
give the Lord the glory of his name.
Bring an offering and enter his courts. (R.)

Worship the Lord in his temple.
O earth, tremble before him.
Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'
He will judge the peoples in fairness. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Son of Man has come to give his life as a
ransom for many.

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. Please Leave 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—Friday November 3rd.

Thank you to the volunteers who turn up to assist with the maintenance of the grounds around the church. 4pm onwards

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, 14 November

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

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH



Parish Notices

Mass Collections—This Weekend

After much discussion at the Parish Council this year, it has been decided to try something different. Rather than pass the basket around, collection boxes have been purchased and will be placed at the entrance of the church. One will be for donations to the parish (Thanksgiving/stewardship) and the other will be for dedicated donations to the presbytery which contributes to the Parish Priest's living costs.

A basket collection will still be taken up for any Special Collections.

World Mission Sunday Appeal Weekend—October 21/22

This week Catholic Mission will offer the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program – The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic. The Maria Auxiliadora Clinic is a vital project for the Salesian Sisters and the Church in Venilale. Since its establishment, the clinic has provided life-saving treatment for many in need, like Jose*, who became severely malnourished at 8 months old. But, with an increase in the demand for treatment, the Sisters resources can only carry them so far. Please give generously today to help continue this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/timor, or scanning the QR code. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

*Name altered to protect identity

SVDP News

The Saint Vincent de Paul Piety Stall now has in stock the 2024 Columban Art Calendar which includes beautiful artwork, liturgical information, and feast days at \$10.00 each. We also have a stock of Christmas Cards in packs of 5 for \$3.00 each. As of This weekend St Vincent de Paul will be again selling **tomato plants** at \$3 each. There are 8 varieties: Grosse Lisse, Beef Steak, Bucci, Tiny Tom, Sweet Bite, Black Russian, San Marzano Roma and Ox Heart. To order please contact Alan on 9735 5436 or e-mail asom9346@bigpond.net.au

Upcoming Parish Sausage Sizzles

1. Sunday, October 22 after 5:00 p.m. Mass

ALL parishioners are invited to stay after the Sunday 5pm Mass and enjoy a BBQ. The school will provide the music for this Mass.

2. Sunday, November 26 after 10:30am Mass

ALL parishioners are invited to stay after Mass for a sausage sizzle afterwards. A good chance to socialise with your fellow parishioners.

Parish Sacramental Program

For Children, not attending the Parish School, wanting to receive the Sacraments, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, instructions are available through our Parish. Contact the parish office or annevan.tilburg@gmail.com Contact Anne by mid-December for 2024 enrolments

St Mary's Prayer Group

The Prayer Group meets every first Friday of the month in the church from 2-3 p.m. "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God" (St. John Damascene).

Adoration of the Eucharist

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

Venerable Fulton Sheen once wrote that the purpose of the Holy Hour — a sustained, uninterrupted hour of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament — is to encourage a deep personal encounter with Christ. Confession: It is important to receive the Sacrament of Penance regularly, in order to receive the Lord's forgiveness and to intensify our process of conversion. (Pope Benedict XV1)

Parish Car Parks

Please leave the disabled car spaces for those people who require them. At school times this is a shared car park and there are families with children attending the school who require these spaces.

Stewardship Corner

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. - Matthew 22:21

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't "owners" of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

Contributions can be made using the QR Code, via the website, by direct debit to: St Mary's Church BSB 083-347 account number 648531736 Ref **THK and your surname** or call the office and arrange with Janine to get envelopes or set up regular direct debit/credit card payments. **Just a reminder donations via the Tap and Go machine go towards the presbytery collection to support the parish priest.**

All Saints Day Party—Saturday 28 October

St Mary's Parish invites all kids to join us for our All Saints Day Party in St Mary's School Hall at 3.30pm- 4.45pm followed by 5pm Family Mass. Party games, party food and lots of Lollies! Come dressed as your favourite Saint! Prizes for best costumes! Contact Rachael: 0437123802

Advent Reflections

"With Expectant Hearts" is a new 22-day reflection resource that can be used during Advent by individuals and groups. Its main purpose is to help us to find a few minutes each day to practice what it means to sit with God and to trust God to lead us forward. Each day's reflection is inspired by a short text of scripture, and concludes with a thought or two to take away and with a prayer. There are a couple of copies to view and to purchase a copy go to <https://evangelisation-brisbane.myshopify.com/collections/adult-faith>

Morning Tea after 10.30am Sunday Mass

Stay and chat over a cuppa! Consider joining the roster to assist in serving. If you are unable to serve but would like to contribute, donations of packaged biscuits would be appreciated. Contact Rachael 0437123802
Morning tea after 9:00am Mass first Tuesday of the month.

Something to make you smile!

Two old men had been best friends for years. Now in their early 90's, one of them suddenly falls very ill. His friend comes to visit him during his final hours. They're reminiscing about their long friendship, when the dying man's friend asks, "Listen, when you pass on, do me a favour. I want to know if there's cricket in heaven." The dying man said, "We've been friends for years. Sure, it's the least I can do." He dies a few hours later. The following week the surviving friend is having a snooze when he hears his departed friend's voice. The voice announces, "I've got some good news and some bad news. First the good news. You'll be thrilled to know that there is cricket in heaven." "What's the bad news?" "The bad news is that you're opening the bowling on Wednesday."

Readings Reflection

[Caesar and the King](#)

The Lord is king over all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. Governments rise and fall by His permission, with no authority but that given from above (see John 19:11; Romans 13:1).

In effect, God says to every ruler what He tells King Cyrus in today's First Reading: "I have called you . . . though you knew me not."

The Lord raised up Cyrus to restore the Israelites from exile, and to rebuild Jerusalem (see Ezra 1:1–4). Throughout salvation history, God has used foreign rulers for the sake of His chosen people. Pharaoh's heart was hardened to reveal God's power (see Romans 9:17). Invading armies were used to punish Israel's sins (see 2 Maccabees 6:7–16).

The Roman occupation during Jesus' time was, in a similar way, a judgment on Israel's unfaithfulness. Jesus' famous words in today's Gospel: "Repay to Caesar" are a pointed reminder of this. And they call us, too, to keep our allegiances straight.

The Lord alone is our king. His kingdom is not of this world (see John 18:36) but it begins here in His Church, which tells of His glory among all peoples. Citizens of heaven (see Philippians 3:20), we are called to be a light to the world (see Matthew 5:14)—working in faith, laboring in love, and enduring in hope, as today's Epistle counsels.

We owe the government a concern for the common good and obedience to laws—unless they conflict with God's commandments as interpreted by the Church (see Acts 5:29).

But we owe God everything. The coin bears Caesar's image. But we bear God's own image (see Genesis 1:27). We owe Him our very lives—all our heart, mind, soul, and strength, offered as a living sacrifice of love (see Romans 12:1–2).

We should pray for our leaders, that like Cyrus they do God's will (see 1 Timothy 2:1–2)—until from the rising of the sun to its setting, all humanity knows that Jesus is Lord.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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Man - the only creature on earth that God has willed for its own sake

What was the condition of human beings before the Fall?

God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, "Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth." ..And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. (Gen 1:27-28, 30-31)

"Because you have [sinned],... I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing; / in pain you shall bring forth children, / yet your desire shall be for your husband, / and he shall rule over you.... [C]ursed is the ground because of you; / in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; / thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you; / and you shall eat the plants of the field. / In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread / till you return to the ground, / for out of it you were taken; / you are dust, / and to dust you shall return." (Gen 3:14, 16-19)

God created our first parents in an original "state of holiness and justice" (cf. Council of Trent [1546]: DS 1511), a state of perfect harmony in nature free of sin, pain, and death. Man, uniquely created in the very image and likeness of God, lost this original state by using the gift of free will to choose evil over good.

God created man, "the only creature on earth which God willed for itself" (GS 24), in his own image and likeness, endowed with the ability to know and love him and to choose freely between good and evil. As long as Adam and Eve remained close to God through fidelity to his will, they possessed a joyful relationship with God, with each other, and with the rest of creation. "Sacred Scripture teaches that man...is capable of knowing and loving his Creator" (GS 12). This perfect state bestowed on our first parents is called *original holiness and justice*.

This state enjoyed by Adam and Eve included a number of gifts that were lost due to Original Sin. These *preternatural gifts* included immunity from sickness, suffering, and death as well as freedom from disordered appetites and passions. Our first parents' natural inclinations were subject to the control of their minds and wills, and they enjoyed harmony and self-mastery inside their hearts. In the state of original holiness and justice, work was not a burden but rather an easy and rewarding activity. It was clearly God's intention for man and woman to find pleasure and fulfilment in every aspect of their lives; indeed, "his plan was to raise men to a participation of the divine life" (LG2).

From the Didache Bible

357 Being in the image of God the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something, but someone. He is capable of self-knowledge, of self-possession and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with other persons. And he is called by grace to a covenant with his Creator, to offer him a response of faith and love that no other creature can give in his stead.

358 God created everything for man, but man in turn was created to serve and love God and to offer all creation back to him:

What is it that is about to be created, that enjoys such honor? It is man—that great and wonderful living creature, more precious in the eyes of God than all other creatures! For him the heavens and the earth, the sea and all the rest of creation exist. God attached so much importance to his salvation that he did not spare his own Son for the sake of man. Nor does he ever cease to work, trying every possible means, until he has raised man up to himself and made him sit at his right hand. (St. John Chrysostom)

359 "In reality it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of man truly becomes clear."

St. Paul tells us that the human race takes its origin from two men: Adam and Christ.... The first man, Adam, he says, became a living soul, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. The first Adam was made by the last Adam, from whom he also received his soul, to give him life.... The second Adam stamped his image on the first Adam when he created him. That is why he took on himself the role and the name of the first Adam, in order that he might not lose what he had made in his own image. The first Adam, the last Adam: the first had a beginning, the last knows no end. The last Adam is indeed the first; as he himself says: "I am the first and the last." (St. Peter Chrysologus)

360 Because of its common origin the human race forms a unity, for "from one ancestor [God] made all nations to inhabit the whole earth":

O wondrous vision, which makes us contemplate the human race in the unity of its origin in God ... in the unity of its nature, composed equally in all men of a material body and a spiritual soul; in the unity of its immediate end and its mission in the world; in the unity of its dwelling, the earth, whose benefits all men, by right of nature, may use to sustain and develop life; in the unity of its supernatural end: God himself, to whom all ought to tend; in the unity of the means for attaining this end; ... in the unity of the redemption wrought by Christ for all. (Pius XII, encyclical, *Summi Pontificatus* 3)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church