

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

11 May 2025

readings

Next Week

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 14:21-27

Ps 144:8-13

Rev 21:1-5

Jn 13:31-35

in a nutshell

I know my sheep. The apostles faced much opposition as they proclaimed the Good News of Christ. Since then, many Christians have suffered martyrdom in great persecutions. Today's Scriptures readings make reference to such difficulties but they also offer a firm message of hope and consolation. The faithful followers of Jesus, those who listen to his voice, will have eternal life. They will never be lost forever or destroyed by evil forces. May these words console us as we strive to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, through the joys and struggles of life.

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

HABEMUS PAPAM!
WE HAVE A POPE!
POPE LEO XIV

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth; by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Psalm Response

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, alleluia.

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 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.

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, May 13

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

Parish Notices

A Prayer for Mothers

God, thank You for mothers, their love, strength and care.
Bless those with us and those we remember today.
Give them rest when they are weary, peace when they worry and joy in knowing they are loved.
May we honour them with thankful hearts. Amen.

Habemus Papam!: LEO XIV

Let us give thanks to our heavenly Father for giving us another Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, and pray that he may courageously proclaim the Gospel.

May 18th—Sausage sizzle and Bake Sale

To make our cake stall successful, we are calling on parishioners to donate something they have baked to sell at the 'Bake Sale' on Sunday. As we need to be aware of allergens please list the ingredients. Sweet or savoury welcome!

Supporting the Parish

As collections for presbytery and church are not taken up within the Mass, your envelopes/cash donations can be placed in the boxes in the foyer. Alternatively you can use the QR code opposite or the EFTPOS terminals. Thank you for your generosity in support of the parish and priest. Special Collections will be taken up by passing the basket in the mass.

May Mass Counts

Each year the parish is asked to complete mass counts for each weekend in May. This annual count taken in May is important for pastoral planning activities across the archdiocese and parish and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.

Marriage Anniversary Mass—June 1 at 11:00am

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with the Jubilee of Families. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate.

Please register for your spot by Sunday 25 May.

For any queries, please contact the Proclaim team on 9926 5761 or at proclaim@cam.org.au.

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis told us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. The generosity of our parish community means that CatholicCare Victoria can continue the mission; to create transformational personal impact and empower every individual to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Thank you for helping those in need! **Donations totalled \$445**

For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit:
www.catholiccarevic.org.au

Stewardship Corner

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (Acts 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

Adoration of the Eucharist

The Christian life needs to be nourished by attentive listening to God's word and, above all, by the cultivation of a personal relationship with the Lord in Eucharistic Adoration, the privileged place for our encounter with God. (Pope Francis)

The Sacrament of Mercy: God loves us in a way that we might call "obstinate" and enfolds us in his inexhaustible tenderness. (Pope Benedict XVI)

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. Confessions available during Adoration.

Jubilee Year—Pilgrims of Hope

On Christmas Eve 2024, Pope Francis symbolically opened the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, marking the start of the 2025 Jubilee Year. Jubilee years happen every 25 years and are times of reconciliation and renewal. 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.

Something to make you Smile!

To all the mums, Happy Mother's Day!

Why was the house so neat on Mother's Day? Because Mum spent all day Saturday cleaning it.

I asked to switch seats on a plane because I was next to a crying baby. Evidently that doesn't work if the baby is yours.

Kids make a lot of plans for people who can't drive anywhere.

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Readings Reflection

[Shepherd and the Lamb](#)

Israel's mission—to be God's instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 49:6)—is fulfilled in the Church.

By the "Word of God" that Paul and Barnabas preach in today's First Reading, a new covenant people is being born, a people who glorify the God of Israel as the Father of them all.

The Church for all generations remains faithful to the grace of God given to the Apostles, continues their saving work.

Through the Church, the peoples of every land hear the Shepherd's voice, and follow Him (see Luke 10:16).

The Good Shepherd of today's Gospel is the enthroned Lamb of today's Second Reading. In laying down His life for His flock, the Lamb brought to pass a new Passover (see 1 Corinthians 5:7), by His blood freeing "every nation, race, people and tongue" from bondage to sin and death.

The Church is the "great multitude" John sees in his vision today. God swore to Abraham his descendants would be too numerous to count. And in the Church, as John sees, this promise is fulfilled (compare Revelation 7:9; Genesis 15:5).

The Lamb rules from the throne of God, sheltering His flock, feeding their hunger with His own Body and Blood, leading them to "springs of life-giving waters" that well up to eternal life (see John 4:14).

The Lamb is the eternal Shepherd-King, the son of David foretold by the prophets. His Church is the Kingdom of all Israel that the prophets said would be restored in an everlasting covenant (see Ezekiel 34:23-31; 37:23-28).

It is not a kingdom any tribe or nation can jealously claim as theirs alone. The Shepherd's Word to Israel is addressed now to all lands, calling all to worship and bless His name in the heavenly Temple.

This is the delight of the Gentiles—that we can sing the song that once only Israel could sing, today's joyful Psalm: "He made us, His we are—His people, the flock He tends."

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Peter and the Popes

If St. Peter was the first Pope, who succeeded him Scripture says nothing about it.

“And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” (Matthew 16:18–19)

Historical sources and the tradition of the Church provide the names of all the successors of St. Peter even to the present day. The immediate successor of St. Peter was St. Linus, who may be the same person from whom St. Paul sent greetings (cf. 2 Tim 4:21). "The Roman Pontiff, as the successor of Peter, is the perpetual and visible principle and foundation of unity of both the bishops and of the faithful" (*Lumen Gentium* 23).

St. Peter spent the last years of his life in Rome, where he helped to establish the Christian community and served as its bishop, and where he was martyred about AD 67. While Scripture does not mention a successor to St. Peter, we know of the men who succeeded him as Bishop of Rome through history and tradition. The present Bishop of Rome, [Pope Leo XIV, is the 266th] successor of St. Peter, and he traces his authority directly back to St. Peter. "In virtue of his office, that is as Vicar of Christ and pastor of the whole Church, the Roman Pontiff has full, supreme and universal power over the Church. And he is always free to exercise this power" (*Lumen Gentium* 22).

The complete record of Popes is too lengthy to include here, but here is a list of the ten first and the ten most recent Popes and the years of their reigns:

The First Ten Popes:	The Ten Most Recent Popes
1. St. Peter (AD 32-67)	258. Benedict XV (1914-1922)
2. St. Linus (67-76)	259. Pius XI (1922-1939)
3. St. Anadetus (Cletus) (76-88)	260. Ven. Pius XII (1939-1958)
4. St. Clement I (88-97)	261. St. John XXIII (1958-1963)
5. St. Evaristus (97-105)	262. St. Paul VI (1963-1978)
6. St. Alexander I (105-115)	263. John Paul I (1978)
7. St. Sixtus (Xystus) I (115-125)	264. St. John Paul II (1978-2005)
8. St. Telesphorus (125-136)	265. Benedict XVI (2005-2013)
9. St. Hyginus (136-140)	266. Francis (2013 - 2025)
10. St. Pius I (140-155)	267. Leo XIV (2025—)

From the Didache Bible

880 When Christ instituted the Twelve, “he constituted [them] in the form of a college or permanent assembly, at the head of which he placed Peter, chosen from among them.” Just as “by the Lord’s institution, St. Peter and the rest of the apostles constitute a single apostolic college, so in like fashion the Roman Pontiff, Peter’s successor, and the bishops, the successors of the apostles, are related with and united to one another” (*Lumen Gentium* 22).

881 The Lord made Simon alone, whom he named Peter, the “rock” of his Church. He gave him the keys of his Church and instituted him shepherd of the whole flock. “The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of apostles united to its head” (*Lumen Gentium* 22). This pastoral office of Peter and the other apostles belongs to the Church’s very foundation and is continued by the bishops under the primacy of the Pope.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church