

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy Sunday) (Year A)

16 April 2023

readings

Next Week

Acts 2:14, 22-33
Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11
1 Pet 1:17-21
Lk 24:13-35

in a nutshell

I am sending you. When we gather for Eucharist each Sunday the risen Christ comes among us and offers us his gift of peace. Our celebration gives us joy and strengthens our faith. But we cannot stay inside the church with its doors locked. At the end of mass we are sent out, commissioned to bring the love and mercy of Christ to all who continue to bear in their bodies the wounds of crucifixion.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Dorothy Heering
For those who have died recently, especially Nicolina Di Fiore, and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

His Mercy Endures Forever!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.' (R.)

I was thrust, thrust down and falling
but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song;
he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory
in the tents of the just. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, 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—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
Karen Somers
Sue Van der Linden
Karla Zmegac

Car Parking –Weekend Masses

In the interests of safety please park in the official carparks rather than on the grassy areas around the picnic tables. Keep this area for people to gather and chat after mass.

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>

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, May 2

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

Parish Notices

Requiem Mass for Nicolina Di Fiore

The Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday 18 April at 11:00am followed by a private burial. Rosary Monday 7:30pm following an opportunity for viewing from 6:30pm.

Stewardship Corner

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" John 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbour, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

March Finance Report

Total Thanksgiving income: \$3095

Total Expenditure: \$7232.01

Wishing to contribute? Direct debit details: St Mary's Church BSB 083-347 account number 648531736 Ref **THK and your surname**.

Keeping St Mary's viable as a parish relies on the ability to meet their bills. Therefore our income needs to increase, if not already doing so consider contributing to the upkeep of the parish and formally join the stewardship program. Contact the office for further details.

Easter Raffle

Thank you to all who supported our raffle and congratulations to the winners. Hope you enjoyed your prizes! (\$309.70 raised)

Parish Easter Colouring Competition

What a lovely job everyone did. Congratulations to our winners!

Adoration of the Eucharist

St. John Henry Newman...The Blessed Sacrament is that Presence which makes a Catholic Church different from every other place in the world, which makes it, as no other place can be - holy.

Jesus to St. Faustina....Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you, I am only hidden by the priest.

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

Project Compassion—Thank You!

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2023. **If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online.** Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes/envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Regular Gardening/Working Bee—April 21

Do you have a love of gardening, working outside? The parish needs your expertise and enthusiasm to maintain our grounds. You are invited to put some time aside between 4-6pm on the first and/or third Fridays of the month at one of our regular working bees. BYO PPE, gloves, tools/equipment.

Building Community—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.

Catholic Theological College

Sign up for one of 18 short, online sessions. Engaging Your Faith – May 2023 Theology, Vatican II, Scripture, Spirituality, Science & Faith. Choose what interests you from \$25 per session. For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture

Aid to the Church in Need is launching an annual George Cardinal Pell Luncheon & Lecture with the inaugural event to take place in Melbourne CBD on Sunday 21 May. The keynote speaker will be Mr David Pell, brother of the late Cardinal. For information and to register, please visit www.trybooking.com/CGUDA.

St Patrick's Cathedral concert: Johann Vexo—Choir Organist at Notre-Dame, Paris

Taking full advantage of our impressive cathedral organ, this performance will include masterworks by Bach, Franck, Vierne, Messiaen and Duruflé. Friday 21 April 2023 6:00pm – 7:00pm

Tickets: \$30 full, \$25 concession, free for those aged 15 years and under, or simply pay by cash or card at the door. For all enquiries, email music@cam.org.au.

Something to Make You Smile

A judge was interviewing a woman regarding her pending divorce. He asked, "What are the grounds for your divorce?" She replied, "About four acres with a little home in the middle of the property." "No," said the judge. "I mean, what is the foundation of this case?" "It's made of concrete, brick, and mortar," she responded. "I mean," he continued, "What are your relations like?" "I have an aunt and uncle in town, as well as my husband's parents." He said, "Do you have a grudge?" "No," she replied. "Since we have a carport, we've never really needed one." "But has your husband ever beat you?" "Yes," she responded. "About twice a week he gets up earlier than I do." Finally, in frustration, the judge asked, "Madame, why do you want a divorce?" "I've never wanted a divorce," the woman said. "My husband does. He says he can't communicate with me."

Readings Reflection

[His Mercy Endures](#)

We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Epistle.

Today's First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God (see 1 Peter 4:17). We see them doing what we still do—devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread."

The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, He showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission: to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them.

We must walk by faith and not by sight—we must believe and love what we have not seen (see 2 Corinthians 5:7). Yet, the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on.

Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass.

Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, and receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God.

Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people (see Hosea 2:20–25).

This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (see Revelation 4:11). And in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed.

In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in today's Psalm. This is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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Divine Mercy Sunday

2:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Recitation of the Holy Rosary

3:00pm Divine Mercy Prayer—Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:30pm St Faustina's Praises of the Mercy of God

3:45pm St Faustina's Prayer for Priests

4:00pm Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

4:30pm Benediction & The Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image

5:00pm Holy Mass

Confessions from 2:45pm-4:15pm

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

The Humble Instrument

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her Diary, the Pope call her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely on St. Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully toward others. We also turn to her in prayer and request her intercession to our merciful Savior on our behalf.