

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Second Sunday of Easter (Year C)

27 April 2025

readings

Next Week

Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 5: 27-32, 40-41

Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13

Rev 5: 11-14

Jn 21: 1-19

in a nutshell

MY LORD AND MY GOD. St Thomas was a great apostle who is believed to have preached the Good News as far afield as India. Later, he was martyred for his faith. May the risen Christ come to us, as he came to Thomas and strengthen our faith. May we in turn express our faith by being ambassadors of mercy and reconciliation.

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 especially Pope Francis, and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis and for the Cardinals who will be gathering in Rome to elect the next Pope.

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

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

Psalm Response

(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.)

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.)

O Lord, grant us salvation;

O Lord grant success.

Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.

We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. (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—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

Mass for Pope Francis

A Solemn Pontifical Mass for the repose of the soul of Pope Francis will be celebrated at St Patrick's Cathedral, on Monday, 28 April 2025 at 1.00pm. All Clergy and our faithful are encouraged to attend.

Mass Collections

As no collections are taken up through the Mass, your donations can be placed in the boxes in the foyer or by using the EFTPOS terminals. Thank you for your generosity.

Upcoming Parish Events

May 18th—Sausage sizzle and cake stall

More information to follow.

Stewardship Corner

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (John 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

Adoration of the Eucharist

If evils increase, the devotion of the People of God should also increase. (St. Paul VI)

It is through the sacrament of confession that Christ offers us the privilege to bear our hearts to him, seeking his help as we strive to live a life of holiness and ultimately, eternal life with him. (Catholic 101)

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.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal

Next weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal (previously held during the month of August). As the Catholic Church's mission in action, CatholicCare Victoria delivers programs and services to support families, children, young people and individuals to help everyone reach their full potential.

The services include counselling and mental health services, specialised support for children and teens, refugee and asylum seeker help, pastoral care, support for separating families, social housing and homelessness support. Donations from our parish community help CatholicCare Victoria support the most vulnerable individuals and families in our community and empower everyone to live life to the full.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help provide caring and compassionate support for struggling individuals and families in our community.

You can donate using the appeal envelope available in our parish, donate online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9967 2515.

Envelopes available this week.

Pro-life News - Pax Orbis Academy

A new website has launched: <https://paxorbis.academy/>. This aims to present up-to-date information for the pro-life community. Visit the website and subscribe to their newsletters to keep up to date with local news and get involved.

Project Compassion THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to express our heartfelt thanks for your incredible support of Project Compassion this Lent. If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return them next week at Mass.

Your generosity is helping to empower the world's most vulnerable communities, enabling them to overcome challenges and lift themselves out of poverty.

Together, we are creating a better tomorrow, helping vulnerable communities build stronger futures for themselves and empowering them to break free from the cycle of poverty. Thank you for standing with us!

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Boxes are due by May 4th.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session 3 May 2025

Following the success of the permanent diaconate information sessions in 2024, we will be holding another session for those interested.

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to **everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate**. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. Wives most welcome.

The session will be on Saturday morning **10.00am–11.30am** on 3rd May and will be in person. If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but if you forget, then just turn up on Saturday morning. All are welcome. **Venue:** Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Something to make you Smile!

As soon as she had finished high school, Mary from Dublin shook the Irish dust off her shoes and made her way to London's West End where she lived her dream and became a successful show business performer.

Several years later she returned to her hometown for a holiday. While back in the country she thought she should go to confession as it had been some time since her last visit.

Mary went to the church she had attended as a child and entered the confessional where she recognised Father Bill's voice, the long-time parish priest. Mary explained she was an acrobatic dancer and was knocking them dead in London.

Father Bill wanted to know what Mary meant exactly so she said she would be happy to demonstrate what she did on stage. She stepped out of the confessional and with the elderly priest watching, she did a series of cartwheels, leaping splits, handsprings and backflips.

Kneeling in one of the church pews and waiting their turn were two older ladies. Watching the young girl's acrobatics with wide eyes, one said to the other, "Goodness, will you look at the penance Old Father Bill is givin' out. And me, with my bloomers on!"

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Readings Reflection

[Breath of New Life](#)

The prophet Daniel in a vision saw "One like the Son of Man" receive everlasting kingship (see Daniel 7:9–14). John is taken to heaven in today's Second Reading where he sees Daniel's prophecy fulfilled in Jesus, who appears as "One like a Son of Man."

Jesus is clad in the robe of a High Priest (see Exodus 28:4; Wisdom 18:24) and wearing the gold sash of a king (see 1 Maccabees 10:89). He has been exalted by the right hand of the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm.

His risen body, which the Apostles touch in today's Gospel, has been made a lifegiving Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 15:45).

As the Father anointed Him with the Spirit and power (see Acts 10:38), Jesus pours out that Spirit on the Apostles, sending them into the world "as the Father has sent Me." Jesus "breathes" the Spirit of His divine life into the Apostles—as God blew the "breath of life" into Adam (see Genesis 2:7), as Elijah's prayer returned "the life breath" to the dead child (see 1 Kings 17:21–23), and as the Spirit breathed new life into the slain in the valley of bones (see Ezekiel 37:9–10).

His creative breath unites the Apostles—His Church—to His body, and empowers them to breathe His life into a dying world, to make it a new creation.

In today's Gospel and First Reading, we see the Apostles fulfilling this mission with powers only God possesses—the power to forgive sins and to work "signs and wonders," a biblical expression only used to describe the mighty works of God (see Exodus 7:3; 11:10; Acts 7:36).

Thomas and the others saw "many other signs" after Jesus was raised from the dead. They saw and they believed.

They have been given His life, which continues in the Church's Word and sacraments, so that we who have not seen might inherit His blessings and "have life in His name."

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

27 April 2025

2:30pm Blessing of Divine Mercy Image, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Rosary

3:00pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Divine Mercy Chaplet

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

4:00pm Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

4:30pm Benediction

5:00pm Holy Mass

Confessions from 2:40pm-4:10pm

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.

The Divine Mercy