

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

18 August 2024

Readings

Next Week

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Josh 24:1-2, 15-18

Ps 33:2-3, 16-23

Eph 5:21-32

Jn 6:60-69

in a nutshell

Eat My Flesh and Drink My Blood. In the incarnation, 'the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.' The word continues to take flesh in the Eucharistic species and in all of us who partake in the flesh and blood of Christ in Communion: 'those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them.' Through the Eucharistic community, Christ continues to be enfleshed and to dwell in our world.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Harry & Dorothy Heering, Jim & Pat Henshaw

For those who have died recently, and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time.: Anna Maria Zmegac

of special note

Archbishop's Campaign collection this week.

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Psalm Response

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

Revere the Lord, you his saints.
They lack nothing, those who revere him.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
but those who seek the Lord lack no
blessing. (R.)

Come children, and hear me
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.
Who is he who longs for life
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)

Then keep your tongue from evil
and your lips from speaking deceit.
Turn aside from evil and do good;
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I am the living bread that came down from
heaven, says the Lord.
Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

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

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH



Car Parking –WEEKDAY Masses

Please use available car parks for Mass rather than the front of the church leaving 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: moutevelyn@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.
3 August & 17 August

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, August 20

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

Parish Notices

Annunziata Festa—Volunteers Needed

Although not the Festa of old, there will be a celebration similar to last year with Mass and the procession followed by a BBQ. This format proved very successful last year with many people coming along to enjoy the day. Volunteers are needed for setting up, during, and clean up. If anyone can help at one or more of these times contact Andrew Zmegac on 0427887329 or via email zmegacandrew@gmail.com

Donations for the hampers to be raffled are also being sought. If you would like to contribute please place items in the box provided.

The Archbishop's Campaign—Collection This Weekend & Next Weekend

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign (Link on parish website) or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

During the American National Eucharistic Congress, Bishop Oscar Solis thanked the pilgrims" for being part of this wonderful spiritual journey. The Revival Congress that recaptures our belief in the Real Presence of God; in order to regain a sense of awe, wonder and reverence in this great sacrament."

Jesus has come in order to forgive sins. This is the heart and soul, the beginning and the end of Christian revelation. How often the words and gestures of forgiveness radiate out from Jesus, and how central forgiveness is to the liturgy.

" This is the chalice of my Blood.....which will be poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins." (Bishop Robert Barron)

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

Stewardship Corner

"Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him." John 6:56

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.

Supporting the Parish

As Collections (other than Special Collections) are no longer taken up during Mass there are a number of ways to contribute to the financial viability of the Parish:

- Cash donations in the labelled boxes in the narthex
- Tap and Go terminals
- Via the QR code in the bulletin
- Direct Debit BSB 083347 **Church:** 648531736, **Presbytery:** 649237379
- To donate via envelopes notify the office.

July Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$4585.25

Total Expenditure: \$4307.31

Pro-Life News

Get on the BUS OF LIFE! – 33% of seats booked

The annual March For The Babies (marchforthebabies.com) is on Saturday the 12th of October at 1 pm in the Melbourne CBD. A bus for travelling to and from the event will be available. Toilet breaks included. To book a seat, please see the form in the narthex, or contact James (0407 406 384, jnolet@iinet.net.au).

Pro-Life group

The aim is to raise awareness, join together to save babies and the vulnerable, and provide information and resources. If you have any ideas for actions or are interested in being part of the group, please contact James Nolet or Andrew Zmegac.

Online Information Session on The Permanent Diaconate

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. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 24 September / 19:30 – 21:00 via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au. In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

Something to bring a smile...

The O'Brien's had a proud family legacy. After great-great-grandfather Paddy O'Brien had arrived in Australia in the 1860s, the generations that followed had made a good fist of their lives. The family lineage had included business and political figures and more than a handful of priests, nuns, bishops, and even a cardinal back in the day. Now in their late eighties, Fred and Emma O'Brien decided to compile a family history, a legacy for their children and grandchildren. They hired an author but realised there was an issue. How to deal with the story of great Uncle George, who had been executed for robbery and murder in the electric chair in the 1940s. The author assured the family he would handle the story with great care and as tactfully as possible. When the book was printed it read, "Great Uncle George occupied a chair of applied electronics at an important government institution and was firmly attached to his position by the strongest ties. Fondly remembered as a bright spark, his sudden and untimely death at the age of thirty-two came as a great shock."

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Readings Reflection

[Wisdom's Feast](#)

The Wisdom of God has prepared a feast, we hear in today's First Reading.

We must become like children (see Matthew 18:3–4) to hear and accept this invitation. For in every Eucharist, it is the folly of the Cross that is represented and renewed.

To the world, it is foolishness to believe that the crucified Jesus rose from the dead. And for many, as for the crowds in today's Gospel, it is foolishness—maybe even madness—to believe that Jesus can give us His Flesh to eat.

Yet Jesus repeats himself with gathering intensity in the Gospel today. Notice the repetition of the words "eat" and "drink," and "my Flesh" and "my Blood." To heighten the unbelievable realism of what Jesus asks us to believe, John in these verses uses not the ordinary Greek word for eating but a cruder term, once reserved to describe the "munching" of feeding animals.

The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom (see 1 Corinthians 1:18–25). In His foolish love, He chooses to save those who believe that His Flesh is true food, His Blood, true drink.

Fear of the Lord, the desire to live by His will, is the beginning of true wisdom, Paul says in today's Epistle (see Proverbs 9:10). And as we sing in today's Psalm, those who fear Him shall not want for any good thing.

Again today in the liturgy, we are called to renew our faith in the Eucharist, to forsake the foolishness of believing only what we can see with our eyes.

We approach, then, not only an altar prepared with bread and wine, but the feast of Wisdom, the banquet of heaven—in which God our Savior renews His everlasting covenant and promises to destroy death forever (see Isaiah 25:6–9).

Let us make the most of our days, as Paul says, always, in the Eucharist, giving thanks to God for everything in the name of Jesus, the bread come down from heaven.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
stpaulcenter.com

He Who Eats My Flesh and Drinks My Blood Has Eternal Life

How is Christ truly present in the Eucharist?

[Jesus said:] 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'... Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life....For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. (Jn 35, 53-55)

[Jesus] took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (Lk 22.19)

The Church teaches that Jesus Christ is truly, really, and substantially present—in his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in the Eucharist. The bread and wine consecrated by the bishop or priest in the Liturgy of the Eucharist become the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Church has always recognised Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. Christ's words in instituting this Sacrament at the Last Supper were unequivocal: "This is my body....This is my blood" (Lk 22:19f). In the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained*" (Council of Trent [1551]). St. Paul condemns the unworthy reception of the Eucharist as a profanation of the very Body and Blood of Christ (cf. 1 Cor 11:27ff). Already in the fourth century St. Cyril of Jerusalem exhorted, "Do not see in the bread and wine merely natural elements, because the Lord has expressly said that they are his Body and his Blood: faith assures you of this, though your senses suggest otherwise."

This change in the Eucharistic species in which the substance of the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ is called *transubstantiation*. It occurs at the consecration during the Mass, when the bishop or priest pronounces the *words of consecration* over the bread and wine as Christ commanded.

In the Eucharist Christ remains truly and totally present under the appearances of bread and wine. He offers his Body and Blood to us in Holy Communion to be nourished by his divine life. The Eucharist is, therefore, not merely a symbol of Christ's present but also the active presence of Christ himself, who gives himself to us unconditionally so our lives might be united to his intimately. The Eucharist is "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend" (St. Thomas Aquinas).

From the Didache Bible

1322 The holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.

1323 "At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.' "

1324 The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."

1325 "The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit."

1326 Finally, by the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all.

1327 In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: "*Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking.*" (St. Irenaeus)

2177 The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. "Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church."

2179 "A parish is a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a particular church; the pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd under the authority of the diocesan bishop."¹¹⁵ It is the place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The parish initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life: it gathers them together in this celebration; it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love:

You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests. (St. John Chrysostom)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church