

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

1 October 2023

Readings

Next Week

Is 5:1-7
Ps 79:9, 12-16, 19-20
Phil 4:6-9
Mt 21:33-43

in a nutshell

Personal responsibility. We cannot spend all of our lives blaming others for what has happened to us. At a certain stage we must accept responsibility for our own lives and deeds. Sometimes we need to admit, 'I have done wrong. I am sorry. God, help me to do right in future.' change is always possible. If we have the desire, God will guide us in the right path.

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

The annual March4TheBabies is on Saturday October 7 in the Melbourne CBD.

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord,
you have done with true judgement,
for we have sinned against you
and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name
and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Remember your mercies, O Lord.

Lord, make me know your ways.
Lord, teach me your paths.
Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:
for you are God my saviour. (R.)

Remember your mercy, Lord,
and the love you have shown from of old.
Do not remember the sins of my youth.
In your love remember me,
because of your goodness, O Lord. (R.)

The Lord is good and upright.
He shows the path to those who stray,
he guides the humble in the right path;
he teaches his way to the poor. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord,
by which you have given me hope.
This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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: mountevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese
visit:
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Regular Gardening/Working Bee—Friday
October 6

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

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, 10 October

Finance Committee 7:00pm

Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm

Parish Council 8:00pm

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH



Parish Notices

Fr Michel's Holiday

Fr Michel will be taking a break in the weeks beginning 25 September and 2 October therefore all midweek services will be cancelled. Weekend masses will be as usual with Fr Michel celebrating.

Summer Timetable

A reminder that the Saturday vigil will be at 5:00pm from October 7.

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 meet 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

Since the Son of God became man for us and has devised a marvellous way to remain with us in the Eucharist in the substantial presence of His humanity, it follows that adoration of and intimate encounter with Christ in the Blessed Sacrament is not an afterthought, but rather an essential aspect of the Eucharist. How could the Church not fittingly adore the presence of Christ, who makes Himself present with much generosity in every tabernacle and monstrance? (Dr. Lawrence Feingold) Each one must confess his sin so that God's forgiveness, already granted on the cross, may have an effect in his heart and in his life. (Pope Benedict XVI)
Adoration: Friday morning 8:00am. Yarra Junction Thursday 6:00pm (first Thursday Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

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.

World Mission Sunday Appeal Weekend—October 21/22

In three weeks' time, Catholic Mission will share an opportunity for you to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Timor-Leste as they continue to provide an essential community project that addresses the gaps in care and well-being in rural communities like Venilale. This work simply will not be possible without your support. We hope you will accept this invitation to make a real and lasting impact for those in need. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/timor

Pro-Life News — March4TheBabies

The annual March4TheBabies (marchforthebabies.com) is on Saturday October 7 in the Melbourne CBD.

A bus for travelling to and from the event might be available, depending on interest. To express your interest, please see the form in the foyer, or contact James at jnolet@iinet.net.au

Stewardship Corner

“Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves...” Philippians 2:3

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.

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.**

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.

Marriage Anniversary Mass, St Patrick's Cathedral

Sunday 22 October, 2023 11:00am – 12:00pm

Couples and families are invited to join us as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate. Register by Sunday 15 October at trybooking.com/CLKRB. For all enquiries, please contact Proclaim on 9926 5721 or email proclaim@cam.org.au.

Something to make you smile!

In honour of the grand finals this weekend, some sobering sports jokes.

Attending a twenty-year school reunion, a man caught up with his old football coach. Walking through the gym, they found a plaque on a wall listing the man as the record holder for the longest kick.

Noticing his surprise, the coach said, “You should be proud. That record will stand forever.”

About to make some modest disclaimer that records exist to be broken, the man was interrupted by his former coach who added, “We stopped holding that event years ago.”

A newly wed was sprawled on the living-room couch watching her favourite cooking show when her husband walked in.

“Why do you watch those food shows?” he asked. “You don't even cook.”

Glaring back at him, she said, “Then why do you watch football?”

Readings Reflection

[The Humble Path](#)

Echoing the complaint heard in last week's readings, today's First Reading again presents protests that God isn't fair. Why does He punish with death one who begins in virtue but falls into iniquity, while granting life to the wicked one who turns from sin?

This is the question that Jesus takes up in the parable in today's Gospel.

The first son represents the most heinous sinners of Jesus' day—tax collectors and prostitutes—who by their sin at first refused to serve in the Lord's vineyard, the kingdom. At the preaching of John the Baptist, they repented and did what was right and just. The second son represents Israel's leaders—who said they would serve God in the vineyard, but refused to believe John when he told them they must produce good fruits as evidence of their repentance (see Matthew 3:8).

Once again, this week's readings invite us to ponder the unfathomable ways of God's justice and mercy. He teaches His ways only to the humble, as we sing in today's Psalm. And in the Epistle today, Paul presents Jesus as the model of that humility by which we come to know life's true path.

Paul sings a beautiful hymn to the Incarnation. Unlike Adam, the first man, who in his pride grasped at being God, the New Adam, Jesus, humbled himself to become a slave, obedient even unto death on the cross (see Romans 5:14). In this He has shown sinners—each one of us—the way back to the Father. We can only come to God to serve in His vineyard, the Church, by having that same attitude as Christ.

This is what Israel's leaders lacked. In their vainglory, they presumed their superiority—that they had no further need to hear God's Word or listen to God's servants.

But this is the way to death, as God tells Ezekiel today. We are always to be emptying ourselves, seeking forgiveness for our sins and frailties, confessing on bended knee that He is Lord, to the glory of the Father.

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

He shall come to judge the living and the dead

What happens when we die?

Just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him (Heb 9:27-28).

At the moment of death, the immortal soul separates from the mortal body, and every person undergoes the Particular Judgment in which Christ immediately judges the person for the choices and actions he or she made in life and whether or not he or she has died in God's grace and friendship. As St. John of the Cross wrote, "At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love". Based on that judgment, the soul immediately enters the state of Heaven, Hell, or Purgatory.

The souls of those who have responded to God's gift of salvation, die in a state of grace, and have been perfectly purified — either in this life or in Purgatory — will enter Heaven, the state of eternal happiness in which a person shares in the life and love of the Blessed Trinity. In communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the angels and saints, the soul enjoys a state of perfect happiness, and in the Kingdom of God, the saints will reign with Christ forever. In Heaven, the blessed will receive the Beatific Vision: they see God face to face and contemplate him in the fullness of glory.

The souls of those who have responded to God's gift of salvation, die in a state of grace, but need the remission of the temporal punishment due to sin that results from an unhealthy attachment to created goods, the soul must be purified before entering Heaven. This purification after death is called Purgatory. By purifying us of all imperfections before we can enter his presence in Heaven, God shows not only his justice but also his great love and mercy.

Just as the blessed will enjoy eternal love and joy, those who have rejected God will suffer eternal hatred and unhappiness in Hell. All souls in Hell suffer the loss of eternal communion with God and punishment for sins committed on earth. This state of separation from God is eternal, and there can be no repentance.

The General Judgment at the time of the Second Coming of Christ will not change the result of the Particular Judgment. At that time, our mortal bodies will rise and be reunited with our souls. The bodies of those saved will be in glorified form.

From the Didache Bible

1033 We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against him, against our neighbor or against ourselves: "He who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are his brethren. To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him for ever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell."

1035 The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, "eternal fire." The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs

1037 God predestines no one to go to hell; for this, a willful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary, and persistence in it until the end. In the Eucharistic liturgy and in the daily prayers of her faithful, the Church implores the mercy of God, who does not want "any to perish, but all to come to repentance" (2 Pet 3:9):

Father, accept this offering
from your whole family.
Grant us your peace in this life,
save us from final damnation,
and count us among those you have chosen.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church