

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

4 August 2024

Readings

Next Week

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kg 19:4-8

Ps 33:2-9

Eph 4:30—5:2

Jn 6:41-51

in a nutshell

The Bread of Life. The manna the Israelites discovered in the wilderness satisfied their hunger. More importantly, it was a sign that God was with them in their time of trial. Likewise the multiplication of the loaves and fishes was not intended to simply satisfy the hunger of the crowds but to be a sign to them of the presence of God in Jesus. In the symbolic actions of the Eucharistic celebration we also recognise the presence of Christ, the Bread of Life, among us.

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.

of special note

Solemnity of the Assumption, a Holy Day of Obligation, Mass schedule for both parishes.

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!
You are my rescuer, my help;
O Lord, do not delay.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
we will tell to the next generation:
the glories of the Lord and his might. (R.)

He commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven. (R.)

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food.
He brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand had won.
(R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
No one lives on bread alone,
but on every word that comes from the mouth
of God.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I am the bread of life, says the Lord;
whoever comes to me will not hunger
and whoever believes in me will not thirst.

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

Principal: Angela Glennie

Website:

smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au

58 Clegg Rd, Mount Evelyn VIC 3796

Tel: (03) 9736 2850

Website: melbcatholic.org/s/mountevelyn

Email: mountevelyn@cam.org.au

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

N.B. Janine will be out of the office next week on a week of annual leave.

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Thank You to all parishioners who so generously donated to our winter appeal which has raised \$1000.40 to date across both parishes.

We also thank all who have donated non perishable food which we use to give a hand up to people in need in our area. Donations are always welcomed.

Solemnity of the Assumption—Thursday 15 August

The Assumption is a holy day of obligation which means everyone is required to attend Mass on this day. The schedule of Masses for both parishes:

Wednesday, 14 Aug at Warburton, 6:00pm

Thursday, 15 Aug at Mount Evelyn, 9:00am (Whole School)

Thursday, 15 Aug at Yarra Junction, 11:35am (Whole School)

Thursday, 15 Aug at Mount Evelyn, 6:00pm

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 raffled are also being sought. If you would like to contribute please place items in the box provided in the foyer.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

A non-Catholic friend described the Eucharist as a pretty good symbol of Jesus. Flannery O'Connor, an American novelist, retorted "If it's just a symbol, to hell with it." Later Flannery O'Connor commented, "That was all the defence that I was capable of but I realise now that this is all I will ever be able to say about it, except that the Eucharist is the centre of existence for me; all the rest of life is expendable."

Were there no forgiveness of sins in the Church, there would be no hope of life to come or eternal liberation. Let us thank God who has given his Church such a gift. (St. Augustine)

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

Stewardship Corner

"Each day the people are to go out and gather their daily portion; thus will I test them, to see whether they follow my instructions or not." Exodus 16:4
When the Israelites gathered more than their daily portion of manna, the surplus became wormy and rotten. In the same way today, self-reliance, pride and ego leads to hoarding and excessive surplus of goods and money. Living a stewardship lifestyle helps us discern our "wants" from our "needs". Living a grateful and generous lifestyle reminds us that God will provide all that we need and that we have plenty to share.

July Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$4585.25

Total Expenditure: \$4307.31

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.

National Vocations Awareness Week : 4 —11 August

Vocations come from families, communities and parishes. Strong families and communities are the place where vocations are first nurtured. In this National Vocations Awareness Week, let us pray for all families in our parish, and for those preparing for marriage. Let us also pray that our parish community may always be welcoming and encouraging of vocations to marriage, priesthood and consecrated life.

Archbishops Campaign—August 17/18

For some time, concerns have been expressed about the large number of Special Sunday collections undertaken by parishes each year for various key Catholic agencies. Following extensive analysis and stakeholder engagement, it has been decided to replace multiple collections with a single annual campaign. Called the Archbishop's Campaign, it will be held once a year with the money raised to help fund a range of key Catholic agencies and worthwhile causes and activities traditionally supported by the Archdiocese. More information to follow.

Pro-Life News - Get on the BUS OF LIFE!

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. To book a seat, please see the form in the narthex, or contact James on 0407 406 384 (text or phone call).

It has been suggested to start a Pro-Life group in the Parish if there is enough interest. Watch this space for more information.

Something to bring a smile...

After being away on a two-week business trip, Tim thought it would be good to buy his wife of fifteen years a present, so he went to a local gift shop. He asked the woman at the counter for some assistance. "How about some perfume?" he asked the woman. She showed him a bottle costing \$60. "No, that's a bit much," he said. The woman then said, "We do have this smaller bottle for \$40." "Nah! That's still a fair bit," said Tim. The girl showed him a much smaller \$15 bottle, but he shook his head. He said that was also too much. "What I mean is," he added, "I'd like to see something really cheap." The woman handed him a mirror.

sourced from www.majellan.media

Readings Reflection

[Endurance Test](#)

The journey of discipleship is a lifelong exodus from the slavery of sin and death to the holiness of truth on Mount Zion, the promised land of eternal life.

The road can get rough. And when it does, we can be tempted to complain like the Israelites in this week's First Reading.

We have to see these times of hardship as a test of what is in our hearts, a call to trust God more and to purify the motives for our faith (Deuteronomy 8:2–3).

As Paul reminds us in this week's Epistle, we must leave behind our old self-deceptions and desires and live according to the likeness of God in which we are made.

Jesus tells the crowd in this week's Gospel that they are following Him for the wrong reasons. They seek Him because He filled their bellies. The Israelites, too, were content to follow God so long as there was plenty of food.

Food is the most obvious of signs—because it is the most basic of our human needs. We need our daily bread to live. But we cannot live by this bread alone. We need the bread of eternal life that preserves those who believe in Him (Wisdom 16:20, 26).

The manna in the wilderness, like the bread Jesus multiplied for the crowd, was a sign of God's Providence—that we should trust that He will provide.

These signs pointed to their fulfillment in the Eucharist, the abundant bread of angels we sing about in this week's Psalm.

This is the food that God longs to give us. This is the bread we should be seeking. But too often we don't ask for this bread. Instead we seek the perishable stuff of our everyday wants and anxieties. In our weakness we think these things are what we really need.

We have to trust God more. If we seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, all these things will be ours as well (Matthew 6:33).

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

Preparing to receive Holy Communion

How can we best prepare to receive Holy Communion?

Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself. (1 Cor 11:27-29)

Jesus answered [the Jews], "I am the living bread which came down from heaven; if any one eats of this bread, he will live for ever; and the bread which I shall give for the life of the world is my flesh." (Jn 6:51)

In order to receive the Body and Blood of Christ in Holy Communion and to avail ourselves of its graces, we should make sure we are properly disposed and free of mortal sin.

Christ invites us urgently to receive his Body and Blood in the Sacrament of the Eucharist in Holy Communion. As with all of the Sacraments, grace is given by virtue of the celebration of the Sacrament, but our acceptance and ability to benefit from that sacramental grace is dependent upon our disposition. Our acceptance of Christ's invitation requires that we come properly prepared, with the proper interior disposition and in a state of grace. St. Paul exhorted the faithful of Corinth to perform an examination of conscience before they presented themselves to receive the Eucharist lest they commit the sin of sacrilege by receiving unworthily (cf. 1 Cor 11:27-29).

Recognizing our unworthiness to receive the Body and Blood of Christ is an essential step in our preparation. The liturgy of the Church has us echo the words of the centurion (cf. Lk 7.6) in a prayer before Communion, "Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof." In keeping with the solemnity of this great Sacrament, we should prepare with the period of fasting required by the Church and approach the altar with reverent and respectful posture, gestures, and attire.

Above all, we must not be aware of any mortal sin on our souls. Mortal sin constitutes a breach in our relationship with God and the Church and thereby obliges us to refrain from receiving the Eucharist, the Sacrament of unity. If we have committed a mortal sin, we must receive the Sacrament of Penance before presenting ourselves to receive Holy Communion.

From the Didache Bible

1391 *Holy Communion augments our union with Christ.* The principal fruit of receiving the Eucharist in Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ Jesus. Indeed, the Lord said: "He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him." Life in Christ has its foundation in the Eucharistic banquet: "As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so he who eats me will live because of me."

1393 *Holy Communion separates us from sin.* The body of Christ we receive in Holy Communion is "given up for us," and the blood we drink "shed for the many for the forgiveness of sins." For this reason the Eucharist cannot unite us to Christ without at the same time cleansing us from past sins and preserving us from future sins.

1394 As bodily nourishment restores lost strength, so the Eucharist strengthens our charity, which tends to be weakened in daily life; and this living charity *wipes away venial sins*.²³¹ By giving himself to us Christ revives our love and enables us to break our disordered attachments to creatures and root ourselves in him.

1396 *The unity of the Mystical Body: the Eucharist makes the Church.* Those who receive the Eucharist are united more closely to Christ. Through it Christ unites them to all the faithful in one body—the Church. Communion renews, strengthens, and deepens this incorporation into the Church, already achieved by Baptism. In Baptism we have been called to form but one body. The Eucharist fulfills this call: "The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread:"

If you are the body and members of Christ, then it is your sacrament that is placed on the table of the Lord; it is your sacrament that you receive. To that which you are you respond "Amen" ("yes, it is true!") and by responding to it you assent to it. For you hear the words, "the Body of Christ" and respond "Amen." Be then a member of the Body of Christ that your Amen may be true. St Augustine

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church