

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

28 September 2024

Readings

Next Week

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gen 2:18-24

Ps 127

Heb 2:9-11

Mk 10:2-16

in a nutshell

Open to the Spirit's Workings! The Spirit of God is present and active in the world. Wherever we see God good we know that God's Spirit is at work. The Spirit works in surprising ways. It is sometimes through the least important member of a community that the Spirit speaks. May bigotry and prejudice never blind us to the workings of God in our Church and 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.

of special note

Parish census will take place in October.

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.

Psalm Response

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.
The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.
The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping.
But who can detect all his errors?
From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.
Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.
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

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.
September 21

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, October 22

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

Parish Notices

Parish Census—October

Over the first three weeks of October, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available during Mass from next week, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you.

Mass Time Change, Tuesday Mass moves to 6pm effective 1 October.

There will be Adoration with exposition at 5pm. This Holy Hour will be in honour of the Most Holy Face of Jesus. During the 1840's in Tours, France, a Carmelite nun, Sr. Marie of St. Peter, received a series of revelations from Our Lord about a powerful devotion He wished to be established worldwide — the devotion to His Holy Face. This devotion is a devotion to Our Lord in reparation for the many blasphemies and outrages He endures and for the triumph of the Catholic Church over her enemies. Shrove Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday) is the historic feast of the Holy Face of Jesus. More information on the back cover.

Annunziata Festa 22 September

An article written regarding the Festa appeared in Melbourne Catholic on the Archdiocese website. A link to the article can be accessed via the parish website.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Eucharist is reserved in churches to serve as the spiritual centre of a parish community, indeed of the whole Church and the whole of mankind. Since the Eucharist contains, beneath the veil of the species, Christ, the invisible Head of the Church, the Redeemer of the world, the centre of all hearts, by whom all things are and by whom we exist. (Pope St. Paul VI) Jesus goes into Galilee and begins to preach. His first words, as Mark reports them, serve as a sort of summary statement of his life and work.... "The time has come" he said, "and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent and believe the Good News" (Mark 1:15)

In the Sacrament of Reconciliation we encounter the same Jesus Christ, who wants us to experience his immense and unfathomable mercy by confessing our sins and receiving his forgiveness.

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

Stewardship Corner

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." Mark 9:41

We are made in God's image and likeness. We tend to forget this. When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them? When others look at you, do they see the face of Jesus in you? When we realize that all lives matter to God, then gratitude and generosity become easier. Why? Because that's the way we are made! We are one Body of Christ; when one of us is hurting, all of us feel the pain.

Supporting the Parish

There are a number of 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
- Via the QR code in the bulletin
- Direct Debit BSB 083347 **Church:** 648531736, **Presbytery:** 649237379

Summer Timetable—Vigil Mass Time Change

Just a reminder that Daylight Saving starts at 2:00am on Sunday 6th October therefore vigil mass times change to the 'summer' timetable on Saturday October 12th.

World Mission Sunday Appeal

In Mongolia, vulnerable people requiring social services often face stigma for using them. Those in need are often impacted by domestic violence or homelessness. Unfortunately, support services are limited in number and the demand for them is growing. **This means some of our brothers and sisters in Mongolia are going without the help they need.** This month, we invite you to support the Church in Mongolia on their journey to provide more support for vulnerable people in need. Your kindness will ensure that more of our brothers and sisters can receive the assistance they need to get back on their feet.

Sacramental Program 2025

For Children, not attending the Parish School, wanting to receive the Sacraments, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, instructions are available through our Parish. Contact Anne at annevan.tilburg@gmail.com Lessons will begin Sunday 2nd March after 10:30 Mass for First Communions and Tuesday 4th of March at 5pm for Confirmation.

Get on the BUS OF LIFE! – DETAILS BELOW

Pickup: 10.30 am from St Patrick's Lilydale
Pitstop: 11.00 am at Shell/Hungry Jacks on the corner of Maroondah Hwy and Mt Dandenong Rd in Ringwood
Destination: Melbourne (Treasury Gardens) – bus stop at the corner of Lansdowne Street and Wellington Parade
March begins: 1 pm from Treasury Gardens
Destination Departure Time: Everyone must be back at the bus stop at 4.30 pm for the return journey
Contact James (0407 406 384, jnolet@iinet.net.au)

Marriage Anniversary Mass Saturday 20 October 2024, 11am

St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne Couples and their 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. Please register by Sunday 13 October. For any queries please contact us 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

Something to bring a smile...

Nearing the end of a long job interview, the Human Resources Officer asks a young engineer fresh out of university, "And what starting salary are you looking for?" The engineer replies, "What about \$140,000 a year, depending on the benefits package." The interviewer replies, "Well, what would you say to a package of five weeks annual leave, 14 paid holidays, full medical and dental, company matching retirement fund to 50% of salary, and a company car leased every two years, say, a Volvo?" Delighted, the engineer sits up straight and says, "Wow! Are you kidding?" The interviewer replies, "Yeah, but you started it."

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Readings Reflection

[To Belong to Christ](#)

Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today's First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the Apostles.

Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it wills (see [John 3:8](#)), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God in every nation under heaven (see [Acts 2:5, 38](#)).

God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But, really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve (see [Mark 3:14–15; 6:7, 13](#)).

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today's Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church.

But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples (see [Ephesians 1:4](#)).

Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal—causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this Sunday's Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure while neglecting our neighbours?

We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today's Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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The Holy Face of Jesus: Always Relevant, Especially Now

[More information on the devotion to the Holy Face can be found at TheHolyFace.com]

What effect does contemplating the Holy Face have? A devout Franciscan brother presents it well. “Who could ever go through such a torturous passion with so much evil intent, and end up with such a countenance so full of compassion and forgiveness but Jesus!” The Gospels are full of such merciful encounters with Jesus who always says, “Go and sin no more.”

In 1939, Jesus related to Blessed Maria Pierina de Michelis (1890-1945) that *“I wish that my Holy Face be honored in a particular manner on Tuesdays.* Do you see how I suffer? Yet, very few understand me. Those who say they love me are very ungrateful...”

Timeliness of the Holy Face

Modern Holy Face revelations began at the Carmel of Tours, France to Sr. Mary St. Peter (1816-1848). A Golden Arrow prayer of reparation for blasphemy was given with the promise that *“Those who contemplate the wounds on my Face here on earth shall contemplate It radiant in heaven.”* Eventually this spread throughout all the Carmelite monasteries.

Pauline, Mother Agnes of Jesus, the sister of St. Therese, introduced her to the Holy Face Devotion. St. Therese’s complete name includes *“of the Child Jesus of the Holy Face.”* Celine, her sister, stated in her book about Therese that unless you know her ardent devotion to the Holy Face, you do not know Therese.

Holy Face 20th-Century Revelations

The revelations to Blessed Pierina regarding the Holy Face started in 1926. This is a summary:

Jesus stated, *“I firmly wish that my Face reflecting the intimate pains of my soul, that suffering and love of my heart, be more honored! Whoever gazes upon me already consoles me.”* — 1936

“Each time my Face is contemplated I will pour out my love into hearts and through my Holy Face the salvation of many souls will be obtained.” — 1936

This does not take away from devotion to Jesus’ Sacred Heart. As he said:

“Perhaps some souls fear that the devotion to my Holy Face may diminish that to my Sacred Heart. Tell them that, on the contrary, it will complete and increase it. Contemplating my Face, souls will share my sorrows and will feel the need for love and reparation. Is this not true devotion to my Heart?” — 1937

In May 1938 Our Lady appeared to Sr. Pierina holding a scapular made of two small pieces of flannel joined by a cord. One of these pieces bore the image of the Holy Face of Jesus with the words, *Illumina, Domine Vultum Tuum Super Nos* — *“May the light of thy Face shine upon us”* (Numbers 6:25) and the other, a Host surrounded by rays and the words *Mane Nobiscum Domine* — *“Stay with us Lord”* (Luke 24:29). In this way Our Lady introduces a Eucharistic dimension to the devotion to the Holy Face.

Our Lady continued, *“This scapular is an armor of defense, a shield of strength, a pledge of mercy which Jesus wishes to give to the world in these times of lust and hatred against God and his Church. There are very few true apostles. A divine remedy is necessary, and this remedy is the Holy Face of Jesus. All who shall wear a scapular like this and makes, if possible, a visit to the Blessed Sacrament every Tuesday in reparation for the outrages that the Holy Face of my Son Jesus received during the Passion and is still receiving in the Holy Eucharist every day, will be strengthened in the faith, and will be made ready to defend it, will overcome all difficulties, internal and external and they will have a peaceful death under the loving gaze of my Divine Son.”*

In 1939, Jesus continued: *“I wish that my Holy Face be honored in a particular manner on Tuesdays.* Do you see how I suffer? Yet, very few understand me. Those who say they love me are very ungrateful. I have given my heart as the sensible object of my great love to men and I give my Face as the sensible object of my sorrow for all the sins of men. I wish that it be *venerated by a special feast on Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday.* I wish that the feast be preceded by a novena in which the faithful will make reparation with me, joining with me and sharing my sorrow.”

St. John Paul II referred to the Eucharistic Face of Jesus in his apostolic letter *Mane Nobiscum Domine* (Remain with Us Lord) for the October 2004-2005 Year of the Eucharist. The theme of the Holy Face of Jesus then recurred in his writings as well as in those of Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis.

Excerpt from Father Stanley Smolenski, SPMA article found at ncregister.com