

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Sts Peter and Paul, Apostles (Year C)

29 June 2025

readings

Next Week

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:10-14
Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20
Gal 6:14-18
Lk 10:1-12, 17-20

in a nutshell

The Lord has Saved Me! The first Christian community endured great persecution. Like Peter in prison, fastened with double chains and watched over by four sets of guards, it seemed the Church had no chance to escape from its predicaments. But time and again, The Lord delivered it. The Church still faces immense difficulties as it battles with evil in various forms. But if, like Paul, the Christian community keeps the faith and fights a good fight, the forces of evil will never prevail.

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 and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

Peter's Pence Special Collection
This week.

More Information Inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

These are the ones who, living in the flesh, planted the Church with their blood; they drank the chalice of the Lord and became the friends of God.

Psalm Response

(R.) The Lord set me free from all my fears

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.)

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise His name.
I sought the Lord and He answered me;
from all my terrors He set me free. (R.)

Look towards Him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called, the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere Him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in Him. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You are Peter, the rock on which I will build my Church; the gates of hell will not hold out against it.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Peter said to Jesus: You are Christ, the Son of the living God. And Jesus replied: You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church.

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 mountevelyn@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,

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

Parish Notices

Please Pray for First Communion and Confirmation Candidates

Many young people of the Parish were Confirmed last Wednesday, and during parish Masses last weekend and this weekend, young people of our parish will be making their First Communion. Keep them and their families in your prayers.

Special Collection This Weekend—Peter's Pence

This collection helps provide the Holy Father with funds for emergency assistance to those in need. The proceeds enable the Pope to assist the most disadvantaged in emergency situations including victims of war, oppression, and disasters.

Church Cleaning

Presently we have a small group of volunteers working to keep our church clean. Often this means cleaning happens once a month. If you can give some of your time so the cleaning could happen more often call the office on a Thursday. Perhaps get together with a group of friends.

Parish Prayer Group—Change of Time

Monday at 9:15 am and Fridays at 9:45 a.m. For more information please call Maria at 0409 793 001 or just come and discover peace in the presence of our Lord in the Eucharist!

Dates for the Diary

27 July—Bake Sale. 17 August—Feast Day Celebration.

Propagation of the Faith Collection

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Zambia and missionaries like Sr Jane and Kayula.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mission. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/mission **Collection amount: \$524.50**

Adoration of the Eucharist

Adoration: Eucharistic adoration, spending time before the Blessed Sacrament, offers profound spiritual benefits, including deepening faith, strengthening prayer life, and fostering a deeper understanding of Christ's presence and love.

Confession: God's will is to save us, and nothing pleases him more than our coming back to him with true repentance. So it was that Christ proclaimed that he had come to call sinners to repentance, and that it was not the healthy who required a doctor, but the sick. The Lord Jesus also declared that you can be sure there is joy in heaven over one sinner who repents. (St. Maximus)

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.

Stewardship Corner

"I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith." (2 timothy 4:7)

How many of us can say this? St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God doesn't call us to be successful, he calls us to be faithful." How many times have we been blinded by the success of the world at the expense of our faith? Matthew Kelly says, "Take one minute each day to remind yourself that you are just passing through this life and will die one day; you will live more intentionally with a passion and purpose."

May Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$5145.24 Total Expenditure: \$5191.31

2025 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass

The theme for this year's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday is 'Sent Forth in Strength and Hope'. Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria warmly invites you to the 2025 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday Mass at St Patrick's Cathedral on **6 July at 11.00am** Marking the start of NAIDOC week (6–13 July), the Mass is an opportunity to come together and celebrate Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

Baby Booties 2025

Every day in Australia, unborn babies lose their lives to abortion. ACL invite you to join Baby Booties 2025 by knitting, praying, and taking part in a campaign that makes the invisible visible, and gives voice to the voiceless. Send booties by July 31st. Register here: <https://aclobby.typeform.com/to/To4gHuqn>

Proposal: Create a Parish Library in the Family Room

It has been proposed that a library in the Family Room in the Church be created for parishioners' use. We are requesting feedback to see if this is something you would like to see happen and would you consider using such a library. We envision that the library would contain good quality Catholic books. The Library would accept donated books and parishioners would be free to take a book home to read and return or to keep as a treasured possession. Sharyn McCrae is organizing this project. Contact her at: Sharyn.mccrae@gmail.com or 0409 380 284 with any suggestions on the creation and running of this Library. She will also accept donations of books and bookshelves.

Jubilee Year—Pilgrims of Hope

The theme of this Jubilee is Pilgrims of Hope. If you are unable to travel to Rome during the Jubilee Year, you are invited on a local journey of reconciliation and renewal by participating in the 2025 Jubilee at one or more of the many Pilgrim Places across the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, where plenary indulgences may be obtained as part of this very special time. Pilgrim Places across the Archdiocese of Melbourne will offer extended hours, additional Masses, Reconciliation, and Adoration. Pilgrims will receive a commemorative postcard, monthly reflections, and a Pilgrim Passport (available for a small donation) to be stamped at each location. Local Pilgrim Places will welcome visitors from February 2025 to 6 January 2026. Besides the Cathedral as a Pilgrim Place, Sacred Heart Church, Croydon is the closest to us. A not too distant pilgrimage location, which offers various experiences for pilgrims this Jubilee Year, including Masses, Reconciliation and adoration.

This Week's Joke

A wealthy man died and went to heaven. He was met at the Pearly Gates by Saint Peter, who welcomed him warmly and told him he will be taken to his 'forever' heavenly dwelling. He then led him down the streets of gold. They passed castle after fantastic castle, then huge mansion after mansion, and many beautiful cottages, until they came to the end of the street. Saint Peter stopped in front of a little wooden, rickety shack. "This is it. Welcome Home," said Saint Peter. The man was surprised, and said, "Why do I get this ugly thing when there are so many mansions I could live in?" "We did the best we could with the money you sent us!" Saint Peter replied.

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Readings Reflection

[The Apostles' Church](#)

This Sunday's celebration of the great Apostles Peter and Paul is a celebration of the Church. Peter's deliverance from jail is compared to the deliverance of Israel from Egypt. Like Israel, he is rescued at Passover from "the hand" of his enemy by an "angel of the Lord" after girding himself with belt, sandals, and cloak (see Exodus 3:8; 12:11; 14:19).

As Peter affirms in his great confession of faith in Sunday's Gospel, Jesus is "the Christ," the Messiah for whom the prophets had taught Israel to hope. But He is more than what the Jewish people had been hoping for.

He is the Christ, but He is also, as Peter confesses, "the Son of the living God." Born of the flesh of the Jewish people, He is a son of Abraham and David (see Matthew 1:1; Romans 1:3). Through Him and the Church founded on the rock of Peter's faith, God fulfills the promise He made to Abraham: to bless all nations in his seed (see Genesis 22:16–18).

What Christ calls "my Church" is the new Israel, the kingdom of God, the family made up of all peoples—Jews and Gentiles—who believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God (see Galatians 3:26–29; 6:15–16). And we must make this confession our own. Jesus' question, "Who do you say that I am?" is addressed to each of us personally.

We must confess our faith in Christ not only with our tongues but with our lives. As Paul describes his discipleship in this week's Epistle, we must make our lives an oblation, an offering of love for the sake of Jesus and His kingdom (see Romans 12:1).

We know, as we sing in this week's Psalm, that the Lord has rescued us in Christ Jesus. We know that He will stand by us, giving us strength to face every evil—and that He will bring us to the heavenly kingdom we anticipate in this Eucharist.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church

What is Apostolic Succession?

Jesus answered [Simon Peter], "You are Peter, and on this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven." (Mt 16:17-19)

They cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was enrolled with the eleven apostles. (Acts 1:26)

Apostolic Succession describes how the teaching and governing authority of the Church, established by Christ himself through his Apostles under the leadership of and in communion with St. Peter, has been handed down through the centuries in the Catholic hierarchy.

When Christ established his Church as the one assembly of God's faithful people, he gave her a visible structure and hierarchy. He did this by selecting Twelve Apostles to serve as her first bishops, and from among these men he chose St. Peter as their head, the "Rock" upon which he would build his Church. Christ "formed [his Apostles] after the manner of a college or a stable group, over which He placed Peter chosen from among them" (LG 19; cf. Lk 6.13; Jn 21.15-17). In giving St. Peter the "keys of the kingdom," Christ appointed his chief Apostle as his vicar, his source and sign of ecclesial unity on earth. "Just as in the Gospel...St. Peter and the other apostles constitute one apostolic college, so in a similar way the Roman Pontiff, the successor of Peter, and the bishops, the successors of the apostles, are joined together" (LG22; cf. CIC 330). St. Peter and the Apostles would teach in Christ's name under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, who guarantees that the Church's teaching authority (Magisterium) will always be protected against doctrinal error.

Soon after Christ had ascended to Heaven, the Apostles recognized the need to appoint successors. They knew that the mission Christ entrusted to them was to continue beyond their deaths and endure until the Second Coming, so they elected St. Matthias to take the place of Judas. Later, Christ himself called St. Paul to be an Apostle. Sts. Timothy and Titus were also among the first men designated and ordained to share in the apostolic mission.

The early Fathers of the Church such as Pope St. Clement I (d. ca. AD 99) testify to this succession. All Catholic bishops today assume their office through episcopal consecration and trace their authority in an unbroken line to the original Apostles of first-century Christianity. The Pope himself is a direct successor to St. Peter.

From the Didache Bible

880 When Christ instituted the Twelve, "he constituted [them] in the form of a college or permanent assembly, at the head of which he placed Peter, chosen from among them." Just as "by the Lord's institution, St. Peter and the rest of the apostles constitute a single apostolic college, so in like fashion the Roman Pontiff, Peter's successor, and the bishops, the successors of the apostles, are related with and united to one another."

881 The Lord made Simon alone, whom he named Peter, the "rock" of his Church. He gave him the keys of his Church and instituted him shepherd of the whole flock. "The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of apostles united to its head." This pastoral office of Peter and the other apostles belongs to the Church's very foundation and is continued by the bishops under the primacy of the Pope.

885 "This college, in so far as it is composed of many members, is the expression of the variety and universality of the People of God; and of the unity of the flock of Christ, in so far as it is assembled under one head."

886 "The individual *bishops* are the visible source and foundation of unity in their own particular Churches." As such, they "exercise their pastoral office over the portion of the People of God assigned to them," assisted by priests and deacons. But, as a member of the episcopal college, each bishop shares in the concern for all the Churches. The bishops exercise this care first "by ruling well their own Churches as portions of the universal Church," and so contributing "to the welfare of the whole Mystical Body, which, from another point of view, is a corporate body of Churches." They extend it especially to the poor, to those persecuted for the faith, as well as to missionaries who are working throughout the world.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church