

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

18 May 2025

readings

Next Week

6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29

Ps 66:2-3, 5-6, 8

Rev 22:12-14, 16-17, 20

Jn 14:23-26

in a nutshell

Love One Another. Today's Gospel comes from Jesus' Last Supper discourse. He is about to die. His final words to his beloved disciples are: 'as I have loved you, you also must love one another'. In the end, all that matters is love, a love that is expressed most purely when we sacrifice ourselves for the well-being of others. When we love in this way we show that we are disciples of Jesus who laid down his life for us.

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

Sausage sizzle and Bake Sale
This Sunday after the 10:30am
Mass

More Information Inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord, for he has worked wonders; in the sight of the nations he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Psalm Response

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love. How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. (R.)

Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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, May 27

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

Parish Notices

Habemus Papam!: LEO XIV

Let us give thanks to our heavenly Father for giving us another Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV, and pray that he may courageously proclaim the Gospel.

This Sunday, 18 May, Pope Leo XIV will officially inaugurate his papacy with Mass in St Peter's Square. The Mass will be livestreamed on the [Vatican News YouTube channel](#) at 6pm Melbourne time

May 18th—Sausage sizzle and Bake Sale

To make our cake stall successful, we are calling on parishioners to donate something they have baked to sell at the 'Bake Sale' on Sunday. As we need to be aware of allergens please list the ingredients. Sweet or savoury welcome!

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.

Supporting the Parish

As collections for presbytery and church are not taken up within the Mass, your envelopes/cash donations can be placed in the boxes in the foyer. Alternatively you can use the QR code opposite or the EFTPOS terminals. Thank you for your generosity in support of the parish and priest. Special Collections will be taken up by passing the basket in the mass.

May Mass Counts

Each year the parish is asked to complete mass counts for each weekend in May. This annual count taken in May is important for pastoral planning activities across the archdiocese and parish and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.

Marriage Anniversary Mass—June 1 at 11:00am

Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate the gift of marriage and family, coinciding with the Jubilee of Families. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries—5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 or 40 years and above—will receive a commemorative certificate.

Please register for your spot by Sunday 25 May.

For any queries, please contact the Proclaim team on 9926 5761 or at proclaim@cam.org.au.

Stewardship Corner

"I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you also should love one another." (John 13:34)

"As I have loved you," this is the hard part – Jesus's love is unconditional; our love usually comes with strings attached. It is easy to love someone when they love you back. But it takes mercy and compassion to love someone when you feel unappreciated, feel used or feel like your opinion doesn't matter. It takes courage and the grace of God to "love my neighbour" when they may be someone you don't like, someone you don't know, or someone that doesn't look like you.

Pro-life News

Sanctity of Life Sunday is on May 25: <https://sanctityoflifesunday.com.au/> See "Aaron", 5 minutes long and "one of the best pro-life short films in recent memory": <https://www.lifesitenews.com/news/wow-a-5-minute-video-like-no-other>

Adoration of the Eucharist

Adoration: Come then, my brothers and sisters, let us offer our Lord the great and all-embracing sacrifice of our love, pouring out our treasury of hymns and prayers before him who offered his cross in sacrifice to God for the enrichment of us all. (St. Ephraem)

Sacrament of Mercy: It cost Jesus so much to atone for our sins. We respond to God's invitation to admit responsibility for our sins, by going to the Sacrament of Confession. Change every sin from being unforgiven to being eradicated. (Fr. Mike Schmitz)

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.

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.

Something to make you Smile!

A man is stopped by the police for speeding. The police officer says to the driver, "Do you know that you were speeding, sir?" "No officer, I didn't know I was speeding." His wife who is in the front seat then says, "Come on, Henry, you knew you were speeding, I've been telling you to slow down for the past ten minutes." The man shoots a dark look at his wife, then the policeman says, "Do you realise that your license has also expired?" "No sir, I had no idea," said the driver looking shocked. His wife says, "Oh please, Henry! I've been telling you to renew your license for two months." The husband grinds his teeth but stays silent. The policeman then adds, "And I noticed that your rear left light is out of action." "Oh yes, I was on my way to get it fixed actually." His wife pipes up, "Nonsense Henry, we were on our way home." The husband, red-faced, turns to his wife. "Whose side are you on? For god's sake, button it up and don't say anything!" The policeman walks to the woman's side of the car and asks her, "Does he always talk to you so rudely?" "Oh no, officer, only when he's been drinking heavily."

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Readings Reflection

[New For All Ages](#)

By God's goodness and compassion, the doors of His kingdom have been opened to all who have faith, Jew or Gentile.

That's the good news Paul and Barnabas proclaim in today's First Reading. With the coming of the Church—the new Jerusalem John sees in today's Second Reading—God is "making all things new."

In His Church, the "old order" of death is passing away and God for all time is making His dwelling with the human race, so that all peoples "will be His people and God Himself will always be with them." In this the promises made through His prophets are accomplished (see Ezekiel 37:27; Isaiah 25:8; 35:10).

The Church is "the kingdom for all ages" that we sing of in today's Psalm. That's why we see the Apostles, under the guidance of the Spirit, ordaining "presbyters" or priests (see 1 Timothy 4:14; Titus 1:5).

Anointed priests and bishops will be the Apostles' successors, ensuring that the Church's "dominion endures through all generations" (see Philippians 1:1, note that the New American Bible translates *episcopos*, the Greek word for bishops, as "overseers").

Until the end of time, the Church will declare to the world God's mighty deeds, blessing His holy name and giving Him thanks, singing of the glories of His kingdom.

In His Church, we know ourselves as His "faithful ones," as those Jesus calls "My little children" in today's Gospel. We live by the new law, the "new commandment" that He gave in His final hours.

The love He commands of us is no human love but a supernatural love. We love each other as Jesus loved us in suffering and dying for us. We love in imitation of His love.

This kind of love is only made possible by the Spirit poured into our hearts at Baptism (see Romans 5:5), renewed in the sacrifice His priests offer in every Mass.

By our love we glorify the Father. And by our love all peoples will know that we are His people, that He is our God.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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Now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified

We are in the Easter Season which is the time of Jesus' glorification. The Gospel we have just heard reminds us that this glorification is brought about in the Passion. In the Paschal Mystery, passion and glorification are closely bound together and form an indissoluble unity. When Judas leaves the Upper Room to carry out his scheme of betrayal that will lead to the Master's death, Jesus says: "now is the Son of man glorified, and in him God is glorified" (Jn 13:31): the glorification of Jesus begins at that very moment. The Evangelist John makes it quite clear: he does not in fact say that Jesus was glorified only after his Passion, through his Resurrection; rather he shows that precisely with the Passion his glorification began. In it Jesus manifests his glory, which is the glory of love, which gives itself totally. He loved the Father, doing his will to the very end, with a perfect gift of self; he loved humanity, giving his life for us. Thus he was already glorified in his Passion and God was glorified in him. But the Passion as a very real and profound expression of his love is only a beginning. This is why Jesus says that his glorification is also to come (cf. *ibid.*, 13:32). Then, when he announces his departure from this world (cf. *ibid.*, 13:33), the Lord gives his disciples a new commandment, as it were a testament, so that they might continue his presence among them in a new way: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another" (Jn 13:34). If we love each other, Jesus will continue to be present in our midst, to be glorified in this world.

Jesus speaks of a "new commandment". But what is new about it? In the Old Testament, God had already given the commandment of love; but this commandment has become new now because Jesus makes a very important addition to it: "As I have loved you, that you also love one another". What is new is precisely this "loving as Jesus loved". All our loving is preceded by his love and refers to this love, it fits into this love and is achieved precisely through this love. The Old Testament did not present any model of love; it only formulated the precept of love. Instead, Jesus gave himself to us as a model and source of love a boundless, universal love that could transform all negative circumstances and all obstacles into opportunities to progress in love. And in this City's Saints we see the fulfilment of this love, always from the source of Jesus' love.

In giving us the new commandment, Jesus asks us to live his own love and on his own love, which is the truly credible, eloquent and effective sign for proclaiming the coming of the Kingdom of God to the world. Clearly, with our own strength alone we are weak and limited. In us there is always a resistance to love and in our existence there are very many difficulties that cause division, resentment and ill will. However, the Lord promised us that he would be present in our lives, making us capable of this generous, total love that can overcome all obstacles, even those in our own hearts. If we are united to Christ, we can truly love in this way. Loving others as Jesus loved us is only possible with that power which is communicated to us in the relationship with him, especially in the Eucharist, in which his Sacrifice of love that generates love becomes really present: this is the true newness in the world and the power of a permanent glorification of God who is glorified in the continuity of the love of Jesus in our love.

The First Reading we have heard presents to us precisely a special way of glorifying Jesus: the apostolate and its fruits. Paul and Barnabas, at the end of their first apostolic voyage, return to the cities they have already visited and give fresh courage to the disciples, exhorting them to remain firm in the faith for, as they say, "through many tribulations we must enter the kingdom of God" (Acts 14:22). Christian life, dear brothers and sisters, is not easy... Yes, life leads to confrontation with many difficulties, many problems, but it is precisely the certainty that comes from faith, the certainty that we are not alone, that God loves each one without distinction and is close to everyone with his love, that makes it possible to face, live through and surmount the effort of dealing with daily problems. It was the universal love of the Risen Christ that motivated the Apostles to come out of themselves, to disseminate the word of God, to spend themselves without reserve for others, with courage, joy and serenity. The Risen One has a power of love that overcomes every limit, that does not stop in front of any obstacle.... I wish to say to all, and especially to the young: never lose hope, the hope that comes from the Risen Christ, from God's victory over sin, hatred and death.

Today's Second Reading shows us precisely the final outcome of Jesus' Resurrection: it is the new Jerusalem, the Holy City that comes down from Heaven, from God, adorned as a bride for her husband (cf. Rev 21:2). The One who was crucified, who shared our suffering as the sacred Shroud also eloquently reminds us is the One who is Risen and who wants to reunite us all in his love. It is a marvellous, "strong" and solid hope, because, as Revelation says: "[God] will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away" (21:4). Does not the Holy Shroud communicate the same message? In it we see, as in a mirror, our suffering in the suffering of Christ: *Passio Christi. Passio hominis*. For this very reason the Shroud is a sign of hope: Christ faced the Cross to stem evil; to make us see, in his Pasch, the anticipation of that moment when, even for us, every tear will be wiped away, when there will no longer be death, mourning or lamentation.

The passage from Revelation ends with this assertion: "And he who sat upon the throne said: 'Behold, I make all things new' " (21:5). The first absolutely new thing made by God was Jesus' Resurrection, his heavenly glorification. This is the beginning of a whole series of "new things" in which we also have a share. "New things" are a world full of joy, in which there is no more suffering and oppression, there is no more rancour or hate, but only the love that comes from God and transforms all things.

From a homily by Pope Benedict XVI, 2 May 2010