

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Sunday of the Resurrection (Year C)

20 April 2025

readings

Next Week

Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:12-16

Ps 117:2-4, 22-27

Rev 1:9-13, 17-19

Jn 20:19-31

in a nutshell

Christ is risen. Alleluia! The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial clothes, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

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 especially Valerie Habgood and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

The Lord Is Risen!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Psalm Response

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia;
therefore let us keep the feast with the
unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia,
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 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.

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, May 13

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

Parish Notices

He is Risen!

This Easter, may the joy of the Resurrection fill your heart with peace, hope, and renewed faith. As we celebrate the victory of life over death, we give thanks for the many ways Christ is present in our communities. Wishing you and your loved ones a blessed and grace-filled Easter.

Mass Collections

As no collections are taken up through the Mass, your donations can be placed in the boxes in the foyer or by using the EFTPOS terminals. Thank you for your generosity.

Please pray for those to be received into the Church

Pray for those who are to enter into the Church this Easter Vigil, especially Razia Sultana & Gregory Barry.

Upcoming Parish Events

Easter Sunday easter egg hunt

All children attending 10:30 Mass are invited to join in the easter egg hunt after mass.

May 18th—Sausage sizzle and cake stall

More information to follow.

Stewardship Corner

"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (Acts 10:38)

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

Adoration of the Eucharist

The Blessed Sacrament is that Presence which makes a Catholic Church different from every other place in the world, which makes it, as no other place can be, holy. (St. John Henry Newman)

Confession: Jesus is the source of supernatural life in us; we live in him, and he lives in us. You must participate in the sacraments — especially Confession and the Eucharist. By the sacraments, we stay close to the Christ who forgives our sins and enlivens our spirits. (Bishop Robert Barron)

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.

Pro-life News - Pax Orbis Academy

A new website has launched: <https://paxorbis.academy/>. This aims to present up-to-date information for the pro-life community. Visit the website and subscribe to their newsletters to keep up to date with local news and get involved.

Funeral Mass for Valerie Habgood

The funeral for Valerie Habgood will be held on Wednesday 23 April at 11:00am

Project Compassion

Happy Easter from all of us here at Caritas Australia!

As we celebrate this season of hope and renewal, we want to express our heartfelt gratitude for your support through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion this Lent.

As we reflect on the Easter message of love, compassion, and new beginnings, we are reminded of the incredible impact your contributions make. Together, we are building a world where no one is left behind.

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2025 Lenten appeal.

You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes

Or online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Boxes are due by May 4th.

Permanent Diaconate Information Session 3 May 2025

Following the success of the permanent diaconate information sessions in 2024, we will be holding another session for those interested.

The Permanent Diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. It is an ordained ministry of service. The information session is open to **everyone interested in learning more about the permanent diaconate**. If you have attended any previous session, you are also welcome to attend this session. Wives most welcome.

The session will be on Saturday morning **10.00am–11.30am** on 3rd May and will be in person. If you are interested email Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au with full name and parish, but if you forget, then just turn up on Saturday morning. All are welcome. **Venue:** Catholic Theological College, 278 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne

Something to make you Smile!

A woman and her husband were at a group Reconciliation service for Easter at their local parish. Because they were so frail, they went into the confessional together. The woman tearfully admitted to the priest that she had shoplifted a can of peaches because she was hungry, and she had forgotten to bring cash to the grocery store. The priest gently asked how many peaches were in the can. She sobbed and said, "Nine." The priest said that for her penance she would have to say nine Rosaries, "one for each peach." Just then the woman's husband piped up, "Father," he said ruefully, "She also stole a can of peas."

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Readings Reflection

[New Morning](#)

The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation.

At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (see Jonah 1:17). Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile (see Hosea 6:2). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the netherworld (see Psalm 16:9–10).

Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word—"tomb."

What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do—raised Him up on the third day (see Mark 9:31; 10:34).

What they saw and believed they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels—from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree (see Deuteronomy 21:22–23), to His rising from the dead.

We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Epistle says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week—to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.

We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come—when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory."

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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Divine Mercy Sunday

27 April 2025

2:30pm Blessing of Divine Mercy Image, Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Rosary

3:00pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:30pm St Faustina's Prayer & Praises of the Mercy of God

4:00pm Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

4:30pm Benediction

5:00pm Holy Mass

Confessions from 2:40pm-4:10pm

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska The Humble Instrument

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her Diary, the Pope call her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely on St. Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully toward others. We also turn to her in prayer and request her intercession to our merciful Savior on our behalf.

The Divine Mercy