

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

15 October 2023

Readings

Next Week

Is 45:1, 4-6
Ps 95:1, 3-5, 7-10
1 Thess 1:1-5
Mt 22:15-21

in a nutshell

Come to the banquet. Our God invites all people to the banquet of the kingdom, a banquet characterized by joy, integrity, and true peace. Sometimes, however, we decline this invitation preferring the lesser banquets that we know. May God enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might see how great is the hope to which we are called.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Harry & Dorothy Heering
For those who have died recently: Maria Orlando
and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time: Giacomina Licciardi

of special note

World Mission Sunday Appeal
October 21/22

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,
Lord, who could stand?
But with you is found forgiveness,
O God of Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I shall live in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life.

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.
Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.
If I should walk in the valley of darkness
no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff;
with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me
all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
enlighten the eyes of our heart that we might
see how great is the hope to which we are
called.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for
we shall see him as he is.

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

Car Parking –WEEKDAY Masses

Please use available car parks for Mass rather than the front of the church. Please Leave 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: muntevelyn@cam.org.au**

**For positions vacant within the Diocese
visit:**

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

**Regular Gardening/Working Bee—Friday
October 6**

Thank you to the volunteers who turn up to assist with the maintenance of the grounds around the church. 4pm onwards

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, 14 November

Finance Committee 7:00pm

Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm

Parish Council 8:00pm

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH



Parish Notices

SVDP News

The Saint Vincent de Paul Piety Stall now has in stock the 2024 Columban Art Calendar which includes beautiful artwork, liturgical information, and feast days at \$10.00 each. We also have a stock of Christmas Cards in packs of 5 for \$3.00 each. As of This weekend St Vincent de Paul will be again selling **tomato plants** at \$3 each. There are 8 varieties: Grosse Lisse, Beef Steak, Bucci, Tiny Tom, Sweet Bite, Black Russian, San Marzano Roma and Ox Heart. To order please contact Alan on 9735 5436 or e-mail asom9346@bigpond.net.au

Annunziata Festa,

The Festa was a great success and the Festa committee was happy with the success of the day on September 24 and has given a very sizable donation of over \$9000 to the Parish. A much appreciated donation. Thank you to the Festa Committee!

Mass Collections

After much discussion at the Parish Council this year, it has been decided to try something different. Rather than pass the basket around, collection boxes have been purchased and will be placed at the entrance of the church. One will be for donations to the parish (Thanksgiving/stewardship) and the other will be for dedicated donations to the presbytery which contributes to the Parish Priest's living costs. A basket collection will still be taken up for any Special Collections.

All Saints Day Party—Saturday 28 October

St Mary's Parish invites all kids to join us for our All Saints Day Party in St Mary's School Hall at 3.30pm- 4.45pm followed by 5pm Family Mass. Party games, party food and lots of Lollies!

Come dressed as your favourite Saint! Prizes for best costumes!

Contact Rachael: 0437123802

Upcoming Parish Sausage Sizzles

1. Sunday, October 22 after 5:00 p.m. Mass

ALL parishioners are invited to stay after the Sunday 5pm Mass and enjoy a BBQ and jumping castle. The school will provide the music for this Mass.

2. Sunday, November 26 after 10:30am Mass

ALL parishioners are invited to stay after Mass for a sausage sizzle afterwards. A good chance to socialise with your fellow parishioners.

Parish Sacramental Program

For Children, not attending the Parish School, wanting to receive the Sacraments, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, instructions are available through our Parish. Contact the parish office or annevan.tilburg@gmail.com
Contact Anne by mid-December for 2024 enrolments

St Mary's Prayer Group — now meeting every Friday!

The Prayer Group meets every Friday in the church from 2-3 p.m. "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God" (St. John Damascene). Everyone is welcome!

Adoration of the Eucharist

The Eucharist: After his Ascension, Christ chooses to become present sacramentally in such a way that allows both for his full, substantial presence and for that presence to occur down through the ages and all over the world. Of all the miracles Christ performed in his earthly life, the institution of the Eucharist was the greatest. It was and remains an act of unfathomable mercy on Christ's part. (Monsignor Ronald Knox)

Confession: The present time is the time for confession. Confess what you have done, whether by words or by actions. Remission of sins is given equally to everyone. (St. Cyril)

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

Tuesday Holy Hour for peace

The Latin Patriarch of Jerusalem, Cardinal Pizzaballa, has called for a day of prayer and fasting for peace in the Holy Land:

"In this time of sorrow and dismay, we do not want to remain helpless. We cannot let death and its sting (1 Cor 15:55) be the only word we hear. That is why we feel the need to pray, to turn our hearts to God the Father. Only in this way we can draw the strength and serenity needed to endure these hard times, by turning to Him, in prayer and intercession, to implore and cry out to God amidst this anguish."

There will be a Holy Hour for peace immediately following the Tuesday morning Mass. Benediction will be at 10:30am

World Mission Sunday Appeal Weekend—October 21/22

In the smallest villages around the world ... even there, you will find local missionaries who live to serve their communities. Missionaries who, led by the Holy Spirit, walk with those in most need. Missionaries like Sr Carolina.

Next week Catholic Mission will offer you the opportunity to partner with Sr Carolina and the Salesian Sisters in Venilale, Timor-Leste, where your gift can help continue a life-saving program to help address the health and well-being of this community. We hope you will take next week's opportunity to make an incredible impact for those in need. Freecall: 1800 257 296 catholicmission.org.au/timor

Advent Reflections

"With Expectant Hearts" is a new 22-day reflection resource that can be used during Advent by individuals and groups. Its main purpose is to help us to find a few minutes each day to practice what it means to sit with God and to trust God to lead us forward. Each day's reflection is inspired by a short text of scripture, and concludes with a thought or two to take away and with a prayer. There are a couple of copies to view and to purchase a copy go to <https://evangelisation-brisbane.mysshopify.com/collections/adult-faith>

Stewardship Corner

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..." - Philippians 4:19 God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are sceptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are sceptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

Contributions can be made using the QR Code, via the website, by direct debit to: St Mary's Church BSB 083-347 account number 648531736 Ref **THK and your surname** or call the office and arrange with Janine to get envelopes or set up regular direct debit/credit card payments. **Just a reminder donations via the Tap and Go machine go towards the presbytery collection to support the parish priest.**

Something to make you smile!

The September holidays had come to an end and nine-year-old Jack returned to school for the start of the fourth term. Two days later his teacher phoned his mother to tell her that he was misbehaving badly.

"Wait just a minute," she said to the teacher. "I had Jack with me for two weeks and I never once called you when he misbehaved! Couldn't you show me the same courtesy?"

Readings Reflection

[Dressing for the Feast](#)

Our Lord's parable in today's Gospel is again a fairly straightforward outline of salvation history.

God is the king (see Matthew 5:35), Jesus the bridegroom (see Matthew 9:15), the feast is the salvation and eternal life that Isaiah prophesies in today's First Reading. The Israelites are those first invited to the feast by God's servants, the prophets (see Isaiah 7:25). For refusing repeated invitations and even killing His prophets, Israel has been punished, its city conquered by foreign armies.

Now, Jesus makes clear, God is sending new servants, His apostles, to call not only Israelites, but all people—good and bad alike—to the feast of His kingdom. This an image of the Church, which Jesus elsewhere compares to a field sown with both wheat and weeds, and a fishing net that catches good fish and bad (see Matthew 13:24–43, 47–50).

We have all been called to this great feast of love in the Church, where, as Isaiah foretold, the veil that once separated the nations from the covenants of Israel has been destroyed, where the dividing wall of enmity has been torn down by the blood of Christ (see Ephesians 2:11–14).

As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord has led us to this feast, refreshing our souls in the waters of Baptism, spreading the table before us in the Eucharist. As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, in the glorious riches of Christ, we will find supplied whatever we need.

And in the rich food of His body, and the choice wine of His blood, we have a foretaste of the eternal banquet in the heavenly Jerusalem, when God will destroy death forever (see Hebrews 12:22–24).

But are we dressed for the feast, clothed in the garment of righteousness (see Revelation 19:8)? Not all who have been called will be chosen for eternal life, Jesus warns. Let us be sure that we're living in a manner worthy of the invitation we've received (see Ephesians 4:1).

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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He Who Eats My Flesh and Drinks My Blood Has Eternal Life

How is Christ truly present in the Eucharist?

[Jesus said:] 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'... Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life....For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. (Jn 35, 53-55)

[Jesus] took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (Lk 22.19)

The Church teaches that Jesus Christ is truly, really, and substantially present—in his Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity—in the Eucharist. The bread and wine consecrated by the bishop or priest in the Liturgy of the Eucharist become the Body and Blood of Christ.

The Church has always recognised Christ's Real Presence in the Eucharist. Christ's words in instituting this Sacrament at the Last Supper were unequivocal: "This is my body....This is my blood" (Lk 22:19f). In the Eucharist "the body and blood, together with the soul and divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and, therefore, *the whole Christ is truly, really, and substantially contained*" (Council of Trent [1551]). St. Paul condemns the unworthy reception of the Eucharist as a profanation of the very Body and Blood of Christ (cf. 1 Cor 11:27ff). Already in the fourth century St. Cyril of Jerusalem exhorted, "Do not see in the bread and wine merely natural elements, because the Lord has expressly said that they are his Body and his Blood: faith assures you of this, though your senses suggest otherwise."

This change in the Eucharistic species in which the substance of the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ is called *transubstantiation*. It occurs at the consecration during the Mass, when the bishop or priest pronounces the *words of consecration* over the bread and wine as Christ commanded.

In the Eucharist Christ remains truly and totally present under the appearances of bread and wine. He offers his Body and Blood to us in Holy Communion to be nourished by his divine life. The Eucharist is, therefore, not merely a symbol of Christ's present but also the active presence of Christ himself, who gives himself to us unconditionally so our lives might be united to his intimately. The Eucharist is "the perfection of the spiritual life and the end to which all the sacraments tend" (St. Thomas Aquinas).

From the Didache Bible

1322 The holy Eucharist completes Christian initiation. Those who have been raised to the dignity of the royal priesthood by Baptism and configured more deeply to Christ by Confirmation participate with the whole community in the Lord's own sacrifice by means of the Eucharist.

1323 "At the Last Supper, on the night he was betrayed, our Savior instituted the Eucharistic sacrifice of his Body and Blood. This he did in order to perpetuate the sacrifice of the cross throughout the ages until he should come again, and so to entrust to his beloved Spouse, the Church, a memorial of his death and resurrection: a sacrament of love, a sign of unity, a bond of charity, a Paschal banquet 'in which Christ is consumed, the mind is filled with grace, and a pledge of future glory is given to us.' "

1324 The Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life." "The other sacraments, and indeed all ecclesiastical ministries and works of the apostolate, are bound up with the Eucharist and are oriented toward it. For in the blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church, namely Christ himself, our Pasch."

1325 "The Eucharist is the efficacious sign and sublime cause of that communion in the divine life and that unity of the People of God by which the Church is kept in being. It is the culmination both of God's action sanctifying the world in Christ and of the worship men offer to Christ and through him to the Father in the Holy Spirit."

1326 Finally, by the Eucharistic celebration we already unite ourselves with the heavenly liturgy and anticipate eternal life, when God will be all in all.

1327 In brief, the Eucharist is the sum and summary of our faith: "*Our way of thinking is attuned to the Eucharist, and the Eucharist in turn confirms our way of thinking.*" (St. Irenaeus)

2177 The Sunday celebration of the Lord's Day and his Eucharist is at the heart of the Church's life. "Sunday is the day on which the paschal mystery is celebrated in light of the apostolic tradition and is to be observed as the foremost holy day of obligation in the universal Church."

2179 "A *parish* is a definite community of the Christian faithful established on a stable basis within a particular church; the pastoral care of the parish is entrusted to a pastor as its own shepherd under the authority of the diocesan bishop."¹¹⁵ It is the place where all the faithful can be gathered together for the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. The parish initiates the Christian people into the ordinary expression of the liturgical life: it gathers them together in this celebration; it teaches Christ's saving doctrine; it practices the charity of the Lord in good works and brotherly love:

You cannot pray at home as at church, where there is a great multitude, where exclamations are cried out to God as from one great heart, and where there is something more: the union of minds, the accord of souls, the bond of charity, the prayers of the priests. (St. John Chrysostom)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church