

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



The Transfiguration of the Lord (Year A)

6 August 2023

Readings

Next Week

1 Kgs 19:9, 11-13
Ps 84:9-14
Rom 9:1-5
Mt 22-23

in a nutshell

His face shone like the sun. Through the eyes of the resurrection faith, Jesus' first disciples came to understand that, during his earthly life, they had caught glimpses of his unique relationship with God. In his life of unswerving fidelity to the Father's will, the glory into which Jesus entered through his passion and death shone through. 'We had seen his majesty for ourselves' wrote Peter.

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, Bernie Reid, and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Catholic Care Collection
Next Week

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

In a resplendent cloud the Holy Spirit appeared. The Father's voice was heard: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. Listen to him.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is king, the most high over all the earth.

The Lord is king, let earth rejoice,
let all the coastlands be glad.
Cloud and darkness are his raiment;
his throne, justice and right. (R.)

The mountains melt like wax
before the Lord of all the earth.
The skies proclaim his justice;
all peoples see his glory. (R.)

For you indeed are the Lord
most high above all the earth
exalted far above all spirits. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, my beloved, in whom is all my
delight: listen to him.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

When Christ 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
Karen 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:

moutevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

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

Regular Gardening/Working Bee—Friday June 16

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

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, June 20

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

Parish Notices

NEW! St Mary's Prayer Group

Everyone is invited to join this new group at St Mary's Parish. The new Prayer Group will meet every first Friday of the month in the church from 2pm to 3pm. The first meeting of the Prayer Group will be on Friday, 1 September. Come and join us! "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God" (St. John Damascene).

Adoration of the Eucharist

The Eucharist is a priceless treasure: by not only celebrating it but by praying before it outside of Mass we are enabled to make contact with the very wellspring of grace. (Pope St. John Paul II)
Confession: See how good God is, and how easily He forgives sins; He not only restores what has been lost with his forgiveness but grants unhoped for benefits. (St. Ambrose of Milan)

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

Stewardship Corner

"...then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.'" -Matthew 17:5

When Peter, James and John heard this they immediately fell prostrate to the ground and they "were very much afraid. "We, too, may respond the same way when we hear God's voice. How many times do you become fearful when invited to participate more fully in the life of the Church? Or, when someone says something negative about the Church, are you afraid to respond? Remember, we too, are beloved sons and daughters of God; Jesus is there to help us, but we need to listen.

Contributions can be made 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.**

Parish Car Parks

Please leave the disabled car spaces for those people who require them. At school times this is a shared car park and there are families with children attending the school who require these spaces.

Just a reminder for school parents to use available parking spaces and leave the church driveway clear for our elderly/disabled parishioners attending weekday masses. Thank you for your consideration.

We have a NEW parish website!

With recent upgrades to Archdiocese of Melbourne platforms we have a new website. <https://www.melbcatholic.org/s/moutevelyn>. Go have a look!

Bernie Reid's Funeral details

The funeral will be at St Patrick's in Lilydale on Friday, 11 August and begin with a Rosary at 11:00am

Catholic Care Collection Next Week

Envelopes are available in the foyer for you to take home and return next week if you wish. Thank you for your generosity.

World Youth Day—Lisbon Portugal

Just because you're not going to World Youth Day (WYD) doesn't mean you can't go on a little pilgrimage of your own right here in Melbourne. A number of sacred shrines around Melbourne provide the opportunity to spiritually refresh ourselves and pray for Melbourne's WYD pilgrims.

From various national shrines to St Patrick's Cathedral, why not make some time to visit some of Melbourne's beautiful religious sites. Keeping our pilgrims in prayer will be especially important as they head off to experience the Church as they've never experienced it before, and to encounter the Lord in a new and profound way.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/shrines-to-visit-in-melbourne-for-stay-at-home-pilgrims-this-wyd>

Morning Tea after 10.30am Sunday Mass

Stay and chat over a cuppa! Consider joining the roster to assist in serving. If you are unable to serve but would like to contribute, donations of packaged biscuits would be appreciated. Contact Rachael 0437123802

Morning tea after 9:00am Mass first Tuesday of the month.

Something to make you smile!

Who is the patron saint of 'reply all' in emails'?

- St. Francis of a CC

What was papal infallibility called when St. Peter was pope?

- Simon Says.

One day, a man named David decides to skip church to play golf. Up in heaven, Saint Peter sees this and reports David's sin to God. God says, "I will punish him accordingly." David plays a perfect game and goes home really pleased. Saint Peter sees this and goes to God and says, "What gives? You said you would punish him, yet he gets a perfect score." God smiles and says, "Who can he tell?"

Readings Reflection

[Majestic Voice](#)

High on the holy mountain in today's Gospel, the true identity of Jesus is fully revealed in His transfiguration.

Standing between Moses and the prophet Elijah, Jesus is the bridge that joins the Law of Moses to the prophets and psalms (see Luke 24:24–27). As Moses did, Jesus climbs a mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see Exodus 24:1, 9, 15). As Elijah did, He hears God's voice on the mountain (see 1 Kings 19:8–19).

Elijah was prophesied to return as the herald of the Messiah and the Lord's new covenant (see Malachi 3:1, 23–24). Jesus is revealed today as that Messiah. By His death and resurrection, which He intimates today to the Apostles, He makes a new covenant with all creation.

The majestic voice declares Jesus to be God's own beloved Son, in whom the Father is well pleased (see Psalm 2:7). God here gives us a glimpse of His inner life. In the cloud of the Holy Spirit, the Father reveals His love for the Son, and invites us to share in that love as His beloved sons and daughters.

Shadowed by the clouds of heaven, His clothes dazzling white, Jesus is the Son of Man whom Daniel foresees being enthroned in today's First Reading.

He is the king, the Lord of all the earth, as we sing in today's Psalm. But is He truly the Lord of our hearts and minds?

The last word God speaks from heaven today is a command—"Listen to Him" (see Deuteronomy 18:15–19). The Word of the Lord should be like a lamp shining in the darkness of our days, as Peter tells us in today's Second Reading.

How well are we listening? Do we attend to His word each day?

Let us today rededicate ourselves to listening. Let us hear Him as the word of life, the bright morning star of divine life waiting to arise in our hearts (see Revelation 2:28; 22:16).

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The Transfiguration of Humanity

The Transfiguration is the event that sets Jesus off to Jerusalem. Shortly after the Transfiguration, Jesus “set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:51). What is it about the Transfiguration that turns Jesus’ attention to Jerusalem? What is so pivotal about this amazing and seemingly bizarre event that makes it the hinge of the story, leading Jesus onto a road that will end on Calvary?

The disciples were still reeling from the shocking challenge that Jesus had given them the prior week. In response to Peter’s confession that Jesus was the “Christ of God” (Lk. 9:20), the Messiah, Jesus had said some shocking things about what it meant to follow Him: “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Lk. 9:23). The notion of carrying one’s cross meant only one thing in first-century Israel: Roman execution. The Roman penalty for rebellion was crucifixion, which entailed carrying the crossbeam to the place of one’s execution, usually by a main road or thoroughfare where many could witness what happens to those who rebel against Rome. To be challenged to “take up one’s cross” was disquieting to say the least. No wonder then that Jesus decided to take some of the disciples on a retreat.

About eight days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John up Mount Tabor to pray. At the top of the mountain, as they are praying, all heaven breaks loose. It starts with Jesus’ face, which begins to glow with glory. Not only His face, but “his raiment became dazzling white” as well (Lk. 9:29). Then Moses and Elijah appear. The three disciples then behold Jesus speaking with Moses and Elijah. What did Jesus discuss with Moses, the giver of the Torah, and Elijah, the great prophet? Luke alone discloses the content of their conversation. They “spoke of his departure [literally exodus in Greek], which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:31). Whom better to discuss the exodus with than Moses, the leader of Israel’s first exodus?

Seeing Jesus’ glory, not to mention Moses and Elijah, is enough to wake up Peter and his companions, who are probably exhausted from the climb up the mountain. Peter then makes what seems to be a very odd suggestion: “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah” (Lk. 9:33). Does Peter want to set up camp on the holy mount?

Luke has given us a clue to what Peter is thinking when he mentions that this event took place on the eighth day (Lk. 9:28). In the Jewish liturgical calendar, there is one feast that lasts eight days, the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:36). This feast commemorates the exodus and particularly the giving of the law on Sinai. On the eighth day of the feast, booths are set up to commemorate how the Israelites lived in tents during the exodus. It is possible that they went up the mountain to pray that day because it was the solemn high day of the Feast of Tabernacles. What better place to remember Sinai than on a mountain?

Indeed, the events of Sinai are not only remembered but also repeated during the Transfiguration. The glory cloud of the Lord descends upon the mount and the disciples who, like the Israelites of old, are afraid. “And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ ” (Lk. 9:35).

On Mount Sinai, Moses’ face was transfigured with the glory of God. Jesus’ face also shines with glory, but even more than Moses, Jesus’ whole appearance becomes “dazzling white” (Lk. 9:29). Jesus outshines Moses in reflecting the glory of the Lord. The connection with Moses’ transfiguration shows that Jesus’ transfiguration in glory is not simply a manifestation of His divinity, but rather a revelation of Jesus’ perfected and glorified humanity. Jesus reveals God the Father’s desire to transform humanity into the likeness of divine glory. This makes sense once we consider that when Moses radiated God’s glory it was not a sign that Moses was divine, but rather that he was granted the grace to share in God’s glory. The aim of the transfiguration is not simply to give a glimpse of Jesus’ divinity, but to give us a glimpse of true humanity, a humanity that reflects the image and likeness of God in glory.

The events of Sinai are transfigured by the descent of glory upon Jesus on Tabor. On the mount of Transfiguration—the new Sinai—a new Torah is revealed. The new Torah is not the word of God written on stone tablets, but the Word made flesh. The voice from the cloud announces the new law, which is a person: “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” (Lk. 9:35). On the new and greater Sinai, the Father reveals His Son. Jesus takes the place of the Torah, not that the Torah is abolished, but now that the sun has come it is time to blow out the candles. Jesus embodies the Torah; the best way to know and understand the will of the Father is to look at and listen to His Son. The command, “listen to him” (Lk. 9:35), echoes the poignant prophecy of Moses that one greater than he would come and give a new covenant and law, and Moses concluded the prophecy with the injunction that Israel listen to Him (cf. Deut. 18:15–18).¹ Jesus is that new and greater Moses.

The conversation among Moses, Jesus, and Elijah concerns Jesus’ exodus. The connection with Moses highlights how Jesus’ mission is to be seen as a new exodus. The place for the exodus is Jerusalem. Shortly after this conversation, Jesus “set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:51). The reason is revealed on Tabor: Jesus is journeying to Jerusalem to accomplish the new exodus. The mission of the Messiah comes into stark focus on the mount of Transfiguration. There would be no turning back.