

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Tenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

9 June 2024

Readings

Next Week

11th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezek 17:22-24

Ps 91:2-3, 13-16

2 Cor 5:6-10

Mk 4:26-34

in a nutshell

The family of Jesus. Our first parents, Adam and Eve, hid from God after they had sinned. God, however, did not abandon them but sought them out and showed them mercy. Though they had to accept the consequences of their actions, God promised that ultimately the forces of evil will be overcome. In Christ, God continues to seek us out and offer forgiveness. If we accept forgiveness, and resolve to follow God's will, we will always be welcomed back into the family of God.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Harry & Dorothy Heering, Frankie Petinella
For those who have died recently: and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time; Jim O'Kane

of special note

Please pray for the children of the parish making their First Communion.

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; whom should I dread? When those who do evil draw near, they stumble and fall.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!

O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?

But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (R.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy, and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The prince of this world will now be cast out, and when I am lifted up from the earth I will draw all to myself, says the Lord.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God in him.

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

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH



Car Parking –WEEKDAY Masses

Please use available car parks for Mass rather than the front of the church leaving 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—8:00 – 10:00 am Saturday 1 June

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

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, June 4

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

Parish Notices

Catholic Mission Appeal 2024—Next Weekend

In Mongolia, Chuluunbaatar suffered a life-altering injury while trying to rescue a submerged vehicle, leaving him unable to work and reliant on scarce support services for basic needs. Without shelter and food, Chuluunbaatar faces the real risk of freezing to death. Resources are limited, but the Church in Mongolia is working hard to provide essential services to people in need.

This World Mission Month, we invite you to extend your generosity to help enhance these vital services. Your support can make a significant difference to the lives of many, offering hope and tangible assistance to individuals like Chuluunbaatar.

Envelopes care available in the narthex to take home and return next week.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration: Let every knee bend before Thee, O greatness of my God, so supremely humbled in the Sacred Host. May every heart love thee, every spirit adore Thee and every will be subject to Thee! (A prayer by St. Margaret Mary Alacoque)

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Have recourse trustfully to God's loving kindness and He will not forsake you, for He longs to bestow His graces. Though you may have had the misfortune to offend Him, He is always ready to receive you, provided you return humbly to Him. (St. Margaret Mary Alacoque's loving encouragement)

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

Stewardship Corner

"If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand."- Mark 3:24

Within your parish community, do your ministries collaborate with each other or do they compete against each other? Do your parish ministries work for the greater glory of God or do they work for the glory of the people running them? The primary goal of parish ministry is not to increase Mass attendance, increase the number of volunteers or increase offertory. The primary goal is to be one Body of Christ that helps people take one step closer to Jesus. If it's not doing that, it's not worth doing.

May Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: **\$4245.14** Total Expenditure: **\$9152.11**

Supporting the Parish

As Collections are no longer taken up during Mass there are a number of ways to contribute to the financial viability of the Parish:

- Cash donations can be posted in the labelled boxes in the narthex
- Tap and Go terminals
- Via the QR code on this page
- Direct Debit BSB 083347 **Church:** 648531736, **Presbytery:** 649237379
- To donate via the Stewardship Program notify the office.

Stewardship Envelopes

Please note envelopes for either Parish can be placed in the collection and will find their way to the correct account.

Caritas Australia's Papua New Guinea Landslide Disaster

Thousands are feared dead and many more are displaced after a devastating landslide struck a remote village in Papua New Guinea on 24th May. Your urgent support is needed now. Donate at www.caritas.org.au/png

Pro-Life News

There will be Mass in Reparation for Abortion at St Patrick's Cathedral on Saturday 22nd June 2024, at 9:00am. Sponsored by the Helpers of God's Precious Infants, Mass will be followed by a rosary procession to the edge of the 150m zone on Wellington Parade. All welcome.

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National Pilgrimage 15th - 26th of October 2024: "In the Footsteps of Mary MacKillop."

Reserve your spot today and be part of a pilgrimage resonating with the spirit of compassion, courage, and faith. Don't miss the chance to enrich your life with the remarkable story of Mary MacKillop and contribute to her legacy. For more information: Phone 0289124818, Email: national.Pilgrimage@mmp.org.au Website: www.marymackillopplace.org.au

Catholic Theological College Online Information Session

Monday 17 June at 7.30pm (AEST) Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session. For more information contact: Dr Maureen Saclot ctc@ctc.edu.au

Something to bring a smile...

An elderly man had just turned seventy-five and was enjoying his retirement and his one great passion which was fishing. He was sitting in his boat on the lake when he heard a voice cry, "Pick me up: pick me up!" Looking around he couldn't see anyone. He thought he was dreaming until he heard the voice again. "Pick me up." He looked in the water and floating on a lily pad was a frog. The bewildered man said, "Are you talking to me?" "Yes," the frog replied. "Pick me up, kiss me, and I'll turn into the most beautiful woman you've even seen. I'll make sure that all your friends are envious and jealous because I'll be your bride." The man looked at the frog, reached over and picked it up carefully. He then dropped the frog into his front pocket. From the depth of the pocket the frog cried out, "Are you mad? Didn't you hear what I said? Kiss me and I'll be your beautiful bride." The man opened his pocket, looked at the frog and said, "Nah! At my age it's too late. I'd much rather have a talking frog."

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Readings Reflection

[The Promised One](#)

In today's Gospel Jesus has just been healing and casting out demons in Galilee. Along with the crowds, who flock to Him so that He can't even take a break to eat, come people who do not understand what He is doing. Even His friends think He has lost His mind and needs to be taken away for a while. But the scribes who came down from Jerusalem are not just honestly mistaken; they accuse Him of being possessed by the prince of demons.

The reality is just the opposite. Jesus is revealing Himself as the one promised in our first reading. He is the seed of the woman who has come to crush the head of the demonic serpent. In the parable of the strong man, Jesus reveals that He has come not just to punish the devil but to free those bound by him. As St. Bede explains, "The Lord has also bound the strong man, that is, the devil: which means, He has restrained him from seducing the elect, and entering into his house, the world; He has spoiled his house, and His goods, that is men, because He has snatched them from the snares of the devil, and has united them to His Church."

The scribes blaspheme by attributing this work of the Holy Spirit to demons. Jesus adds a statement that shocks us at first: "whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit never has forgiveness." That does not mean that there are any limits to the mercy of God (CCC 1864). Rather, the only sin that cannot be forgiven is the deliberate refusal to accept the mercy offered through the Holy Spirit.

Instead, we must imitate those who sat at Jesus' feet. For, as He said, "Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother."

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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The Sacred Heart of Jesus

NOTE: The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart was celebrated Friday, 7 June

It is well-known that the month of June is dedicated particularly to the Divine Heart, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We express to it our love and our adoration by means of the litany which in the single invocations speaks with particular depth of its theological contents.

I wish, therefore, at least briefly, to stop together with you before this Heart, which the Church, as a community of human hearts, addresses. I wish, at least briefly, to speak of this mystery, such a human one, in which God revealed himself with such simplicity and, at the same time, depth and strength.

Today let the texts of the Friday liturgy speak for us, beginning with the reading of the Gospel according to John. The Evangelist reports a fact with the precision of an eye witness.

“Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.” (Jn 19:31–34).

The Evangelist speaks only of the piercing of his side with a spear, and the coming out of blood and water. The language of the description is almost medical, anatomical. The soldier’s spear certainly penetrated the heart, to make sure that the Condemned Man was already dead. This heart—this human heart—has stopped working. Jesus has ceased to live. At the same time, however, this anatomical opening of Christ’s heart after his death—in spite of all the historical “severity” of the text—drives us to think also at the metaphorical level. The heart is not just an organ that conditions the biological vitality of man. The heart is a symbol. It speaks of the whole inner man. It speaks of the spiritual interior of man. And tradition at once re-read this meaning of John’s description. In a certain sense, moreover, the Evangelist himself gave an inducement to do so when, referring to the attestation of the eye witness that was he himself, he referred, at the same time, to this sentence of Holy Scripture:

“They shall look on him whom they have pierced.” (Jn 19:37; Zc 12:10).

So, actually, does the Church look; so does humanity look. And lo, in the One pierced by the soldier’s spear all the generations of Christians have learned and learn to read the mystery of the Heart of the Crucified Man who was and is the Son of God.

The mystery of the heart opens up through the wounds of the body; the great mystery of piety opens up, the deep feelings of mercy of our God open up (St Bernard, *Sermo LXI*, 4: PL 183, 1072).

Christ speaks in the Friday liturgy: “Learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart” (Mt 11:29).

Only once, perhaps, did the Lord Jesus refer to his own heart, in his own words. And he stressed this sole feature: “gentleness and lowliness”: as if he meant that it is only in this way that he wishes to conquer man; that by means of “gentleness and lowliness” he wishes to be the King of hearts. The whole mystery of his reign was expressed in these words. Gentleness and lowliness cover, in a certain sense, all the “riches” of the Redeemer’s heart, of which St Paul wrote to the Ephesians. But also that “gentleness and lowliness” reveal him fully; and enable us to get to know him and accept him; they make him the object of supreme admiration.

The beautiful litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is composed of many similar words—more, exclamations of admiration for the riches of the Heart of Christ. Let us meditate on them carefully on that day.

Thus, at the end of this fundamental liturgical cycle of the Church—which began with the first Sunday of Advent and passed through the time of Christmas, then of Lent and of the Resurrection up to Pentecost, the Sunday of Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christi—the feast of the Divine Heart, of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, presents itself discreetly. All this cycle is enclosed definitively in it; in the Heart of the Man-God. From it, too, the whole life of the Church irradiates every year.

Pope St. John Paul II, Wednesday Audience, 20 June 1979