

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

16 February 2025

readings

Next Week

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Sam 26: 2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23

Ps 102: 1-4, 8, 10, 12-13

1 Cor 15: 45-49

Lk 6: 27-38

in a nutshell

Trust in a Year of Drought. It is hard to imagine families on the land having no worries in a year of drought. They are fortunate if they are able to put their hope and trust in God in such a difficult time. Happy also are the poor, the hungry and the sorrowful if they turn to God in their plight. Today's scripture readings call for an heroic trust in God, a trust that will bring great rewards in heaven and surprising rewards on earth as well.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially, 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

General Parish Meeting
February 25 at 7:00pm
At the school hall
N.B. Change of date

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Psalm Response

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man who follows not the counsel of the wicked; nor lingers in the way of sinners nor sits in the company of scorners, but whose delight is the law of the Lord and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)

He is like a tree that is planted beside the flowing waters, that yields its fruit in due season and whose leaves shall never fade; and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)

Not so are the wicked, not so! For they like winnowed chaff shall be driven away by the wind. For the Lord guards the way of the just but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Rejoice and be glad;
your reward is great in heaven.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

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—6:30 pm (EST)

5:00pm (EDST)

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



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 John Bird 0407 848 192

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, February 18

Finance Committee 7:00pm

Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm

Parish Council 8:00pm

Parish Notices

Parish BBQ

All parishioners are invited to attend the first Parish BBQ for 2025 which will be held on Sunday 23 February after 10:30 Mass. Mark it in your diary.

General Parish Meeting—February 25 at 7:00pm

Note Change of date

All parishioners are encouraged to attend the meeting so save the date. More information coming.

Adoration of the Eucharist

Our faith-filled reaction to being in the Lord's presence in the Eucharist should be like that of Zaccheus. We should possess a profound gratitude and joy because of His grace. We should be filled with humility and repentance because of His mercy. Also, we should have a desire to grow as His disciple because of His love.

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 except first Thursday (Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

Stewardship Corner

"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." - LUKE 6:22

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time; the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

December Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$6176.46

Total Expenditure: \$12896.94

January Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$4390.08

Total Expenditure: \$5324.47

Supporting the Parish

There are a number of 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
- Via the QR code in the bulletin
- Direct Debit BSB 083347 **Church:** 648531736, **Presbytery:** 649237379

Ash Wednesday Masses— 5th March

Mount Evelyn, 11:35am (Whole School Mass) & 7:30pm
Yarra Junction, 9:00am (Whole School Mass), Warburton,
6:00pm

Free Lenten Series – The Seven Last Words

The St. Paul Centre (Dr. Scott Hahn) is offering a free Lenten Video Series. This Lent, gather at the foot of the Cross as we contemplate Christ's greatest sermon: His "Seven Last Words." What to expect: Weekly 30-minute video reflections led by Scott Hahn; Contemplative musical accompaniment by Floriani; Practical tips from St. Paul Centre theologians. To register, go to <https://stpaulcenter.com/> and just enter your email. A great way to keep focused during the weeks of Lent.

Sacramental Program 2025

For Children, not attending the Parish School, wanting to receive the Sacraments, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, instructions are available through our Parish. Contact Anne at annevan.tilburg@gmail.com Lessons will begin Sunday 2nd March after 10:30 Mass for First Communions and Tuesday 4th of March at 5pm for Confirmation.

The Parish Prayer Group is expanding to Mondays!

You may be aware that the parish has had a Prayer Group meeting on Fridays at 2pm for some time now. Beginning on Monday, 3 February 2025, the Prayer Group will also meet on Mondays at 9:15am. For more information please call Maria at 0409 793 001 or just come on in and discover peace in the presence of our Lord in the Eucharist!

Something to make you Smile!

As Friday was Saint Valentine's Day...

Bob was in trouble. He forgot his wedding anniversary and his wife was really angry. She told him "Tomorrow morning, I expect to find a gift in the driveway that goes from 0 to 200 in 6 seconds AND IT BETTER BE THERE!" The next morning, he got up early and left for work. When his wife woke up, she looked out the window and sure enough there was a box gift-wrapped in the middle of the driveway. Confused, the wife put on her robe and ran out to the driveway, brought the box back in the house. She opened it and found a brand-new bathroom scale. Bob has not been seen for a week.

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Readings Reflection

[Rich in Poverty](#)

The blessings and woes we hear in today's Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament.

That wisdom is summed up with marvelous symmetry in today's First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous—those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law—will prosper like a tree planted near living waters. The wicked, who put their "trust in human beings," are cursed to wither and die.

Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes. Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state.

The rich are "the insolent" of today's Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord.

We've already seen today's dramatic imagery of reversal in Mary's Magnificat. There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted (see Luke 1:45–55, also 16:19–31).

That's the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty, we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even dying "on account of the Son of Man," we find everlasting life.

The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity—in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life.

But not only that. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we're to be pitied if our hope is "for this life only."

The blessings of God mean that we'll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile (see Psalm 126:1–2), feast at the heavenly table of the Lord (see Psalm 107:3–9), "leap for joy" as John the Baptist leapt in his mother's womb (see Luke 6:23; 1:41, 44), and rise with Christ, "the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep."

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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Diary Dates

AGM - 25th February 7pm
(at the school hall)

Stewardship Program
Starts - 8/9th February