

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

8 September 2024

Readings

Next Week

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 50: 5-9

Ps 114: 1-6, 8-9

James 2: 14-18

Mk 8: 27-35

in a nutshell

He makes the deaf hear! Imagine the great joy of someone who has been cured of a hearing disability. What a thrill it must be to hear clearly, perhaps for the first time, the sounds of the birds, of the ocean breaking, of music, of a friend's voice. Many of us enjoy good hearing but we can still turn a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, to the pleas of someone for forgiveness, even to the teachings of Jesus. What joy we too will know if we allow Jesus to touch us and heal our spiritual deafness.

we pray for

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

of special note

Tuesdays Mass time change will begin on 1 October.

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right; treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Psalm Response

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bound down, the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan, but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams, so my soul is yearning for you, my God; my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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 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.
September 7 & 21

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, October 22

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

Parish Notices

Mass Time Change

Thanks to the positive feedback the Tuesday Mass will move from the morning to the evening. Beginning on 1 October, Tuesday Mass will now be at 6pm. This will be preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5pm.

Annunziata Festa 22 September—Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for setting up, during, and clean up. If anyone can help at one or more of these times contact Andrew Zmegac on 0427887329 or via email zmegacandrew@gmail.com

Donations for the hampers to be raffled are also being sought. If you would like to contribute please place items in the box provided.

Safeguarding Sunday—8 September

The Parish of St Mary's and the Archdiocese of Melbourne are committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, young people and people at risk in our community. Mindful of the theme for National Child Protection Week, may we work to create safe spaces where we can have meaningful conversations with children and adults at risk about their safety. You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

<https://www.catholic.au/s/article/Safeguarding-Sunday-2024>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Archbishop Venerable Fulton Sheen once wrote that the purpose of the Holy Hour—a sustained, uninterrupted hour of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament—is to encourage a deep personal encounter with Christ. "Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour," he wrote, "Transforms the heart in a mysterious way." Today, however, the hidden power of the Holy Hour radiates with special urgency. Pope St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI and Pope Francis all joined Sheen in recommending Eucharistic Adoration as a foundational spiritual practice. The Holy Hour offers a life-changing opportunity: the silence and simplicity of being in the presence of God.

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

Stewardship Corner

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" James 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society tells us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first and experience true joy and peace. When we put possessions first, we soon realize we can never have enough and happiness is fleeting. When we put faith over possessions we truly realize it is better to give than receive.

August Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Thanksgiving income: \$4469.44
Total Expenditure: \$10779.63

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

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.

'Mass for All Nations' Sunday 29 September

'God walks with His people.' Celebrate the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees with migrant communities from all over Melbourne at St Patrick's Cathedral. 2pm: Procession and Rosary in various languages 3pm: Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese. All most welcome.

Pro-Life News

Get on the BUS OF LIFE! – GOING AHEAD!!!

The annual March For The Babies (marchforthebabies.com) is on Saturday the 12th of October at 1 pm in the Melbourne CBD. A bus for travelling to and from the event will be available. To book a seat, please see the form in the narthex, or contact James (0407 406 384, jnolet@iinet.net.au). Help fill the remaining seats! Lollies for children! Bus will depart from St Patrick's in Lilydale. Toilet break at Ringwood. Another toilet is available at the destination bus stop in the city.

Babies Born Alive Update

A sad day unfolded in parliament on 20th of August when the Born-Alive Protection Bill failed with 18 votes for and 32 against.

How did they vote? See here (includes Ralph Babet's

impassioned plea): [https://](https://dailydeclaration.org.au/2024/08/21/majority-of-senate-vote-to-deny-medical-care-to-dying-babies-born-alive-after-a-failed-abortion/)

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Join Our Pro-Life group

The aim is to raise awareness, join together to save babies and the vulnerable, and provide information and resources. If you have any ideas for actions or are interested in being part of the group, please contact James Nolet (0407 406 384, jnolet@iinet.net.au) or speak to Andrew Zmegac.

Something to bring a smile...

A priest had an important appointment with the bishop in the city but couldn't find a parking spot. Because he was running so late, he took a chance and left his car in a no parking zone. He placed a note under the windscreen wiper that read: "I have circled the block ten times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment with the bishop. Forgive us our trespasses." When he returned two hours later, he found a parking ticket and a note from the parking inspector. It read: "I've circled this block for ten years and if I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation."

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Readings Reflection

[All Things Well](#)

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things He had done and declared them good (see Genesis 1:31).

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading, that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (mogilalon = "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God."

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (see Revelation 21:1–5). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of Baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him.

Let us then give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ in the Eucharist. Let us say with Isaiah, "Here is our God, He comes to save us." Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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Meditation on the Nativity of Mary

(The birthday of Mary is traditionally celebrated on 8 September but Sunday has precedence)

BEFORE the birth of Mary the world was lost in the darkness of sin. Mary was born, and the morning arose: *"Nata Maria, surrexit auroro,"* says a holy Father. Already it had been said of Mary: "Who is she that cometh forth as the morning rising?" As the earth rejoices when the day dawns, for the dawn is the precursor of the sun, so Mary at her birth gave joy to the whole world, for she was the precursor of the sun of justice, Jesus Christ, who being made her son, came to save us by his death; therefore the Church sings; "Thy nativity, oh virgin mother of God, announced joy to the whole world, for from thee the sun of justice has arisen, who has given us life eternal." Thus, when Mary was born, we received our remedy, our consolation, and our salvation; for through Mary we have received the Saviour.

This child being then destined for the mother of the eternal Word, God bestowed on her so much grace, that even from her immaculate conception her sanctity excelled the sanctity of all the saints and angels united, for she received a grace of a superior order, corresponding to the dignity of mother of God. Oh holy infant, oh full of grace, I, a miserable sinner, salute thee and adore thee. Thou art the beloved, the delight of God; have pity on me, who through my sins have been hateful and abominable in the eyes of God. Thou, oh most pure Virgin, hast so well known even from thy infancy how to gain the heart of God, that he denies thee nothing, and grants all that thou dost ask of him. In thee then I place my hopes. Recommend me to thy Son, and I shall be saved.

At the same time that Mary was destined to be the mother of our Redeemer, she was also destined to be the mediatrix between God and us sinners. Hence the Angelic Doctor, St. Thomas, says, that Mary received grace sufficient to save all men; and therefore St. Bernard calls Mary a channel so full that we can all partake of its fullness. Oh my queen, oh mediatrix of sinners, perform thy office and intercede for me! Let not my sins prevent me from confiding in thee, oh great mother of God; no, I trust in thee, and trust in thee so much, that if my salvation were in my own hands, yet I would place it all in thine. Oh Mary, receive me under thy protection, and this is enough for me.

From The Glories of Mary by St Alphonsus Liguori

490 To become the mother of the Saviour, Mary "was enriched by God with gifts appropriate to such a role." The angel Gabriel at the moment of the annunciation salutes her as "full of grace." In fact, in order for Mary to be able to give the free assent of her faith to the announcement of her vocation, it was necessary that she be wholly borne by God's grace.

491 Through the centuries the Church has become ever more aware that Mary, "full of grace" through God, was redeemed from the moment of her conception. That is what the dogma of the Immaculate Conception confesses, as Pope Pius IX proclaimed in 1854:

The most Blessed Virgin Mary was, from the first moment of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege of almighty God and by virtue of the merits of Jesus Christ, Saviour of the human race, preserved immune from all stain of original sin.

492 The "splendour of an entirely unique holiness" by which Mary is "enriched from the first instant of her conception" comes wholly from Christ: she is "redeemed, in a more exalted fashion, by reason of the merits of her Son." The Father blessed Mary more than any other created person "in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places" and chose her "in Christ before the foundation of the world, to be holy and blameless before him in love."

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church