

# Saint Mary's Catholic Church

## Mount Evelyn



### Twenty-second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

3 September 2023

#### Readings

##### Next Week

Ezek 33:7-9  
Ps 94:1-2, 6-9  
Rom 13:8-10  
Mt 18:15-20

#### in a nutshell

*You have seduced me, Lord!* The prophet Jeremiah was captivated by God. His attachment meant that he suffered greatly at the hands of God's enemies but he also experienced a fire within, lit by God's love, that urged him on. We too can follow Jesus wholeheartedly only if we are captivated by him. Like Peter, we may remonstrate with Jesus as we struggle to understand his ways, but we will follow him faithfully along the way of the cross to the fullness of life.

#### 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 and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

#### of special note

Second collection this week for the Priests Retirement Fund

*More information inside!*

#### Raise Your Voices

##### Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

##### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) My soul is thirsting for you, O Lord my God.

O God, you are my God, for you I long;  
for you my soul is thirsting.  
My body pines for you  
like a dry, weary land without water. (R.)

So I gaze on you in the sanctuary  
to see your strength and your glory.  
For your love is better than life,  
my lips will speak your praise. (R.)

So I will bless you all my life,  
in your name I will lift up my hands.  
My soul shall be filled as with a banquet,  
my mouth shall praise you with joy. (R.)

For you have been my help;  
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice.  
My soul clings to you;  
your right hand holds me fast. (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

How great is the goodness, Lord,  
that you keep for those who fear you.

#### 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

Principal: Angela Glennie

Website:

[smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au](http://smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au)

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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: [muntevelyn@cam.org.au](mailto:muntevelyn@cam.org.au)**

**For positions vacant within the Diocese**  
**visit:**  
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

### Regular Gardening/Working Bee—Friday August 18

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

### Parish Meetings: Tuesday,

Finance Committee 7:00pm

Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm

Parish Council 8:00pm

## DONATIONS TO THE PARISH



## Parish Notices

### Annunziata Festa—Organisers Meeting

All committee members and volunteers are invited to attend a meeting this Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00 p.m. in the parish portable. The Festa will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> September beginning with 10:30 Mass followed by the procession and a scaled back celebration. All input and assistance will be welcome.

### Special Collection this Week—Priests Retirement Fund

Today's collection is for the Priests Retirement Foundation who cares for our Retired Priests of the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Please donate using the envelopes available or electronically by logging on to: [www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation](http://www.melbournecatholic.org.au/foundation) and make your donation through Paypal. Thank you for your generous support of the Retired Priests.

### 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](mailto:annevan.tilburg@gmail.com)

### St Mary's Prayer Group

The Prayer Group meet every first Friday of the month in the church from 2-3 p.m. The first meeting was held on Friday. 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

God is present everywhere. We can talk to Him at home, at work, wherever we are. But Eucharistic Adoration differs from your daily prayers in one key aspect. Catholics believe the body, blood, soul and divinity of our Lord Jesus Christ are substantially present in the Eucharist. In other words, when you participate in Eucharistic Adoration you pray and worship Jesus in a more intimate, present and real way.

Confession: We should make Jesus crucified a part of our lives, so we can feel real repentance for our sins. Don't waste this valuable gift that cost God everything. No repentance is connected to no forgiveness. (Fr. Mike Schmitz)  
Adoration: Friday morning 8:00am. Yarra Junction Thursday 6:00pm (first Thursday Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

### Stewardship Corner

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?"-Matthew 16:26  
St. Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

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.**

### August Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$4438

Total Expenditure: \$6551.24

### 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/mountevelyn>. Go have a look!

### 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.

### Pro-Life News

PRO\_LIFE DAY OF RECOLLECTION: a day of recollection for those involved in pro-life work and other apostolates.

Tickets \$10. [www.trybooking.com/CKMHB](http://www.trybooking.com/CKMHB)

Saturday September 9th, 10 AM to 4 PM (Optional Low Mass at 9 AM.) St Philip's Hall, 60 Junction Road, Blackburn North

Enquiries: Kathy—0450 464 786 or See noticeboard

MARCH FOR THE BABIES: Mark in the date – 7th of October, 1 PM, Melbourne CBD. <https://www.marchforthebabies.com/>

### Something to make you smile!

#### ***And because Sunday is Father's Day***

My neighbour gave me a new roof for free. He said it was *on the house*.

Did you hear about the elderly man who failed his driving test? He thought it was a crash course.

"Dad, did you get a haircut?" asked his son.  
The father's reply, "No, I got them all cut!"

"My son asked me, 'Can I have a book-mark'?"  
I burst into tears. He's 12 years old and still doesn't know my name!

A man's reaction to his depression medication being stolen.  
"To whoever did it, I hope you're happy now."

A man told his wife, "I only know 25 letters of the alphabet.  
And I have no idea y."

When does a joke become a dad joke? When it becomes *apparent*

## Readings Reflection

### For Your Life

Today's First Reading catches the prophet Jeremiah in a moment of weakness. His intimate lamentation contains some of the strongest language of doubt found in the Bible. Following God's call, he feels abandoned. Preaching His Word has brought him only derision and reproach.

But God does not deceive—and Jeremiah knows this. God tests the just (see Jeremiah 20:11–12) and disciplines His children through their sufferings and trials (see Hebrews 12:5–7).

What Jeremiah learns is what Jesus states explicitly in today's Gospel. To follow Him is to take up a cross, to deny yourself—your priorities, preferences, and comforts. It is to be willing to give it all up, even life itself, for the sake of His Gospel. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we have to join ourselves to the Passion of Christ, to offer our bodies—our whole beings—as living sacrifices to God.

By His Cross, Jesus has shown us what Israel's sacrifices of animals were meant to teach: we owe to God all that we have.

God's kindness is a greater good than life itself, as we sing in today's Psalm. The only thanks we can offer is our spiritual worship, giving our lives to the service of His will (see Hebrews 10:3–11; Psalm 50:14, 23).

Peter doesn't yet get this in today's Gospel. As it was for Jeremiah, the cross is a stumbling block for Peter (see 1 Corinthians 1:23). This is our natural temptation, as well: to refuse to believe that our sufferings play a necessary part in God's plan.

That's how people think, Jesus tells us today. But we are called to the renewal of our minds—to think as God thinks, to will what He wills.

In the Mass, we once again offer ourselves as perfect and pleasing sacrifices of praise (see Hebrews 13:15). We bless Him as we live, confident that we will find our lives in losing them, that with the riches of His banquet our souls will be satisfied.

[Dr. Scott Hahn  
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# The Paschal Banquet

## *Why is the Mass considered a Sacrifice?*

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)

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the Holy Place yearly with blood not his own; for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. (Heb 9:24-26)

The Mass is a Sacrifice because it is a participation in the one Sacrifice of Christ, which is made present through the Eucharistic liturgy.

Christ died for our sins once and for all, and his one perfect Sacrifice atones for all of our sins for all time. Because of this, there is no need for the Temple sacrifices of the Old Law, where animals or goods of the harvest were burned in atonement. Yet the Eucharistic liturgy of the Church — the Mass, or Divine Liturgy — remains a holy Sacrifice because it is a sharing in the one Sacrifice of Christ, which is re-presented, or made present among us, each time the Eucharist is celebrated.

When Christ consecrated the bread and wine at the Last Supper, he instructed his Apostles, “Do this in remembrance of me”. The idea of remembrance,, or memorial, in this context refers not to the mere calling to mind of a past event but rather a re-living, or a re-presentation, in a mystical way the event of Christ’s eternal Sacrifice on the Cross. “The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross....The Sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice” (CCC 1366f)

**613** Christ’s death is both the Paschal sacrifice that accomplishes the definitive redemption of men, through “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,” and the sacrifice of the New Covenant, which restores man to communion with God by reconciling him to God through the “blood of the covenant, which was poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

**1545** The redemptive sacrifice of Christ is unique, accomplished once for all; yet it is made present in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Church. The same is true of the one priesthood of Christ; it is made present through the ministerial priesthood without diminishing the uniqueness of Christ’s priesthood: “Only Christ is the true priest, the others being only his ministers.” (St. Thomas Aquinas)

**1382** The Mass is at the same time, and inseparably, the sacrificial memorial in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated and the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord’s body and blood. But the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice is wholly directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ through communion. To receive communion is to receive Christ himself who has offered himself for us.

**1383** The altar, around which the Church is gathered in the celebration of the Eucharist, represents the two aspects of the same mystery: the altar of the sacrifice and the table of the Lord. This is all the more so since the Christian altar is the symbol of Christ himself, present in the midst of the assembly of his faithful, both as the victim offered for our reconciliation and as food from heaven who is giving himself to us. “For what is the altar of Christ if not the image of the Body of Christ?” asks St. Ambrose. He says elsewhere, “The altar represents the body [of Christ] and the Body of Christ is on the altar.” The liturgy expresses this unity of sacrifice and communion in many prayers.

**1384** The Lord addresses an invitation to us, urging us to receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist: “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.”

**1385** To respond to this invitation we must prepare ourselves for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion.

**1386** Before so great a sacrament, the faithful can only echo humbly and with ardent faith the words of the Centurion: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

**1387** To prepare for worthy reception of this sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church (one hour before Communion). Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.