

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

12 November 2023

Readings

Next Week

Prov 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31

Ps 127:1-5

1 Thess 5:1-6

Mt 25:14-30

in a nutshell

Keep your lamps burning. We humans need fuel to keep going. Without food and drink we become weak and eventually die. Our spiritual life also needs fuel, namely the body and blood of Christ in the Eucharist. We are nourished also by prayer, the scriptures, the community and by loving others. If we seek this nourishment regularly our light will be shining brightly when Christ comes in glory.

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

Catholic Deaf Appeal
This Weekend

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence. Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

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.)

On my bed I remember you.
On you I muse through the night
for you have been my help;
in the shadow of your wings I rejoice. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful and ready: you know not when the
Son of Man is coming.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the
breaking of bread.

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

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 November 3rd.

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

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, 14 November

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

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH



Parish Notices

Catholic Deaf Appeal—This Weekend

Thank you in advance for your generosity. Your donation will:

- Provide support to Deaf families through counselling and social gatherings.
- Assist in maintaining a community centre for all deaf people and their families.
- Assist in offering liturgies, visitation of the sick and sacramental preparation in Auslan.
- Support deaf people whose needs do not conform to Government funding guidelines or disability criteria.

November Masses

Names of deceased loved ones can be written in the Prayer Book which will be placed on the Sanctuary for the month of November. Masses throughout November will be offered for the repose of their souls. Envelopes are available to make an offering.

Mass Collections

The use of separate boxes for donations for Thanksgiving/stewardship) and the presbytery appears to be a popular decision. **If you have envelopes please continue with their use.** A basket collection will still be taken up for any Special Collections.

Christmas Raffles—Donations Being Collected

If you would like to contribute to the hampers, there is a box in the narthex to place your donations. The proceeds will go to help the parish. Thank you for your donations!

SVDP News

The Saint Vincent de Paul Piety Stall now has in stock the 2024 Columban Art Calendar which includes beautiful artwork, liturgical information, and feast days at \$10.00 each. We also have a stock of Christmas Cards in packs of 5 for \$3.00 each.

Tomato plants still available at \$3 each. 8 varieties: Grosse Lisse, Beef Steak, Bucci, Tiny Tom, Sweet Bite, Black Russian, San Marzano Roma and Ox Heart. To order please contact Alan on 9735 5436 or e-mail asom9346@bigpond.net.au

Parish Sausage Sizzle

Sunday, November 26 after 10:30am Mass

ALL parishioners are invited to stay after Mass for a sausage sizzle afterwards. A good chance to socialise with your fellow parishioners.

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
Contact Anne by mid-December for 2024 enrolments.

Adoration of the Eucharist

He draws us to Himself by grace, by example, by power, by lovingness, by beauty, by pardon and above all by the Blessed Sacrament...All the attraction of the Church is in Jesus, and His chief attraction is in the Blessed Sacrament. (From "The Blessed Sacrament" by Fr. Faber)

Confession: Repentance begins with an indictment! But before whom do we indict ourselves?...Repentance is furthermore a confession of our guilt. But to whom then do we confess?...Repentance ends with a clear consciousness of the removal of guilt. But who has taken the guilt from us? (Max Scheler)

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

St Mary's Prayer Group—Every Friday

The Prayer Group meets every Friday in the church from 2-3 p.m. "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God" (St. John Damascene).

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.

Stewardship Corner

"Therefore, stay awake, for you know neither the day nor the hour." - Matthew 25:13

Many of us have put off doing something because we think we are too busy. We've all said, "I'll do it later when I have time." Unfortunately, too many of us apply this attitude to our Faith. Jesus' call is urgent, in the here and now, in your current circumstances. How is God calling you to use your gifts today? Don't delay. None of us is guaranteed tomorrow.

Advent Reflections

"With Expectant Hearts" is a new 22-day reflection resource that can be used during Advent by individuals and groups. There are a couple of copies to view and to purchase a copy go to <https://evangelisation-brisbane.myshopify.com/collections/adult-faith>

Night of the Witnesses

Aid to the Church in Need (ACN) warmly invites you to Night of the Witnesses on 22 November 2023 at 7pm at St Patrick's Cathedral, Melbourne. Night of the Witnesses is an inspirational evening of prayer, song, Adoration and reflection to honour the witness of twelve recent Christian martyrs and to stand in solidarity with more than 220 million Christians worldwide who are suffering persecution for their faith in Jesus Christ.

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!

Tom and Molly are flying to Fiji for a two week holiday to celebrate their 40th wedding anniversary. Three hours from Sydney and over the public address system there's an urgent announcement. The captain says, "Ladies and Gentlemen, I am afraid I have some bad news. Our engines have ceased functioning and we will attempt an emergency landing. Luckily, I see an uncharted island below us and we should be able to land on the beach. However, the odds are that we may never be rescued and will have to live on the island for the rest of our lives!" Thanks to the skill of the flight crew, the plane lands safely on the island. An hour later Tom turns to his wife and asks, "Molly, did we pay our electricity and gas bills this month?" "Oh, no! I'm sorry, dear. I forgot," she says. "One last thing, Molly. Did you remember to pay off the Mastercard and Visa this month?" he asks. "Oh, forgive me, Tom," cried Molly. "I didn't do that, either." Tom holds her and gives her a big kiss. Molly pulls away and asks, "What was that for?" Says Tom, "They'll find us!"

Readings Reflection

[Members of the Wedding](#)

According to marriage customs of Jesus' day, a bride was first "betrothed" to her husband but continued for a time to live with her family. Then, at the appointed hour, some months later, the groom would come to claim her, leading her family and bridal party to the wedding feast that would celebrate and inaugurate their new life together.

This is the background to the parable of the last judgment we hear in today's Gospel.

In the parable's symbolism, Jesus is the Bridegroom (see Mark 2:19). In this, He fulfills God's ancient promise to join himself forever to His chosen people as a husband cleaves to his bride (see Hosea 2:16-20). The virgins of the bridal party represent us, the members of the Church.

We were "betrothed" to Jesus in Baptism (see 2 Corinthians 11:2; Ephesians 5:25-27) and are called to lives of holiness and devotion until He comes again to lead us to the heavenly wedding feast at the end of time (see Revelation 19:7-9; 21:1-4).

As St. Paul warns in today's Epistle, Jesus is coming again, though we know not the day nor the hour.

We need to keep vigil throughout the dark night of this time in which our Bridegroom seems long delayed. We need to keep our souls' lamps filled with the oil of perseverance and desire for God—virtues that are extolled in today's First Reading and Psalm.

We are to seek Him in love, meditating upon His kindness, calling upon His name, striving to be ever more worthy of Him, to be found without spot or blemish when He comes.

If we do this, we will be counted as wise and the oil for our lamps will not run dry (see 1 Kings 17:16). We will perceive the Bridegroom, the Wisdom of God (see Proverbs 8:22-31, 35; 9:1-5), hastening toward us, beckoning us to the table He has prepared, the rich banquet which will satisfy our souls.

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The Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect

What does Scripture tell us about the Second Coming of Christ?

Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. But of that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only.... Therefore you also must be ready; for the Son of man is coming at an hour you do not expect. (Mt 24:35-36, 44)

Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed, in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed. For this perishable nature must put on the imperishable, and this mortal nature must put on immortality. (1 Cor 15:51-53)

The Second Coming of Christ will take place at the end of the world when Christ returns in glory to judge all of humanity. It is a moment that the faithful in Christ look forward to with eager anticipation because of the hope for eternal life with God in Heaven.

The Second Coming is also known as the *Parousia*, a Greek word meaning “apparition” or “presence.” The Apostles’ Creed tells us that Christ will return at the end of time “to judge the living and the dead.” This is called the General Judgment, the moment when Christ will separate the good from the wicked, with the good bound for Heaven and the wicked entering their self-imposed eternal separation from God in Hell, “the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels” (Mt 25:41). The dead will be raised, and each person will be reunited with his or her earthly body — the blessed will be glorified in body and soul.

The *Parousia* marks the definitive and final triumph of Christ over sin and death, the culmination of salvation history. The faithful in Christ have awaited the Second Coming ever since Christ ascended into Heaven with the promise that he would return. For them it is a time of great joy, when our earthly sojourn will end and all of creation will be restored and renewed in Christ. The Kingdom of God will be established in its fullness, and the Church will be perfected in her heavenly glory. As the Nicene Creed professes, “I look forward to the resurrection of the dead / and the life of the world to come.”

Because of Christ’s deliberate choice to leave us in ignorance about the time of his Second Coming, some people believe erroneously that he did not intend to return or that he is a false prophet. On the contrary, because no one knows when the *Parousia* will take place, its imminence is an urgent call for conversion while there is still time to repent.

From the Didache Bible

1038 The resurrection of all the dead, “of both the just and the unjust” (Acts 24:15), will precede the Last Judgment. This will be “the hour when all who are in the tombs will hear [the Son of man’s] voice and come forth, those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of judgment” (Jn 5:28–29). Then Christ will come “in his glory, and all the angels with him.... Before him will be gathered all the nations, and he will separate them one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will place the sheep at his right hand, but the goats at the left.... And they will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life” (Mt 25:31, 32, 46).

1039 In the presence of Christ, who is Truth itself, the truth of each man’s relationship with God will be laid bare. The Last Judgment will reveal even to its furthest consequences the good each person has done or failed to do during his earthly life....

1040 The Last Judgment will come when Christ returns in glory. Only the Father knows the day and the hour; only he determines the moment of its coming. Then through his Son Jesus Christ he will pronounce the final word on all history. We shall know the ultimate meaning of the whole work of creation and of the entire economy of salvation and understand the marvellous ways by which his Providence led everything towards its final end. The Last Judgment will reveal that God’s justice triumphs over all the injustices committed by his creatures and that God’s love is stronger than death.

1041 The message of the Last Judgment calls men to conversion while God is still giving them “the acceptable time, ... the day of salvation” (2 Cor 6:2). It inspires a holy fear of God and commits them to the justice of the Kingdom of God. It proclaims the “blessed hope” of the Lord’s return, when he will come “to be glorified in his saints, and to be marvelled at in all who have believed” (Titus 2:13; 2 Thess 1:10)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church