

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

19 October 2025

readings

Next Week

30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-19

Ps 33:2-3, 17-19, 23

2 Tim 4:6-8, 16-18

Lk 18:9-14

in a nutshell

PRAY CONTINUALLY. The saving power of God flows into our world through human agents. In today's First Reading, the Israelites are saved from destruction by the power of God mediated through Moses, their leader. In the Gospel Jesus assures us that God will see justice done on earth provided we pray for it night and day, and keep knocking on the doors of the unjust. Let us pray and work constantly for justice, never losing heart.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially, John Laan, Harry & Dorothy Heering, Jim & Pat Henshaw, Fr Pat Purcell
For those who have died recently especially Dal Driberg, and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

Thank you to all who helped with the Festa this year and in years past!
See back page for more

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

To you I call; for you will surely heed me, O God; turn your ear to me; hear my words. Guard me as the apple of your eye; in the shadow of your wings protect me.

Psalm Response

(R.) Our help is from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains: from where shall come my help? My help shall come from the Lord who made heaven and earth. (R.)

May he never allow you to stumble!
Let him sleep not, your guard.
No, he sleeps not nor slumbers, Israel's guard. (R.)

The Lord is your guard and your shade; at your right side he stands.
By day the sun shall not smite you nor the moon in the night. (R.)

The Lord will guard you from evil, he will guard your soul.
The Lord will guard your going and coming both now and for ever. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of God is living and active; it probes the thoughts and motives of our heart.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold, the eyes of the Lord are on those who fear him, who hope in his merciful love, to rescue their souls from death, to keep them alive in famine.

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—5:00pm

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

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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

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,
the QR code



Do you need a Helping Hand?

Ring the St Vinnies Call Centre 1800 305 330
Monday - Friday 10am to 3pm 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.

Parish Meetings: Tuesday 14 October

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

Parish Notices

Pastoral Letter on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the Government's Bill would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for medical practitioners who conscientiously object to euthanasia and assisted suicide. Copies of the letter are available in the Foyer.

Columban Calendars and Christmas Cards

The Saint Vincent de Paul Piety Stall now has in stock the 2026 Columban Art Calendar which includes beautiful artwork, liturgical information and feast days at \$11.00 each. We also have a stock of Christmas Cards in packs of 5.

Time to Plant your Tomatoes!

As of this weekend St Vincent de Paul will be selling tomato plants at \$3 each. There are 8 varieties available: Grosse Lisse, Beef Steak, Bucci, Tiny Tom, Sweet Bite, Black Russian, San Marzano Roma and Ox Heart. To order please contact Alan on 0419134300 or e-mail asom9346@bigpond.net.au

All Saints Day Party Request for Help

On Sunday 2nd November, St. Mary's will be hosting our annual All Saints Day Party for children and their families. Children come (adults if you wish!) dressed as a favourite saint. If you are able to help with food for the party, please sign up on the form in the foyer or contact Rachael O'Shea, 0437123802

We are looking for donations of:

Lolly Snakes (St. Patrick), Honeycomb (St. Ambrose), Pretzel Knots (Our Lady, Undoer of knots), Kit Kat Block (St. Cecelia's Piano Keys), Vanilla Wafer biscuits (St. Cecilia's Piano Keys), Cadbury Roses (St. Juan Diego's roses), Pretzel sticks (St. Bernadette's firewood), M&M's (Martha and Mary), Sour Peach Hearts (St. Perpetua and St. Felicity), Popcorn (St. Kateri), Sour Worms (St. John the Baptist's creepy crawlies), Lollipops (for game prizes).

Adoration of the Eucharist

The greatest joy in the kingdom of heaven (the greatest among many) seems to me to be from seeing how everyone is praising the Lord and blessing and hallowing his name, while no-one offends him. Everyone loves him. Each soul has no wish other than to love him: it cannot stop loving him because it knows him truly. If only we knew him like that even here on earth, we would love him in the same way— not with that degree of perfection, of course, but in a very different way from the way we love him now. (St. Teresa of Avila)
Adoration, spend time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Tuesday at 5:00pm & Friday 8:00am. Yarra Junction: Thursday at 6:00pm. Confessions available during Adoration.

Stewardship Corner

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." 2 Timothy 4:2

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

Parish Prayer Group

Monday at 9:15 am and Fridays at 9:45 a.m. For more information please call Maria at 0409 793 001 or just come and discover peace in the presence of our Lord in the Eucharist!

Sacramental Program 2026

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 1st March after 10:30 Mass for Confirmation and Tuesday 3rd March at 5pm for First Communion.

Red November

Throughout November, Catholics in Melbourne and around the world are being called to remember and stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians. More information on the parish website. Watch for how the Parish will support the event in future newsletters.

World Mission Sunday—October 19

In his heartfelt address, Pope Leo XIV reflects on his own missionary journey and the transformative power of faith and generosity. *“When I served as a missionary priest and bishop in Peru, I saw first-hand how the faith, prayer and generosity shown on World Mission Sunday can transform entire communities,”* shared Pope Leo XIV in his [message](#). Visit parish website to view and/or read the whole message.

Church Cleaning—Volunteers Needed

Presently we have a small group of volunteers working to keep our church clean. Often this means cleaning happens once a month. If you can give some of your time so the cleaning could happen more often call the office on a Thursday. Perhaps get together with a group of friends.

Jubilee Year—Pilgrims of Hope

If you are unable to travel to Rome during the Jubilee Year, you are invited on a local journey of reconciliation and renewal by participating in the 2025 Jubilee at one or more of the many Pilgrim Places across the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, where plenary indulgences may be obtained as part of this very special time. A not too distant pilgrimage location, which offers various experiences for pilgrims this Jubilee Year, including Masses, Reconciliation and adoration. Visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pilgrim-place-sacred-heart-croydon> for more information about Sacred Heart Croydon.

Mary Glowrey Museum - Wed 29 October 10.00am–3.00pm

Mary Glowrey is one of two Australians currently being officially considered for sainthood. Visit the Mary Glowrey Museum Level 2 Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick Street Fitzroy.

For more information about Mary Glowrey, visit the new website documenting her life and cause for canonisation at maryglowrey.org.au, email the Mary Glowrey Museum at info@maryglowreymuseum.info

This week's Joke!

Tom had won a video game in a work raffle. He called his five children together to ask which one should have the present. “Who is the most obedient?” he asked. The children all stared back at him in silence. Then he asked, “Who never talks back to mum?” Again, the kids appeared to be mystified by the question. Then Tom asked, “Who does everything she says?” With that question, the kids were finally able to decide. The five small voices answered in unison, “Okay, dad, you get the game.”

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Readings Reflection

[Hope from on High](#)

The Lord is our guardian, beside us at our right hand, interceding for us in all our spiritual battles.

In today's Psalm we're told to lift our eyes to the mountains, that our help will come from Mount Zion and the Temple—the dwelling of the Lord who made heaven and earth.

Joshua and the Israelites, in today's First Reading, are also told to look to the hilltops. They are to find their help there—through the intercession of Moses—as they defend themselves against their mortal foes, the Amalekites.

Notice the image: Aaron and Hur standing on each side of Moses, holding his weary arms so that he can raise the staff of God above his head. Moses is being shown here as a figure of Jesus, who also climbed a hilltop, and on Mount Calvary stretched out His hands between heaven and earth to intercede for us against the final enemy—sin and death (see 1 Corinthians 15:26).

By the staff of God, Moses bested Israel's enemies (see Exodus 7:8–12; 8:1–2), parted the Red Sea (see Exodus 14:16) and brought water from the Rock (see Exodus 17:6).

The Cross of Jesus is the new staff of God, bringing about a new liberation from sin, bringing forth living waters from the body of Christ, the new Temple of God (see John 2:19–21; 7:37–39; 19:34; 1 Corinthians 10:4).

Like the Israelites and the widow in today's Gospel, we face opposition and injustice—at times from godless and pitiless adversaries.

We, too, must lift our eyes to the mountains—to Calvary and the God who will guard us from all evil.

We must pray always and not be wearied by our trials, Jesus tells us today. As Paul exhorts in today's Epistle, we need to remain faithful, to turn to the inspired Scriptures—given by God to train us in righteousness.

We must persist, so that when the Son of Man comes again in kingly power, He will indeed find faith on earth.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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Thank you to all who helped to make the Festa a great success!

The parish and the Italian Festa Committee would like to thank the following people and organizations that have contributed to making the Festa a great success both this year and in previous years.

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Generosity inspired by faith!

All that we have received from God—life itself as well as material goods—does not belong to us but is given to us for our use. Generosity in giving must always be enlightened and inspired by faith: then we will truly be more blessed in giving than in receiving.

Pope St. John Paul II