

# Saint Mary's Catholic Church

## Mount Evelyn



### Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday (Year B)

7 April 2024

#### Readings

##### Next Week

Acts 3:13-15, 17-19

Ps 4:2, 4, 5, 9

1 Jn 2:1-5

Lk 24:35-48

#### in a nutshell

*That you may believe.* Our belief in the teachings and resurrection of Jesus prompts us to be part of the Christian community. In turn, our experience of Christian community strengthens our faith. It was only when Thomas was with the other disciples that he met with the risen Christ and came to believe in him. It is a simple truth that faith builds community and community builds faith.

#### we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Harry & Dorothy Heering, Frankie Petinella. For those who have died recently and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time especially Nicolina Di Fiore.

#### of special note

Divine Mercy program on back page.  
Opportunity for Confession is available.

#### Raise Your Voices

##### Entrance Antiphon

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia.

##### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let the sons of Aaron say:  
'His love has no end.'  
Let those who fear the Lord say:  
'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;  
his right hand raised me up.  
I shall not die, I shall live  
and recount his deeds.  
I was punished, I was punished by the Lord,  
but not doomed to die. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected  
has become the corner stone.  
This is the work of the Lord,  
a marvel in our eyes.  
This day was made by the Lord;  
we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

##### Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy are those who have not seen me, but still believe!  
Alleluia!

##### Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails,  
and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

#### 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

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

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

### Regular Gardening/Working Bee—1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday

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

**Next—Friday March 15**

### Parish Meetings: Tuesday, 30 April

Finance Committee 7:00pm

Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm

Parish Council 8:00pm

### DONATIONS TO THE PARISH



## Parish Notices

### Mass for the Feast of the Annunciation

As the Solemnity of the Annunciation (March 25) occurred during Holy Week its observance was transferred to the Monday after Divine Mercy Sunday this year. There will be Mass celebrated on Monday 8th April at 9:00am at St Mary's.

### Mass Time Change Thursday 11 April

Please note, as Fr Michel has a Clergy Workshop to attend on Thursday, Mass will be celebrated at 8:00am.

### Daylight Saving—Vigil Masses

Just a reminder that with daylight saving ending this weekend the Vigil Mass time reverts to the 'Winter' timetable (6:30pm) next week (April 13/14).

### Wedding Celebration—April 14

Samantha and Rafael will exchange wedding vows after the 10.30am Mass next week. The nuptial liturgy will begin at 12pm. All who wish to stay and celebrate with Samantha and Rafael are invited to attend.

### New Tap and Go Terminals

Further to our new method of collecting contributions to the Parish and Presbytery, we have two new Tap and Go machines: one for the parish account and one for the presbytery account. These are placed beside the respective collection boxes in the narthex. These machines allow you to choose the amount you are giving. It can take some time for the machine to register, please **be patient, we are trying to rectify connection problems!**

A reminder that collections are no longer taken up during Mass. Place donations in the labelled boxes in the narthex either before or after Mass. Donations can also be made through the website using the QR code on this page.

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

What greater happiness or higher honour could we have than to be with God? Here where all things shine with divine radiance, where there is joy and gladness and exultation; where there is nothing in our hearts but peace, serenity and stillness. (St. Anastasius of Sinai)

Jesus to St. Faustina...Daughter, when you go to confession, to this fountain of My Mercy, the Blood and Water which came forth from My Heart always flows down upon your soul and ennobles it. When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself am waiting there for you.

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

### Stewardship Corner

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

## March Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$5314.77

Total Expenditure: \$5626.69

### Regular Gardening/Working Bees

Please note the working bees will now be held on Saturday mornings 8:00-10:00am. Thank you to the parishioners who turn up to assist with the maintenance of the grounds around the church. **Next—Saturday April 20**

### Project Compassion— Thank You

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2024. **If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week** or visit [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](https://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations.

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### Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty? Come to Palms' Discovery information session at Sacred Heart, 2 Mora Ave Oakleigh on 22 April at 5:30pm. Meet our director Soraya and former Palms participants to find out more about Assignments Aboard. 02 9560 5333 [palms@palms.org.au](mailto:palms@palms.org.au) <https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/>

### Something to Bring a Smile!

...and because it's the end of daylight saving...

Why did the man sit on his clock after setting it back for Daylight Saving?

He wanted to be on time.

What is the best pet for Daylight Saving?

A watch dog.

My clock was really tense about losing an hour for Daylight Saving ... I guess you could say he was all wound up.

One of the best things about Daylight Saving is that the clock in my car will finally be correct again.

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## Readings Reflection

### [The Day the Lord Made](#)

Three times in today's Psalm we cry out a victory shout: "His mercy endures forever."

Truly we've known the everlasting love of God, who has come to us as our Savior. By the blood and water that flowed from Jesus' pierced side (see John 19:34), we've been made God's children, as we hear in today's Epistle.

Yet we never met Jesus, never heard Him teach, never saw Him raised from the dead. His saving Word came to us in the Church—through the ministry of the apostles, who in today's Gospel are sent as He was sent.

He was made a life-giving Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 15:45) and He filled His apostles with that Spirit. As we hear in today's First Reading, they bore witness to His resurrection with great power. And through their witness, handed down in the Church through the centuries, their teaching and traditions have reached us (see Acts 2:42).

We encounter Him as the apostles did—in the breaking of the bread on the Lord's day (see Acts 20:7; 1 Corinthians 16:2; Revelation 1:10).

There is something liturgical about the way today's Gospel scenes unfold. It's as if John is trying to show us how the risen Lord comes to us in the liturgy and sacraments.

In both scenes it is Sunday night. The doors are bolted tight, yet Jesus mysteriously comes. He greets them with an expression, "Peace be with you," used elsewhere by divine messengers (see Daniel 10:19; Judges 6:23). He shows them signs of His real bodily presence. And on both nights the disciples respond by joyfully receiving Jesus as their "Lord."

Isn't this what happens in the Mass—where our Lord speaks to us in His Word, and gives himself to us in the sacrament of His body and blood?

Let us approach the altar with joy, knowing that every Eucharist is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)  
[stpaulcenter.com](http://stpaulcenter.com)

## **Divine Mercy Sunday**

**2:30pm** Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image & Exposition & the Holy Rosary

**3:00pm** Divine Mercy Prayer—Divine Mercy Chaplet

**3:30pm** St Faustina's Praises of the Mercy of God

**3:45pm** St Faustina's Prayer for Priests

**4:00pm** Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

**4:30pm** Benediction

**5:00pm** Holy Mass

Confessions from 2:45pm-4:15pm

## **Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska**

### **The Humble Instrument**

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her Diary, the Pope call her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely on St. Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully toward others. We also turn to her in prayer and request her intercession to our merciful Savior on our behalf.