

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

17 August 2025

readings

Next Week

21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 66:18-21

Ps 116

Heb 125-7, 11-13:

Lk 13:22-30

in a nutshell

The Fight Against Sin. Some of the first converts to Christianity were shocked to find that their lives as Christians still contained many difficulties. In some cases, becoming a Christian added to their troubles as they met opposition from non-Christian family members. We too face difficulties of one kind or another. Participating in the Eucharist does not eliminate our problems, but gives us the strength and courage we need not to give up in the face of them.

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 Bishop Peter Elliott, and those whose anniversary occur at this time:

of special note

Special collection for the
Archbishop's Campaign
August 17—31st

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield; and look on the face of your anointed one; one day within your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Psalm Response

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord; I
know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I am the living bread that came down from
heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this
bread will live for ever.

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

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.

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 mountevelyn@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.

Tuesday September 9

Parish Safeguarding Meeting 7:00pm

Parish Meetings: Tuesday 14 October

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

Parish Notices

Feast Day Celebrations—17 August

As a parish we recognise the Feast of the Assumption (August 15) as our feast day. Come/stay and join the celebrations after 10:30 Mass; **BBQ, Bake Sale & Jumping Castle.**

Solemn Pontifical Requiem Mass

All are most welcome to attend the following Masses and pray for the repose of the soul of Bishop Peter Elliott:

Monday 18 August, 10.30am
St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

Vigil Mass

Sunday 17 August, 7.30pm
St Patrick's Church, 10 Rogers Street, Mentone

The Archbishop's Campaign August 17—31st

The 2025 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, the University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials.

Adoration of the Eucharist

The faith of the church is this: One and identical is the Word of God and the Son of Mary Who suffered on the Cross, Who is present in the Eucharist, and Who rules in Heaven. (Pope Venerable Pius VII)

Confession should not be viewed only as a way to obtain a clean slate. Instead, confession helps us to grow emotionally and spiritually, teaching us to learn from our shortcomings, and to improve our relationship with God. The important thing is that we are truly sorry for our sins and seek forgiveness to lead a better life in His divine light. (Catholic World Mission)

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

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage, and religious liberty.

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.

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!

World Day Against Abortion Saturday, September 6th

Corpus Christi, Tynong. The day will start with a Mass of Reparation for abortion at 11, followed by several talks by priests. Lunch will be supplied, and bookings are requested for catering purposes at <https://www.trybooking.com/DDPOZ>. A donation of \$10 is suggested."

Jubilee Year—Pilgrims of Hope

The theme of this Jubilee is 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. Pilgrim Places across the Archdiocese of Melbourne will offer extended hours, additional Masses, Reconciliation, and Adoration. Pilgrims will receive a commemorative postcard, monthly reflections, and a Pilgrim Passport (available for a small donation) to be stamped at each location. Local Pilgrim Places will welcome visitors from February 2025 to 6 January 2026. Besides the Cathedral as a Pilgrim Place, Sacred Heart Church, Croydon is the closest to us. 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.

This Week's Joke

A Navy Chief noticed a new seaman and barked at him, "Get over here! What's your name sailor?" "John," the new seaman replied. "Look, I don't know what kind of bleeding-heart pansy rubbish they're teaching sailors in boot camp nowadays, but I don't call anyone by his first name," the chief scowled. "It breeds familiarity, and that leads to a breakdown in authority. I refer to my sailors by their last names only; Smith, Jones, Baker, whatever. And you are to refer to me as 'Chief'. Do I make myself clear?" "Aye, Aye Chief!" "Now that we've got that straight, what's your last name?" The seaman sighed. "Darling, My name is John Darling, Chief." "Okay, John, here's what I want you to do."

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Readings Reflection

Consuming Fire

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us (see Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24). And in this week's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship.

The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see Genesis 2:7) and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in Baptism (see Luke 3:16).

We were baptized into His death (see Romans 6:3). This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptized is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see Acts 2:3).

The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God's Word (see 1 Corinthians 3:13).

In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week's Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week.

But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see Jeremiah 8:11). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood.

But Christ is our peace (see Ephesians 2:14). By His Cross He has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death—as He will rescue the prophet Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 38:10).

And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer.

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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven Body & Soul

[NOTE: The Assumption was celebrated Friday, 15 August]

How did the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary develop?

A great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars....She brought forth a male child, one who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne. (Rev 12:1-5)

The dogma that the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed into Heaven body and soul is implicit in Scripture and has been held by the Church since the early centuries of Christianity. This dogma was solemnly defined in 1950 by Pope Pius XII through the constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*.

As the Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary has a unique relationship with God that surpasses all creatures who had come before or who would follow. By her cooperation with God's will, salvation was brought into the world through Jesus Christ.

The Assumption into Heaven of those especially close to God is not without precedent in the Old Testament: Enoch (cf. Heb 11:5) and Elijah (cf. 2 Kgs 2:11) each are spoken of as having been taken by God without having died. It is fitting that Christ would bring his own Mother to Heaven.

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Formation you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and, by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death. (Byzantine Liturgy, *Troparion*, Feast of the Dormition, August 15).

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a logical extension of her Immaculate Conception: since she was preserved from any stain of Original Sin, she did not suffer its consequences of concupiscence and death.

The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all guilt of original sin, on the completion of her earthly sojourn, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe, that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and the conqueror of sin and death. (*Lumen Gentium*, 59)

In her theology and her liturgy, the Church interprets the figure in the Book of Revelation of the "woman clothed with the sun" as the Blessed Virgin Mary, who appears in Heaven full of glory.

Since the fourth century the Church has celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption on August 15; in the Eastern Churches this feast is known as the Dormition of the Virgin.

From the Didache Bible

44. ... for the glory of Almighty God who has lavished his special affection upon the Virgin Mary, for the honor of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages and the Victor over sin and death, for the increase of the glory of that same august Mother, and for the joy and exultation of the entire Church; by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

From the Apostolic Constitution, Munificentissimus Deus, Pope Pius XII, 1 Nov 1950