# Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



## Easter Sunday of the Resurrection (Year C)

17 April 2022

### readings

**Next Week** 

Acts 5:12-16 Ps 117:2-4, 22-27 Rev 1:9-13, 17-19 Jn 20:19-31

#### in a nutshell

Christ is risen. Alleluia! The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial clothes, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

#### we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially, Charlotte-Mae, Maureen O'Kane, Kaye Law.

For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

The Lord Is Risen!

Website: http://pol.org.au/mountevelyn

### **Raise Your Voices**

#### **Entrance Antiphon**

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia. You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia. Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

#### **Responsorial Psalm**

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel 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. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone. This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

#### **Gospel acclamation**

Alleluia, alleluia! Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord. Alleluia!

#### **Communion Antiphon**

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed, alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with the unleavened bread of purity and truth, alleluia, 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 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 to the toilets.

#### Car Parking –Weekend Masses

In the interests of safety please park in the Generations. official carparks rather than on the grassy areas around the picnic tables. Keep this area for people to gather and chat after mass.

#### 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 John Bird 0407 Adoration of the Eucharist 848 192

Bulletin notices: by 12:00 noon Thursday please: mountevelyn@cam.org.au

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

#### Parish Meetings: Tuesday May 3

**Finance Committee** 7:00pm

Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm

**Parish Council** 8:00pm

#### **Parish Notices**

#### **Easter Egg Hunt after Mass**

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt for all children after the 10:30 Mass on Easter Sunday. Children of all ages invited.

#### **Project Compassion**

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support for Project Compassion – past, present and future. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future

Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2022 Lenten appeal.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au, or by calling 1800 024 413

Adoration, spend time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Friday mornings 8:00am. Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 6:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

Adoration: I beg you to show the greatest possible reverence and honour for the most holy Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom all things, whether on earth or in heaven, have been brought to peace and reconciled with Almighty God. (St. Francis of Assisi)

Confession: I wanted my sins forgiven and to sit back and say thank you. (G.K. Chesterton, on being received into the Catholic Church.)

#### **Stewardship Corner**

"...He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him." (ACTS 10:38)

We can't give what we don't have. Open your heart to receive God's love, mercy and forgiveness. Then, show the same to others. As God's adopted sons and daughters, we are made in His image and likeness. As Pope Benedict XVI says, "we are made for greatness." Let our lives reflect His light to others. Pray to live a grateful and generous life. Strive for greatness! We are made for more! We are made for God!

March Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Weekly pledge amount: \$834.31 Average weekly given: \$755.50

Total income: \$3022 Total Expenditure: \$4416

#### Thanksgiving/Stewardship - Support for your Parish.

The Parish appreciates the ongoing support by those parishioners who are formally engaged in the Stewardship Program either using the envelopes or via direct debit. It's not too late to decide to become a regular contributor to the finances of the Parish. Please notify the office if you would like to be part of the Stewardship.

#### Tap and Go—Located Near Kitchen Window

Donations given using Tap and Go are considered the same as cash in the basket or "Presbytery Offering" through envelopes therefore contributes to the support of the Parish Priest. A percentage of the Presbytery collection is also required to be sent quarterly to support the Archdiocese.

#### 'Pondering Grief', Saturday 30 April 2022, 10am-3.30pm.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$80 (Materials provided, BYO lunch). Book and pay via email <a href="mailto:info@heartoflife.melbourne">info@heartoflife.melbourne</a>, <a href="mailto:www.heartoflife.melbourne">www.heartoflife.melbourne</a>, or Phone 98901101

#### Young Adults—Do you hunger for something more?

Re-Generation is excited to announce its next event: 'Be Filled: A night of food, faith and fellowship'. Our culture promises love and happiness but often leaves us feeling empty and alone. We invite young adults to come and taste the food that truly satisfies: the eternal love of God. Be inspired by sound teaching, uplifting music and meaningful connections. An evening not to be missed! Saturday April 30, 7pm-9pm Our Lady Help of Christians Hall, (entrance off Barkly Street) East Brunswick Register now: www.trybooking.com/BYONZ

#### Bringing a Smile to Your Face...

During Easter break three young boys were bragging about their fathers. The first boy says, "My dad is a poet. He scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a poem, and they give him \$50."

The second boy chimes in, "That's nothing. My dad is in advertising. He scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a jingle, and they give him \$100."

The third boy chuckles and says, "Hah! I can beat you both. My dad is a deacon. He scribbles a few words on a piece of paper, calls it a homily, and it takes four people to collect all the money."

### **Readings Reflection**

#### Seeing Is Believing

Jesus is nowhere visible. Yet today's Gospel tells us that Peter and John "saw and believed."

What did they see? Burial shrouds lying on the floor of an empty tomb. Maybe that convinced them that He hadn't been carted off by grave robbers, who usually stole the expensive burial linens and left the corpses behind.

But notice the repetition of the word "tomb"—seven times in nine verses. They saw the empty tomb and they believed what He had promised: that God would raise Him on the third day.

Chosen to be His "witnesses," today's First Reading tells us, the Apostles were "commissioned . . . to preach . . . and testify" to all that they had seen—from His anointing with the Holy Spirit at the Jordan to the empty tomb. More than their own experience, they were instructed in the mysteries of the divine economy, God's saving plan—to know how "all the prophets bear witness" to Him (see Luke 24:27, 44).

Now they could "understand the Scripture," could teach us what He had told them—that He was "the Stone which the builders rejected," that today's Psalm prophesies His Resurrection and exaltation (see Luke 20:17; Matthew 21:42; Acts 4:11).

We are the children of the apostolic witnesses. That is why we still gather early in the morning on the first day of every week to celebrate this feast of the empty tomb, give thanks for "Christ our life," as today's Epistle calls Him.

Baptized into His death and Resurrection, we live the heavenly life of the risen Christ, our lives "hidden with Christ in God." We are now His witnesses, too. But we testify to things we cannot see but only believe; we seek in earthly things what is above.

We live in memory of the Apostles' witness, like them eating and drinking with the risen Lord at the altar. And we wait in hope for what the Apostles told us would come—the day when we too "will appear with Him in glory."

<u>Dr. Scott Hahn</u> stpaulcenter.com

### **Divine Mercy Sunday—Next Week**

**2:30pm** Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Rosary

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

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

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

**4:30pm** Benediction & The Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image

**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.