

# Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



## Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

28 August 2022

### readings

#### Next Week

Wis 9:13-18  
Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17  
Philemon 9-10, 12-17  
Lk 14:25-33

### in a nutshell

*Taking the lower place.* In today's Gospel Jesus offers some wise advice on table etiquette. For Luke, the story has implications for the relationship of the rich to the poor who gather for the Eucharistic banquet. Only if all members are treated with equal dignity can it truly be called the Lord's Supper. Parishes prosper when all are treated equally regardless of how much each can put on the collection plate.

### we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend.  
For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

### of special note

Children will be making their First Communion this weekend.

*More information inside*

### Raise Your Voices

#### Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

#### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the poor.

The just shall rejoice at the presence of God, they shall exult and dance for joy.

O sing to the Lord, make music to his name; rejoice in the Lord, exult at his presence. (R.)

Father of the orphan, defender of the widow, such is God in his holy place.

God gives the lonely a home to live in; he leads the prisoners forth into freedom. (R.)

You poured down, O God, a generous rain: when your people were starved you gave them new life.

It was there that your people found a home, prepared in your goodness, O God, for the poor. (R.)

#### Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Take my yoke upon you; learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart.

Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep for those who fear you.

### 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 family member to the toilet.

### Safeguarding Committee

Fr Michel  
Janine Meades  
Alan Somers  
Karen Somers  
Sue Van der Linden  
Karla Zmegac

### Car Parking –Weekend Masses

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

### 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.

### 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 848 192

**Bulletin notices: by 12:00 noon Thursday please: [muntevelyn@cam.org.au](mailto:muntevelyn@cam.org.au)**

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

### Parish Meetings: Tuesday 23 August

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

## Parish Notices

### First Communion

During Sunday Masses this weekend children of the Parish will be receiving Communion for the first time. Please Keep them and their families in your prayers.

### Stewardship Corner

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you." Luke 14:13-14

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy Mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

### Regular Gardening/Working Bee

You are invited to put some time aside between 4-6pm to assist with maintaining the gardens etc at one of our regular working bees. BYO PPE, gloves, tools/equipment etc. **Next one: 2 September**

### Adoration of the Eucharist

When God loves, all he desires is to be loved in return; the sole purpose of his love is to be loved, in the knowledge that those who love him are made happy by their love of him.....Or are we to doubt that the soul is loved by the Word first and with a greater love ? (St. Bernard)

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.

### September 4 Fathers' Day Collection

Archbishop Comensoli acknowledges that, it has been a wonderful custom in the Archdiocese of Melbourne to allow the faithful of the Archdiocese to show something of their own appreciation through the annual Fathers' Day Appeal conducted by the Priests' Retirement Fund. The appeal goes to the care of retired and sick priests by providing suitable accommodation, medical assistance and a comfortable standard of living for them.

Envelopes are available this week to take home and return next week.

### Coffee After 10:30 Mass has Resumed

We will be offering tea and coffee after the morning Mass again! We are seeking volunteers to serve and wash up once a month or so. If you'd like to be on the roster, please put your name and number on the sign up sheet at the kitchen window or contact Rachael O'Shea ph. 0437123802

## 40 Days for Life Prayers

Join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We will be keeping vigil near a Melbourne abortion facility from 28th September to 6th November. Those who can't be present may like to pray from home or in church. To register your hours and for more information visit [www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne). Please also consider attending a fundraiser screening of "Unplanned" on Monday 5th September at 7pm. Bookings close 7 pm on August 29th! Booking details can be found at the above website.

## A Message From *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home. Can you help build churches to support the faithful throughout the world? Visit: [www.aidtochurch.org/construction](http://www.aidtochurch.org/construction)

## Need to Dispose of a Vehicle? - Support Lifeboat

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process - getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even garaging it until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle either from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, please consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Geelong Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status which for nine years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors of church-related sexual abuse. Many of these suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and have limited or no employment. A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life. If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, or [frkdillon@outlook.com.au](mailto:frkdillon@outlook.com.au)) or Adam Kaali (0411 486 605, or [adam-kaali@hotmail.com](mailto:adam-kaali@hotmail.com)).

## Something to Make You Smile

A young mum was driving up and down her local shopping strip trying to get a car park. She was starting to get a bit agitated so she thought she would say a prayer to the Lord. "Please Lord, if you find me a parking spot I promise to volunteer more of my time at Church." Just at that moment a car pulled out in front of her, to which the young mum said, "Don't worry about it Lord, I found one!"

# Readings Reflection

## [To Go up Higher](#)

We come to the wedding banquet of heaven by way of humility and charity. This is the fatherly instruction we hear in today's First Reading, and the message of today's Gospel.

Jesus is not talking simply about good table manners. He is revealing the way of the kingdom, in which the one who would be greatest would be the servant of all (see Luke 22:24–27).

This is the way, too, that the Father has shown us down through the ages—filling the hungry, sending the rich away empty, lifting up the lowly, pulling down the proud (see Luke 1:52–53).

We again call to mind the Exodus in today's Psalm—how in His goodness the Lord led the Israelites from imprisonment to prosperity, rained down bread from heaven, made them His inheritance, becoming a "Father of orphans."

We now have also gained a share of His inheritance. We are to live humbly, knowing we are not worthy to receive from His table (see Luke 6:7; 15:21). We are to give alms, remembering we were ransomed from sin by the price of His blood (see 1 Corinthians 6:19–20).

The Lord promises that if we are humble we will be exalted and find favor with God; that if we are kind to those who can never repay us, we will atone for sins and find blessing in the resurrection of the righteous.

We anticipate the fulfillment of those promises in every Eucharist, today's Epistle tells us. In the Mass, we enter the festal gathering of the angels and the firstborn children of God. It is the liturgy of the heavenly Jerusalem in which Jesus is the high priest, the King who calls us to come up higher (see Proverbs 25:6–7).

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## Jesus...was obedient to them

*What can we learn from the "Hidden Life" of Christ?*

[Jesus] went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man. (Lk 2:51-52)

On the sabbath [Jesus] began to teach in the synagogue; and many who heard him were astonished, saying..."Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary?" (Mk 6:2-3)

Christ's earthly life between his infancy and the age of thirty were spent in virtual anonymity, leaving an example for us of how we can sanctify our everyday lives.

The Gospels speak eloquently of many things that Christ said and did during his public ministry, but even his years of obscurity—his so-called "hidden years," of which the gospels are virtually silent—speak volumes for us. Aside from the story of his being found in the Temple at the age of twelve after having gone missing from his family, the years between his infancy and his public ministry, a span of nearly thirty years, remains shrouded in mystery except for this: he remains obedient to his parents and he "grew in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man" (Lk 2:51-52). But in this obedience he was already preparing for and beginning his mission to redeem humanity from sin.

In his Hidden Life, Christ provides a model for our own everyday lives as faithful Christians. In his youth, he was obedient to his parents, an obedience and submission that would culminate in his submission to the will of the Father on the Cross, which atoned for our own disobedience. In all things he sought and acquired wisdom and maintained communion with the Father while serving as a model for his fellow men and women.

The Hidden Life of Christ suggests that he lived in humility, attending to his family and professional duties as he worked his trade as a carpenter while also giving proper time and attention to a life of prayer and contemplation. In like manner, we are called to carry on the responsibilities of our lives, mindful always of our duty and opportunity to sanctify our family and our daily activities humbly and faithfully.

*From the Didache Bible*

**531** During the greater part of his life Jesus shared the condition of the vast majority of human beings: a daily life spent without evident greatness, a life of manual labour. His religious life was that of a Jew obedient to the law of God, a life in the community. From this whole period it is revealed to us that Jesus was "obedient" to his parents and that he "increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favour with God and man."

**532** Jesus' obedience to his mother and legal father fulfils the fourth commandment perfectly and was the temporal image of his filial obedience to his Father in heaven. The everyday obedience of Jesus to Joseph and Mary both announced and anticipated the obedience of Holy Thursday: "Not my will...." The obedience of Christ in the daily routine of his hidden life was already inaugurating his work of restoring what the disobedience of Adam had destroyed.

**533** The hidden life at Nazareth allows everyone to enter into fellowship with Jesus by the most ordinary events of daily life:

*The home of Nazareth is the school where we begin to understand the life of Jesus—the school of the Gospel. First, then, a lesson of silence. May esteem for silence, that admirable and indispensable condition of mind, revive in us ... A lesson on family life. May Nazareth teach us what family life is, its communion of love, its austere and simple beauty, and its sacred and inviolable character ... A lesson of work. Nazareth, home of the "Carpenter's Son," in you I would choose to understand and proclaim the severe and redeeming law of human work... To conclude, I want to greet all the workers of the world, holding up to them their great pattern, their brother who is God. (Pope St Paul VI)*

*From the Catechism of the Catholic Church*