

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

27 February 2022

readings

Next Week

Deut 26:4-10
Ps 90:1-2, 10-15
Rom 10:8-13
Lk 4:1-13

in a nutshell

Take the plank from your own eye first. Let us not presume to pass judgement on other peoples' shortcomings without first subjecting our own conduct to honest scrutiny. Perhaps we expect higher standards of moral behaviour from others than we require for ourselves. Criticism of the sinner is not infrequently a subtle form of self-condemnation in which pride is joined to lack of charity.

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, Bernie Reed.
For those who have died recently, especially Marcus White, and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

Lenten resources available for your family.

More information inside

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night.
(R.)

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful
with me,
sing psalms to the name of the Lord Most High.

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—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

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Parish Notices

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility. Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

Child Safety

Remember children should be accompanied by an adult to the toilets.

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

moutevelyn@cam.org.au

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

Parish Meetings: Tuesday March 15

Finance Committee 7:00pm

Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm

Parish Council 8:00pm

Something to make you Smile!

The teacher asked the small girl in her class what her father's name was. The child answered: "Daddy."

The teacher said "Yes, I know that, but what name does your mother call him?"

"She doesn't call him any names. She likes him."

Car Parking –Weekend Masses

In the interests of safety please park in the official car parks rather than on the grassy areas around the picnic tables. Keep this area for people to gather and chat after mass. It has come to our attention that a child was almost hit by a reversing car.

Ash Wednesday, 2 March

Masses will be:

Mount Evelyn, 11:00am & 7:30pm

Yarra Junction, 9:00am, Warburton, 6:00pm

Personal Lenten Preparation

There are a number of ways to prepare during Lent for the Easter Season. Here are some options to consider.

- ◆ The Parish has available the Lenten Program— 'Remember' published by the Wollongong Diocese. It contains short daily reflections and longer-form Sunday reflections, questions and prayer. Please take a copy for your family. (1 per family) More resources are available on their website: <https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/lenten-program/>
- ◆ Register for the FREE Lenten streaming series, led by Scott Hahn, featuring faith-inspiring talks on Confession, prayer, the Eucharist, and knowing the Gospel. Watch for free beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2. Get to the roots of our faith this Lent—sign up now! Go to <https://stpaulcenter.com> or [click here](#)
- ◆ Visit: <https://summit.melbournecatholic.org/libraries/2022/lent-and-easter-useful-links/>

Stations of the Cross During Lent

We are praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. Please come and pray this traditional devotion following the path of our Lord to Calvary. Jesus said to St Faustina: There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My sorrowful Passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood; the contemplation of My painful wounds is of great profit to you, and it brings Me great joy.

Mount Evelyn: 7:30pm , Yarra Junction: 6:00pm

Project Compassion Sunday 26 & 27 February

Please take home a Project Compassion box and a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and **For All Future Generations**. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction. Project Compassion 2022 reminds us that the good that we do today will extend and impact the lives of generations to come to build better future for all. As St Pope John Paul II said, **"The future starts today, not tomorrow."** 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 of the Eucharist

For more than 20 years, young people from all over Melbourne have gathered at St. Patrick's Cathedral on Thursday evenings for an hour of Adoration before the Blessed Sacrament. For the past 5 years, in the parishes of Upper Yarra Valley and Mt. Evelyn, Eucharistic Adoration and Benediction have been held weekly. These Liturgical Celebrations are signs of devotion to and worship of our gracious Redeemer. A powerful and beautiful way to grow closer to Him.

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.

Sacramental Preparation Classes

Every child undertaking a Sacrament this year are expected to attend afterschool classes. Registration closes March 7 especially for Confirmation. Contact Father or the office for a form.

Parish Family Group

A few families have expressed an interest in forming a parish family group to foster friendships and to support each other in growing our family's faith. If you have a young family and are interested in hearing more, please join us for an initial meeting after Mass on Sunday 13th March. BYO lunch

Stewardship Corner

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." (LUKE 6:43)

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

Thanksgiving/Stewardship - Support for your Parish.

As you would understand income from both the stewardship and presbytery donations suffered during the last two years causing a significant decrease in income for both the church and the presbytery. 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.

World Day of Prayer - Friday 4th March

Sacred Heart Warburton is hosting this year's World Day of Prayer with the theme "I know the plans I have for you" and have invited the other Churches in the area to join us at 10:00am (Note change of time). We would be delighted if parishioners came along and joined, with people including in the host countries England, Wales & Northern Ireland, in the World Day of Prayer.

<https://www.worlddayofprayeraustralia.org/wdp2022/>

Readings Reflection

[Heart and Mouth](#)

In today's readings we hear Jesus speaking in Galilee as well as a Jewish sage named Sirach writing in Jerusalem more than a century earlier. The two of them touch upon a single truth: The words that come out of us make known the hidden thoughts within us. Speech reveals the secrets of the heart.

Sirach teaches that speaking is "the test of men" and their character. One who is upright will utter words that are truthful and encouraging to others. But one whose heart is cluttered with "refuse" will be exposed, since the "fruit" of his mouth speaks volumes about the "tree" that produces it. Sirach also compares the testing of our words to clay fired in a kiln—if properly prepared, a useful vessel emerges; but if the clay is not fully dried, it will break apart in the extreme heat.

In a similar way, Jesus insists that a person speaks "out of the abundance of the heart." He too compares our speech, whether good or bad, to what grows on a tree: "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit."

Both readings urge us to make wholesome speech a habit. After all, much about who we are is brought to light through what we say. But there's an additional step: The Lord is asking us to look inward, to examine our hearts and fill them with the "good treasure" that God desires.

Why do purity of heart and speech matter so much? Because, as Jesus declares elsewhere: "by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:37). They matter because they help to decide our final judgment, and this is where the Second Reading comes in. Paul reminds us that God will destroy death forever, and if we are to share in this victory and live forever with the Lord, then we must take all steps necessary to give our hearts and lips to what is good.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
stpaulcenter.com

The Lenten Season begins on 2 March 2022

109. *The Lenten season has a twofold character:*

- 1) *it recalls baptism or prepares for it*
- 2) *it stresses a penitential spirit.*

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:

- a) *Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy...*
- b) *The same approach holds for the penitential elements...*

110. *During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social...In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.*

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer** -for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- (b) **Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- (c) **Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.

1. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).
2. The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.
3. Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 2 March 2022 and Trinity Sunday, 12 June 2022 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.
4. The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.