

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

10 July 2022

readings

Next Week

Gen 18:1-10
Ps 14:2-5
Col 1:24-28
Lk 10:38-42

in a nutshell

To whom can I be a neighbour? The command to love thy neighbour is as broad as our definition of the word 'neighbour'. Are the people living next door the only ones we consider our neighbours? Do we include people in neighbouring streets, towns, or countries, and people of other faiths? Jesus answers these questions by telling the story of the Good Samaritan. As we hear this story we realise that the key question is never, 'who is my neighbour?', rather, 'to whom can I be a neighbour?'

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 occur at this time.

of special note

First Communion preparation class enrolment has begun.

More information inside

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

As for me, in justice I shall behold your face;
I shall be filled with the vision of your glory.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Turn to the Lord in your need, and you will live.

This is my prayer to you,
my prayer for your favour.
In your great love, answer me, O God,
with your help that never fails:
Lord, answer, for your love is kind;
in your compassion, turn towards me. (R.)

As for me in my poverty and pain
let your help, O God, lift me up.
I will praise God's name with a song;
I will glorify him with thanksgiving. (R.)

The poor when they see it will be glad
and God-seeking hearts will revive;
for the Lord listens to the needy
and does not spurn his servants in their chains.
(R.)

For God will bring help to Zion
and rebuild the cities of Judah.
The sons of his servants shall inherit it;
those who love his name shall dwell there. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life;
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
remains in me and I in him, says the Lord.

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

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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

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

Parish Meetings: Tuesday July 12

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

Parish Notices

St Vincent De Paul Annual Winter Appeal 2022—Next Week

It is time again for the SVDP Winter Appeal. This will be held at all the Masses on the weekend of the 16th and 17th July. All money received will go towards assisting people from our parish who are struggling to make ends meet and who ask for our help. Please place your donations in the 2nd Collection. For those who wish to donate by credit card or require a receipt there will be envelopes on the seats which can be placed in the collection or hand in to the piety stall.

Direct Debit is available and, if doing this, please mark that it is for the Mooroolbark Conference

Direct Debit details are: BSB: 063 003 Account No: 1008 1787 Reference Agent 471

Thank you very much for your previous and continued support.
Alan Somers Mount Evelyn Conference President

Stewardship/Thanksgiving Envelopes

The next set of envelopes are available this weekend. Apologies that they were not available last week. If you are currently using direct debit and no longer wish to receive envelopes please contact the office.

Nominations for Safeguarding Committee

There are a number of positions open on the Safeguarding Committee, please contact the Parish office or Fr Michel if you are interested.

Bags of Leaves!

Anyone interested composting leaves for your garden, there are some bags ready to grab in the carport. First in!

Regular Gardening/Working Bee

On the first and third Fridays of the month you are invited to put some time aside between 4-6pm to assist with maintaining the gardens etc. BYO PPE, gloves, tools/equipment etc. **Next one: 15 July**

First Communion Enrolments 2022

First Communion preparation classes for children at St Mary's Primary School will begin on July 19. Registrations are open now, please see Fr Michel, visit website <http://pol.org.au/muntevelyn/Home.aspx> or notify the parish office for a registration form.

Adoration of the Eucharist

To fall in love with God is the greatest romance; to seek him the greatest adventure; to find him the greatest human achievement. (St. Augustine)

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.

Stewardship Corner

“Jesus said to him, ‘Go and do likewise.’” Luke 10:37

This was Jesus’ command at the end of the Good Samaritan story. Did you know that the Samaritans and Jews despised each other? The moral of the story is to love our neighbour. That means loving someone you may not know, or someone that looks different than you, or someone that has different beliefs than you, or someone that you don’t like. All without expecting anything in return.

Coffee After 10:30 Mass to Resume Soon

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

At Home Retreat

Heart of Life is offering an “At-home Retreat: Held in Hope” – over five weeks, beginning Monday, 1 August and concluding 29 August. This at-home retreat, invites you to spend some time in prayer at home each day pondering your experiences of the day, and to be accompanied by a retreat-companion weekly, via Zoom for 45 minutes, on how God might have been present for you. A small donation will be welcome. To register your interest, please call 9890 1101 or email info@heartoflife.melbourne, no later than 18 July 2022.

Something to Make You Smile

Old Fred celebrated his 100th birthday at his local parish hall. All the guests complimented him on how athletic and well-preserved he looked.

When it came to the speeches Fred said, “Ladies and gentlemen, I will tell you the secret of my success. Many centenarians say their longevity is due to no smoking and avoiding the demon drink but that’s not my secret.”

The local parish priest and the guests were most impressed and asked how he managed to maintain his rigorous fitness regime.

Fred continued, “I have been walking in the open air day after day for many years now. You see, my wife and I were married 75 years ago and on our wedding night we made a solemn pledge. Whenever we had a row, the one who was in the wrong would have to go outside and take a long walk.”

Readings Reflection

[What We Must Do](#)

We are to love God and our neighbor with all the strength of our being, as the scholar of the Law answers Jesus in this week’s Gospel.

This command is nothing remote or mysterious—it’s already written in our hearts, in the book of Sacred Scripture. “You have only to carry it out,” Moses says in this week’s First Reading.

Jesus tells His interrogator the same thing: “Do this and you will live.”

The scholar, however, wants to know where he can draw the line. That’s the motive behind his question, “Who is my neighbor?”

In his compassion, the Samaritan in Jesus’ parable reveals the boundless mercy of God, Who came down to us when we were fallen in sin, close to dead, unable to pick ourselves up.

Jesus is “the image of the invisible God,” this week’s Epistle tells us. In Him, the love of God has come very near to us. By the “blood of His Cross”—by bearing His neighbors’ sufferings in His own body, being Himself stripped and beaten and left for dead—He saved us from the bonds of sin and reconciled us to God and to one another.

Like the Samaritan, He pays the price for us, heals the wounds of sin, pours out on us the oil and wine of the sacraments, and entrusts us to the care of His Church until He comes back for us.

Because His love has known no limits, ours cannot either. We are to love as we have been loved, to do for others what He has done for us, joining all things together in His Body, the Church.

We are to love like the singer of this week’s Psalm—like those whose prayers have been answered, like those whose lives has been saved, who have known the time of His favor, have seen God in His great mercy turn toward us.

This is the love that leads to eternal life, the love Jesus commands today of the scholar and of each of us: “Go and do likewise.”

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Contemplation is a *gaze* of faith, fixed on Jesus

Why do we adore, or worship, Christ in the Blessed Sacrament?

A great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God. (Rev 7:9-11)

Christ is present to us in many ways, as in the assembled faithful or the Word of God; however, his presence in the Eucharist is unique and qualitatively superior in that he is present truly, really, and substantially in his Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.

When the bishop or priest repeats the words of consecration during the Mass, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Only the appearance of bread and wine remain. This mystery of Faith is known as the “Real Presence” of Christ in the Eucharist. “This presence is called ‘real’ not to exclude the idea that the others are ‘real’ too, but rather to indicate presence par excellence, because it is substantial and through it Christ becomes present whole and entire, God and man” (Bl. Paul VI).

It became the custom in the early Church to set aside some consecrated hosts when the Mass had ended; today, every Catholic church has a tabernacle where the Body of Christ is reserved. The Eucharist is thereby available to distribute to the sick who could not attend Mass. Since Christ is truly present, an act of reverence is made toward the tabernacle; in the Western Church a genuflection, by which the right knee is touched to the ground, is normally used.

The Real Presence of Christ invites us also to the adoration of the reserved Blessed Sacrament; this has led to the development of many Eucharistic devotions. Eucharistic adoration before the tabernacle is one such pious practice. Many churches also have periods of adoration when a consecrated host is displayed, or exposed, in a monstrance. Eucharistic processions are conducted when the Eucharist is placed in a monstrance, which is then carried around the church and even through the streets of the town or city.

When, therefore, the Church bids us adore Christ hidden behind the Eucharistic veils and pray to Him for the spiritual and temporal favours of which we ever stand in need, she manifests living faith in her divine Spouse who is present beneath these veils. (Pope Pius XII)

Ah yes, brothers and sisters, but where did the Lord wish to be recognized? In the breaking of bread. We’re all right, nothing to worry about—we break bread, and we recognize the Lord. It was for our sake that he didn’t want to be recognized anywhere but there, because we weren’t going to see him in the flesh, and yet we were going to eat his flesh. So if you’re a believer, any of you, if you’re not called a Christian for nothing, if you don’t come to church pointlessly, if you listen to the Word of God in fear and hope, you may take comfort in the breaking of bread. The Lord’s absence is not an absence. Have faith, and the one you cannot see is with you. (St. Augustine)

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease. (St. John Paul II)

From the Didache Bible

2709 What is contemplative prayer? St. Teresa answers: “Contemplative prayer in my opinion is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us.”

Contemplative prayer seeks him “whom my soul loves.” It is Jesus, and in him, the Father. We seek him, because to desire him is always the beginning of love, and we seek him in that pure faith which causes us to be born of him and to live in him. In this inner prayer we can still meditate, but our attention is fixed on the Lord himself.

2715 Contemplation is a *gaze* of faith, fixed on Jesus. “I look at him and he looks at me”: this is what a certain peasant of Ars in the time of his holy curé used to say while praying before the tabernacle. This focus on Jesus is a renunciation of self. His gaze purifies our heart; the light of the countenance of Jesus illumines the eyes of our heart and teaches us to see everything in the light of his truth and his compassion for all men. Contemplation also turns its gaze on the mysteries of the life of Christ. Thus it learns the “interior knowledge of our Lord,” the more to love him and follow him.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church