

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

24 July 2022

readings

Next Week

Ecc1 1:2, 2:21-23
Ps 89:3-6, 12-14, 17
Col 3:1-5, 9-11
Lk 12:13-21

in a nutshell

You answered me. From Abraham's example and Jesus' teaching, we learn about prayer in today's readings. Truly persevering prayer implies more than persistence on our part; it should combine peaceful expectation with humble acceptance of God's will. If we are too busy to pray, we are busier than God wants us to be.

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

Gardening/working bee this Friday.
Thank you to all who have participated!

More information inside

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, on the day I called for help, you answered me.

I thank you, Lord, with all my heart, you have heard the words of my mouth. Before the angels I will bless you. I will adore before your holy temple. (R.)

I thank you for your faithfulness and love which excel all we ever knew of you. On the day I called, you answered; you increased the strength of my soul. (R.)

The Lord is high yet he looks on the lowly and the haughty he knows from afar. Though I walk in the midst of affliction you give me life and frustrate my foes. (R.)

You stretch out your hand and save me, your hand will do all things for me. Your love, O Lord, is eternal, discard not the work of your hands. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
You have received the Spirit which makes us God's children, and in that Spirit we call God our Father.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and never forget all his benefits.

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

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

Parish Notices

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: 29 July**

Adoration of the Eucharist

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

"Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you." Luke 11:9

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given, and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Generosity is a gift that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

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

After 70 years of marriage a 90-year-old couple pass away after their cruise ship sinks in the South Pacific. The incident was unfortunate because they had been in good health for much of their life due mainly to her obsession with health food and exercise. When they reached the Pearly Gates, St Peter escorted them to their new mansion that was decked out with a beautiful kitchen, a master bath suite and indoor picture theatre. The couple were most impressed and thanked St Peter very much. However, they were slightly concerned about the cost. “It’s free,” said St Peter. “This is heaven.” Smiling, the couple were then shown the outdoor tennis court and the world-class golf course that backed on to their home. St Peter told them they would enjoy golfing privileges every day. The old man then asked, “What are the green fees?” Peter replied, “This is heaven, you play for free.” They next walked to the clubhouse and saw the lavish buffet lunch with the best cuisine imaginable. There were dishes from every country imaginable. “How much does it cost to eat?” the old man asked. “Don’t you understand yet? This is heaven and everything is free,” an exasperated St Peter added. “Well, where are the low fat and low cholesterol tables?” the old man asked timidly. “Well,” said St Peter, “that’s the best part. You can eat as much as you like of whatever you like and you will never get fat or sick. This is heaven.” With St Peter’s last comment, the old man went red with rage. His wife tried to calm him down but her husband glared at her and continued yelling. “If it weren’t for you forcing me to eat all those blasted bran muffins, I could have been up here 10 years ago.”

Readings Reflection

[Asked and Answered](#)

Though we be “but dust and ashes,” we can presume to draw near and speak boldly to our Lord, as Abraham dares to do in this week’s First Reading.

But even Abraham—the friend of God (see Isaiah 41:8), our father in the faith (see Romans 4:12)—did not know the intimacy that we know as children of Abraham, heirs of the blessings promised to his descendants (see Galatians 3:7, 29).

The mystery of prayer, as Jesus reveals to His disciples in this week’s Gospel, is the living relationship of beloved sons and daughters with their heavenly Father. Our prayer is pure gift, made possible by the “good gift” of the Father—the Holy Spirit of His Son. It is the fruit of the New Covenant by which we are made children of God in Christ Jesus (see Galatians 4:6–7; Romans 8:15–16).

Through the Spirit given to us in Baptism, we can cry to Him as our Father—knowing that when we call He will answer.

Jesus teaches His disciples to persist in their prayer, as Abraham persisted in begging God’s mercy for the innocent of Sodom and Gomorrah.

For the sake of the one just Man, Jesus, God spared the city of man from destruction (see Jeremiah 5:1; Isaiah 53), “obliterating the bond against us,” as Paul says in this week’s Epistle.

On the Cross, Jesus bore the guilt of us all. He canceled the debt we owed to God, the death we deserved to die for our transgressions. We pray as ones who have been visited in our affliction and saved from our enemies, as ones who have been spared.

We pray always a prayer of thanksgiving, which is the literal meaning of “Eucharist.” We have realized the promise of this week’s Psalm: we worship in His holy temple, in the presence of angels, hallowing His name.

In confidence we ask, knowing that we will receive, that He will bring to completion what He has done for us—raising us from the dead, bringing us to everlasting life along with Him.

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Give us this day our daily bread

What does the Lord's Prayer mean when we pray, "Give us this day our daily bread"?

"I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat or what you shall drink, nor about your body, what you shall put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air: they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ... Therefore do not be anxious, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we drink?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the Gentiles seek all these things; and your heavenly Father knows that you need them all. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well." (Mt 6:25-33)

The petition for "our daily bread" is an expression of trust in God to provide for our earthly needs; it also refers to our spiritual food, the Eucharist, which is the Body of Christ, the Bread of Life.

Though the Lord directs our eyes to the essential, to the "one thing necessary," he also knows about and acknowledges our earthly needs. While he says to his disciples, "Do not be anxious about your life, what you shall eat" (Mt 6:25), he nevertheless invites us to pray for our food and thus to turn our care over to God. (Pope Benedict XVI, Jesus of Nazareth)

Common bread is emblematic of our fundamental human need to eat. We speak of a worker "putting bread on the table," meaning that he or she works to provide the basic food and essentials that a family needs to survive. When we ask God to "give us this day our daily bread," we are asking that our human needs be met. Yet in the *Lord's Prayer*, this petition is more than a simple request: It also implies a trust that God will provide for us, a trust in his Divine Providence. Even if we work for our bread, it is still a gift from God that calls for our gratitude.

There are other dimensions to this petition. It also reminds us that we share responsibility for those in the world who do not have their basic needs fulfilled: the hungry, the homeless, the oppressed, etc. It also reminds that "man does not live by bread alone", that we need to be nourished also by Christ, the Bread of Life, present in the Eucharist and in the Word of God.

To those who seek the kingdom of God and his righteousness, he has promised to give all else besides. Since everything indeed belongs to God, he who possesses God wants for nothing, if he himself is not found wanting before God. (St. Cyprian)

From the Didache Bible

2828 *"Give us"*: The trust of children who look to their Father for everything is beautiful. "He makes his sun rise on the evil and on the good, and sends rain on the just and on the unjust." He gives to all the living "their food in due season." Jesus teaches us this petition, because it glorifies our Father by acknowledging how good he is, beyond all goodness.

2835 This petition, with the responsibility it involves, also applies to another hunger from which men are perishing: "Man does not live by bread alone, but ... by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Dt 8:3; Mt 4:4), that is, by the Word he speaks and the Spirit he breathes forth. Christians must make every effort "to proclaim the good news to the poor." There is a famine on earth, "not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord" (Amos 8:11). For this reason the specifically Christian sense of this fourth petition concerns the Bread of Life: The Word of God accepted in faith, the Body of Christ received in the Eucharist.¹²⁵

2837 *"Daily"* (*epiousios*) occurs nowhere else in the New Testament. Taken in a temporal sense, this word is a pedagogical repetition of "this day," to confirm us in trust "without reservation." Taken in the qualitative sense, it signifies what is necessary for life, and more broadly every good thing sufficient for subsistence. Taken literally (*epiousios*: "super-essential"), it refers directly to the Bread of Life, the Body of Christ, the "medicine of immortality," without which we have no life within us. Finally in this connection, its heavenly meaning is evident: "this day" is the Day of the Lord, the day of the feast of the kingdom, anticipated in the Eucharist that is already the foretaste of the kingdom to come. For this reason it is fitting for the Eucharistic liturgy to be celebrated each day.

The Father in heaven urges us, as children of heaven, to ask for the bread of heaven. [Christ] himself is the bread who, sown in the Virgin, raised up in the flesh, kneaded in the Passion, baked in the oven of the tomb, reserved in churches, brought to altars, furnishes the faithful each day with food from heaven (St Peter Chrysologus).

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church