



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

3 July 2022

readings

Next Week

Deut 30:10-14
Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34
Col 1:15-20
Lk 10:25-37

in a nutshell

Peace to this house. The book of the prophet Isaiah concludes with the promise that God will send peace flowing like a river on all the nations. Today's Gospel reminds us that missionaries are always needed to bring peace to others. May the peace of Christ dwell in our hearts. May the people we meet experience through us the peace referred to in the Jewish greeting, 'Shalom! Peace be with you!'

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially, Maureen O'Kane, Kaye Law. For those who have died recently, especially Len Selby (Janine Meades' dad), 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

Your merciful love, O God,
we have received in the midst of your temple.
Your praise, O God, like your name,
reaches the ends of the earth;
your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Come to me, all who labour and are burdened,
and I will refresh you, 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

Principal: Angela Glennie

Website:

smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au

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

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

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. The graces of our Baptism must be nourished as often as possible with the Holy Eucharist, along with frequent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and time spent in Holy Adoration contemplating the One who has loved us so. (Cynthia Trainque—author)

Stewardship Corner

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the labourers are few...'" Luke 10:2

As Catholics we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given "charisms" otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God's Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say "yes" to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

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.

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

Rising floodwaters were threatening a local town. While most people were quick to evacuate, one man was a solitary figure standing on a box at the edge of town. He yelled to other townsfolk, "I'm staying. God will save me!" The water started getting higher and a boat came by and he was urged to get in. "No, said the man," "God will save me!" As the waters kept rising the man climbed onto a nearby roof. A helicopter zoomed in and offered to rescue the man. "No," he repeated with conviction. "God will save me." Eventually the water was over the man's head and he drowned. At the Pearly Gates he expressed disappointment to God. "Why didn't you save me? My faith was strong." God said, "For goodness sake, child! I sent a boat and a helicopter. What more did you want?"

Readings Reflection

Harvest Time

Jesus has a vision in this week's Gospel: Satan falling like lightning from the sky, the enemy vanquished by the missionary preaching of His Church.

Sent out by Jesus to begin gathering the nations into the harvest of divine judgment (see Isaiah 27:12–13; Joel 4:13), the seventy are a sign of the continuing mission of the Church.

Carrying out the work of the seventy, the Church proclaims the coming of God's kingdom. She offers His blessings of peace and mercy to every household on earth, "every town and place He intended to visit."

Our Lord's tone is solemn today, for in the preaching of the Church "the kingdom of God is at hand," the time of decision has come for every person. Those who do not receive His messengers will be doomed like Sodom.

But those who believe will find peace and mercy, protection and nourishment in the bosom of the Church, the Mother Zion we celebrate in this week's beautiful First Reading, the "Israel of God" Paul blesses in this week's Epistle.

The Church is a new family of faith (see Galatians 6:10) in which we receive a new name that will endure forever (see Isaiah 66:22), a name written in heaven.

In this week's Psalm, we sing of God's "tremendous deeds among men" throughout salvation history. But of all the works of God, none has been greater than what He has wrought by the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Changing the sea into dry land was but an anticipation and preparation for our passing over, for what Paul calls the "new creation." And as the Exodus generation was protected in a wilderness of serpents and scorpions (see Deuteronomy 8:15), He has given His Church power now over "the full force of the enemy." Nothing will harm us as we make our way through the wilderness of this world, awaiting the Master of the harvest, awaiting the day when all on earth will shout joyfully to the Lord and sing praise to the glory of His name.

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Interior Conversion

How does interior conversion and penance take place?

“I despise myself, / and repent in dust and ashes.” (Jb 42:6)

“I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and supplications with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.” (Dan 9:3)

“I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance.” (Acts 26:19-20)

The primary keys to conversion and penance are fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Also, helpful in fostering interior conversion are other acts of mortification, pious devotion, and charitable works.

Conversion of heart is an ongoing effort in the life of a Christian. We are converted to Christ at Baptism, but the combination of our inclination to sin and our human weakness causes us to drift from this gift of grace. Thus, conversion is a lifelong process since we must struggle continually to grow in holiness and against the tide that threatens to carry us into sin. We carry on this struggle within the Church both individually and communally.

While conversion is in its essence an interior reorientation—a change of heart—as humans we have a natural need to express our interior dispositions in external acts. Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are the primary and indispensable vehicles for fostering and nurturing penance. Penance also finds expression in concern for the poor and oppressed, efforts at reconciliation, charitable acts, acceptance of suffering (“take up your cross”), firm resolutions to change our lives, acts of humility, and enduring persecution for a righteous cause.

Other important helps include receiving the Eucharist, reading Scripture, voluntary self-denial, pilgrimages, and sincere acts of devotion or worship.

Penance is expressed most appropriately in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, whereby with the proper dispositions we can receive absolution and ample graces to assist us in our resolution for ongoing conversion and orientation to Christ.

From the Didache bible

1426 Conversion to Christ, the new birth of Baptism, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Body and Blood of Christ received as food have made us “holy and without blemish,” just as the Church herself, the Bride of Christ, is “holy and without blemish.” Nevertheless the new life received in Christian initiation has not abolished the frailty and weakness of human nature, nor the inclination to sin that tradition calls concupiscence, which remains in the baptized such that with the help of the grace of Christ they may prove themselves in the struggle of Christian life. This is the struggle of conversion directed toward holiness and eternal life to which the Lord never ceases to call us.

1427 Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.” In the Church’s preaching this call is addressed first to those who do not yet know Christ and his Gospel. Also, Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life.

1428 Christ’s call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This second conversion is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church who, “clasping sinners to her bosom, [is] at once holy and always in need of purification, [and] follows constantly the path of penance and renewal.” This endeavor of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a “contrite heart,” drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first.

1429 St. Peter’s conversion after he had denied his master three times bears witness to this. Jesus’ look of infinite mercy drew tears of repentance from Peter and, after the Lord’s resurrection, a threefold affirmation of love for him. The second conversion also has a communitarian dimension, as is clear in the Lord’s call to a whole Church: “Repent!”

St. Ambrose says of the two conversions that, in the Church, “*there are water and tears: the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance*”.

1435 Conversion is accomplished in daily life by gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defense of justice and right, by the admission of faults to one’s brethren, fraternal correction, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one’s cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance.

1436 Eucharist and Penance. Daily conversion and penance find their source and nourishment in the Eucharist, for in it is made present the sacrifice of Christ which has reconciled us with God. Through the Eucharist those who live from the life of Christ are fed and strengthened. “It is a remedy to free us from our daily faults and to preserve us from mortal sins.”

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church