

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Fourth Sunday of Lent (Year C)

27 March 2022

readings

Next Week

Is 43: 16-21
Ps 125
Phil: 3:8-14
Jn 8:1-11

in a nutshell

The joy of forgiveness. The story of the prodigal son confirms Jesus' words that there is great rejoicing in heaven over one repentant sinner. The joyful and lavish banquet prepared by the father to celebrate his son's return is a symbol of the heavenly banquet. In this story the older son cuts himself off from the banquet. Unable to forgive like his father, he chooses to stay outside in his own private hell. May we know the joy of forgiveness and the joy of forgiving.

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 and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

We are praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent.

More information inside

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Rejoice, Jerusalem, and all who love her.
Be joyful, all who were in mourning;
exult and be satisfied at her consoling breast.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
I will rise and go to my Father and tell him:
Father, I have sinned against heaven and
against you.
Praise and honour to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon

You must rejoice, my son,
for your brother was dead and has come to
life;
he was lost and is found.

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

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 to the toilets.

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.

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: mountevelyn@cam.org.au

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

Parish Meetings: Tuesday May 3

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

Holy Week Schedule (Both Parishes)

Holy Thursday:

- ⇒ NO 9am Mass.
- ⇒ Mass of the Lord's Supper,
 - Yarra Junction 6pm
 - Mt Evelyn 8pm

Good Friday:

- ⇒ Stations of the Cross:
 - Warburton TBC
 - Mt Evelyn 9am
- ⇒ Passion of the Lord:
 - Pallotti College 3pm
 - Mt Evelyn 3pm

Easter Vigil:

- ⇒ Yarra Junction 6pm
- ⇒ Mt Evelyn 8:30pm
- ⇒ *Saturday Confessions* Mt Evelyn 11:30am-12:30pm

Easter Sunday:

- ⇒ Warburton 8:30am
- ⇒ Mt Evelyn 10:30am, 5pm

New Tabernacle –Sunday 3rd April

Thanks to the generosity of the Ripepi & Molluso families, the parish was able to purchase a new tabernacle. It will be blessed next week at the 10:30 Mass with a BBQ to follow. Save the date.

Palms for Palm Sunday

Time to start thinking about palms for Palm Sunday. If you have palms please bring them on Palm Sunday for blessing and if you can bring extra to share with other parishioners that would be appreciated.

St Vincent De Paul Mt Evelyn Conference

Do you have an hour or two in the morning or afternoon, in the week free? Have you thought about joining 'Vinnies' in Mt Evelyn?

We're looking for people who are fit and able to help our volunteers take food to people. Training of course would be given. If you're interested or would like more information email Alan Somers at: asom9346@bigpond.net.au or phone 0419 134 300 or John Bird 0407 848 192 We're desperate for more helpers. We will make you feel welcome and you'd become part of our Vinnies family!

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—Fourth Sunday of Lent

Rosalie 44, is an ex-combatant who lives with her husband and seven children in the Democratic Republic of Congo. Forced to join the army when she was just 15-years-old, Rosalie experienced significant trauma and hardship during her years in the military. After she was demobilised from the army, Rosalie, like other ex-combatants, was left to fend for herself in the community.

With your generous support and through our local partners, Rosalie was able to connect with other members of her community and participate in business skills training to help her to reintegrate into society.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help women like Rosalie to succeed in the future, providing hope For All Future Generations.

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

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.

In the Garden, there came out of his anguished and lonely Heart the sigh: "Could you not watch one hour with me?" At this time, his last night on earth, not for an hour of activity did Our Lord plead but for an hour of companionship. A Holy Hour of Eucharistic Adoration is sharing in the work of Redemption. (Venerable Fulton J. Sheen)

Mass Times—Winter Timetable Begins 9 April

As daylight Saving ends next weekend it will be the last week of the Summer timetable for the Vigil Mass. From the 9 April the Saturday evening mass will be at 6:30 p.m.

Tap and Go

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. The machine is located in front of the kitchen window.

Stewardship Corner

“No longer was there manna for the Israelites, who that year ate of the yield of the land of Canaan.” (Josh 5:12)
Over the forty years that the Israelites journeyed through the desert, God provided them with manna to eat. As soon as they were able to enjoy the fruits of the Promised Land the manna ceased. Likewise, God’s blessings to us may change over the years but it is important to trust that God will always provide us with all that we need.

Thanksgiving/Stewardship - Support for your Parish.

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.**

'Pondering Grief', Saturday 30 April 2022, 10am-3.30pm.

Facilitated by qualified Counsellor/ Supervisor/ Educator Linda Espie, this reflection day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop offers a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$80 (Materials provided, BYO lunch). Book and pay via email info@heartoflife.melbourne, www.heartoflife.melbourne, or Phone 98901101

Appeals Commended by the Archdiocese

Flood Appeal— Society of St Vincent De Paul

https://www.vinnies.org.au/page/Find_Help/Flood_appeal/

Caritas Australia—Ukraine Emergency Appeal

<https://www.caritas.org.au/donate/emergency-appeals/ukraine/>

Readings Reflection

[Found Alive Again](#)

In today’s First Reading, God forgives “the reproach” of the generations who grumbled against Him after the Exodus. On the threshold of the promised land, Israel can with a clean heart celebrate the Passover, the feast of God’s firstborn son (see Joshua 5:6–7; Exodus 4:22; 12:12–13).

Reconciliation is also at the heart of the story Jesus tells in today’s Gospel. The story of the Prodigal Son is the story of Israel and of the human race. But it is also the story of every believer.

In Baptism, we’re given a divine birthright, made “a new creation,” as Paul puts it in today’s Epistle. But when we sin, we’re like the Prodigal Son, quitting our Father’s house, squandering our inheritance in trying to live without Him.

Lost in sin, we cut ourselves off from the grace of sonship lavished upon us in Baptism. It is still possible for us to come to our senses, make our way back to the Father, as the prodigal does.

But only He can remove the reproach and restore the divine sonship we have spurned. Only He can free us from the slavery to sin that causes us—like the Prodigal Son—to see God not as our Father but as our master, One we serve as slaves.

God wants not slaves but children. Like the father in today’s Gospel, He longs to call each of us “My son,” to share His life with us, to tell us: “Everything I have is yours.”

The Father’s words of longing and compassion still come to His prodigal children in the Sacrament of Penance. This is part of what Paul today calls “the ministry of reconciliation” entrusted by Jesus to the Apostles and the Church.

Reconciled like Israel, we take our place at the table of the Eucharist, the homecoming banquet the Father calls for His lost sons, the new Passover we celebrate this side of heaven. We taste the goodness of the Lord, as we sing in today’s Psalm, rejoicing that we who were dead are found alive again.

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The Real Definition of Mercy

As the world grows soft, it uses more and more the word mercy. This could be a praiseworthy characteristic if mercy were understood right. But too often by mercy is meant letting anyone [off] who breaks the natural or the Divine law, or who betrays his country. Such mercy is an emotion, not a virtue, when it justifies the killing by a son of his father because he is “too old.” To avoid any imputation of guilt, what is actually a murder is called euthanasia.

Forgotten in all such mercy pleas is the principle that mercy is the perfection of justice. Mercy does not come first, and then justice; but rather justice first, then mercy. The divorce of mercy and justice is sentimentality, as the divorce of justice from mercy is severity. Mercy is not love when it is divorced from justice. He who loves anything must resist that which would destroy the object of his love. The power to become righteously indignant is not an evidence of the want of mercy and love, but rather a proof of it.

There are some crimes the tolerance of which is equivalent to consent to their wrong. Those who ask for the release of murderers, traitors, and the like, on the grounds that we must be “merciful, as Jesus was merciful,” forget that that same Merciful Saviour also said that He came not to bring peace, but the sword.

As a mother proves that she loves her child by hating the physical disease which would ravage the child’s body, so Our Lord proves he loved Goodness by hating evil, which would ravage the souls of his creatures. For a doctor to be merciful to a typhoid germs or polio in a patient, or for a judge to be tolerant of rape, would be in a lower category than as for Our Lord to be indifferent to sin. A mind that is never stern or indignant is either without love, or else is dead to the distinction between right and wrong.

Love can be stern, forceful, or even fierce, as was the love of the Savior. It makes a scourge of ropes and drives buyers and sellers out of temples; it refuses to give the courtesy of speech to moral triflers like Herod, for it would only add to his moral guilt; it turns on a Roman Procurator, boasting of Totalitarian law, and reminds him that he would have no power unless it were given him by God. When a gentle hint to a woman at the well did no good, He went to the point ruthlessly and reminded her that she had five divorces.

When so-called righteous men would put Him out of the way, He tore the mask off their hypocrisy and called them a “brood of vipers.” When He heard of the shedding of the blood of the Galileans, it was with formidable harshness that He said: “You will all perish as they did, if you do not repent.” Equally stern was He to those [who] would offend the little ones with an education that was progressive in evil: “If anyone hurts the conscience of one of these little ones that believes in me, he had better been drowned in the depths of the sea with a mill-stone tied around his neck.”

If mercy meant the forgiveness of all faults without retribution and without justice, it would end in a multiplication of wrongs. Mercy is for those who will not abuse it, and no man will abuse it who already started to make the wrong right, as justice demands. What some today call mercy is not mercy at all, but a feather-bed for those who fall from justice; and thus they multiply guilt and evil by supplying such mattresses. To become the object of mercy is not the same as to get scot-free, for as the word of God says: “Whom the Lord loveth, he chastiseth.”

The moral man is not he who is namby-pamby, or who has drained his emotions of the sterner stuff of justice; rather he is one whose gentleness and mercy are part of a larger organism, whose eyes can flash with righteous indignation, and whose muscles can become as steel in defense, like Michael, of the Justice and the Rights of God.

From Way to Happiness by Venerable Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen