

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

22 May 2022

readings

Next Week

Acts 46:1-11
Ps 46:2-3, 6-9
Eph 1:17-23
Lk 24:46-53

in a nutshell

The Holy Spirit will teach you. Shortly before his death Jesus assured his disciples that he would not abandon them. In his name, the Father will send the Holy Spirit to be with them and guide them. The early Christian community experienced the Spirit's presence as they sought to discern God's will on various issues: 'it has been decided by the Holy Spirit and ourselves', the apostles and elders would say. As we face difficult decisions today we also can be at peace, confident that God's Spirit is with us.

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.
For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

Catholic Mission Appeal this weekend

More information inside

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us
and let your face shed its light upon us.
So will your ways be known upon earth
and all nations learn your saving help. (R.)

Let the nations be glad and exult
for you rule the world with justice.
With fairness you rule the peoples,
you guide the nations on earth. (R.)

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you.
May God still give us his blessing
till the ends of the earth revere him. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come
to them.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says
the Lord,
and I will ask the Father and he will send you
another Paraclete,
to abide with you for ever, alleluia.

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.

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: mountevelyn@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

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

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/mountevelyn/Home.aspx> or notify the parish office for a registration form.

Catholic Mission Appeal—May21/22

This week Catholic Mission offers us the opportunity to be part of a life-changing program which aims to help prevent malnutrition, especially in babies and young children, and help disadvantaged families provide food for their loved ones.

The Deberety Goat Rearing Centre is a dream of the local Church and community in Emdibir. When established, the Centre aims to provide nutritious goats milk for families in need, like Neela's*, so that babies like Ajani* can be healthy and strong.

Please give generously today to help kickstart this life-giving program by using the appeal envelope provided, going online at catholicmission.org.au/ethiopia,. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world. *Name altered to protect identity

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.

Adoration: Were it not for the constant presence of our divine Master in our humble chapel, I would not have found it possible to persevere in sharing the lot of the lepers of Molokai. The Eucharist is the bread that gives strength....It is at once the most eloquent proof of His love and the most powerful means of fostering His love in us. (St. Damien of Molokai, Hawaii)

Confession: Let us thank God for having called us to His holy faith. It is a great gift, and the number of those who thank God for it is small. (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

Stewardship Corner

"...Do not let your hearts be troubled or afraid." (JOHN 14:27)
Our limited human understanding cannot begin to understand the immense power of God. Instead of trusting in God, we often think we can control every outcome. Do you want to make God laugh? Tell Him your plans. The next time worry, anxiety or fear creeps in, thank God for all He has given you and trust that He has a better plan for you. Make God your first choice and not your last resort.

Regular Gardening/Working Bees

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: 3 June**

'Tending Our Winter Heart Live-in Weekend Retreat',

Friday 10 June, 4pm - Sun 12 June, 4pm We invite you to a contemplative retreat where you will have the opportunity to spend some personal, quality time with yourself in the quiet and beautiful surrounds of The Holy Name Retreat & Spirituality Centre in Cheltenham VIC. Time is offered for personal space and reflection, within a supportive environment, as well as spiritual direction if you wish. Limited rooms for couples are available. Led by Heart of Life supervisors and spiritual directors, Carole Carmody rsm and Marlene McGrath. Cost \$300 including accommodation and catering. Enquiries to Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation email secretary@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101 or book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne

Mass in Reparation for Abortion—28 May

St Patrick's Cathedral, held at 9 am on the last Saturday of each month.

Sanctity of Life Sunday

The national Sanctity of Life Sunday is to be celebrated this year on 29 May 2022. *"Be part of leading the change in our culture to treasure life at every stage and in every circumstance"* Explore the website:

<https://sanctityoflifesunday.com.au/>

Sign the petition to the Prime Minister:

<https://sanctityoflifesunday.com.au/petition/>

Bringing a Smile to Your Face...

An insufferably pious bishop and one of his priests were playing golf. The priest was having a bad day. Every ball he hit would end up in the rough or a sand trap or a water hazard. He couldn't take a trick. And every time it happened, the priest would utter a mild swear word. After each incident the bishop would admonish the priest.

"You keep swearing like that and God will punish you Father," he warned. "You should be more like me and offer up your misfortunes to the Lord who will certainly repay you a hundredfold."

But on the very next hole, the priest sliced the ball into a pond. He slammed his club down with utter indignation and shouted, "Blast."

"Now Father," the bishop said, "remember what I said. God will punish you for your sins. You need to be more holy, like me."

Just then, a bolt of white lightning burst from the clouds and hit the bishop squarely in the head.

A deep voice bellowed from the clouds. "Blast. Missed again!"

Readings Reflection

[Council of Jerusalem](#)

The first Church council, the Council of Jerusalem we hear about in today's First Reading, decided the shape of the Church as we know it.

Some Jewish Christians had wanted Gentile converts to be circumcised and obey all the complex ritual and purity laws of the Jews.

The council called this a heresy, again showing us that the Church in the divine plan is meant to be a worldwide family of God, no longer a covenant with just one nation.

Today's Liturgy gives us a profound meditation on the nature and meaning of the Church. The Church is One, as we see in the First Reading: "the Apostles [bishops] and presbyters [priests], in agreement with the whole Church [laity]."

The Church is Holy, taught and guided by the Spirit that Jesus promises the Apostles in the Gospel.

The Church is Catholic, or universal, making known God's ways of salvation to all peoples, ruling all in equity, as we sing in today's Psalm.

And the Church, as John sees in the Second Reading, is Apostolic—founded on the twelve Apostles of the Lamb.

All these marks of the Church are underscored in the story of the council.

Notice that everybody, including Paul, looks to "Jerusalem [and] . . . the Apostles" to decide the Church's true teaching. The Apostles, too, presume that Christian teachers need a "mandate from us."

And we see the Spirit guiding the Apostles in all truth. Notice how they describe their ruling: "It is the decision of the Holy Spirit and of us."

Knowing these truths about the Church, our hearts should never be troubled. The Liturgy's message today is that the Church is the Lord's, watched over and guarded by the Advocate, the Holy Spirit sent by the Father in the name of the Son.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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The World was Created for the Sake of the Church

Must a person be a member of the church in order to be saved?

“He who believes and is baptised will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” (Mk 16:16)

“He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” (Jn 6:54)

All salvation comes through Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church founded by Christ, regardless of whether the saved person is a member of that Church. Christ has willed to bestow the merits of his redemption through his Church. The two Scripture references above point to the necessity of the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, and the Eucharist. Therefore, as the Body of Christ, the Church is “the way” of salvation. This is why she is also called the “Sacrament of Salvation.”

The phrase “outside the Church there is no salvation” (“*Extra Ecclesiam nulla salus*”) was first coined by St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, in the third century. This traditional teaching was further clarified by Pope Bl. Pius IX (cf. Allocution of December 9, 1854). While emphasising that all salvation comes from Christ through the Catholic Church, Pope Bl. Pius taught that God does not impute guilt to those who are innocently unaware of the truth of the Catholic Church. Those who are not aware of the true of the Church through no fault of their own may attain salvation if they are seeking the truth and try to live according to the truth. People invincibly ignorant of the truth of the Catholic Church are expected to follow the natural law that is written on the hearts of all people. God binds salvation to Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his Sacraments.

It is important to remember that “all men are bound to seek the truth, especially in what concerns God and his Church, and to embrace it and hold on to it as they come to know it” (*Dignitatis Humanae* 1).

The possibility that people who have never heard the Gospel can be saved does not excuse Catholics from fulfilling their role in the evangelical mission of the Church. Everyone has the right to hear the truth, and Christ instructed his Apostles to preach to and make disciples of all people. Without the Sacraments and the guidance of the teaching authority established by Christ, those who do not hear the Gospel are at a decided disadvantage as far as the pursuit of truth and holiness is concerned. This reality makes it all the more urgent that we lead others, by our word and example, toward full union with our Lord through the Church. For this reason, the Church has always held her missionary role as an essential priority.

From the Didache Bible

759 “The eternal Father, in accordance with the utterly gratuitous and mysterious design of his wisdom and goodness, created the whole universe and chose to raise up men to share in his own divine life,” to which he calls all men in his Son. “The Father ... determined to call together in a holy Church those who should believe in Christ.” This “family of God” is gradually formed and takes shape during the stages of human history, in keeping with the Father’s plan. In fact, “already present in figure at the beginning of the world, this Church was prepared in marvellous fashion in the history of the people of Israel and the old Alliance. Established in this last age of the world and made manifest in the outpouring of the Spirit, it will be brought to glorious completion at the end of time.”

760 Christians of the first centuries said, “The world was created for the sake of the Church.” God created the world for the sake of communion with his divine life, a communion brought about by the “convocation” of men in Christ, and this “convocation” is the Church. The Church is the goal of all things, and God permitted such painful upheavals as the angels’ fall and man’s sin only as occasions and means for displaying all the power of his arm and the whole measure of the love he wanted to give the world: *Just as God’s will is creation and is called “the world,” so his intention is the salvation of men, and it is called “the Church.”* (St Clement of Alexandria)

763 It was the Son’s task to accomplish the Father’s plan of salvation in the fullness of time. Its accomplishment was the reason for his being sent. “The Lord Jesus inaugurated his Church by preaching the Good News, that is, the coming of the Reign of God, promised over the ages in the scriptures.” To fulfill the Father’s will, Christ ushered in the Kingdom of heaven on earth. The Church “is the Reign of Christ already present in mystery.”

767 “When the work which the Father gave the Son to do on earth was accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that he might continually sanctify the Church.” Then “the Church was openly displayed to the crowds and the spread of the Gospel among the nations, through preaching, was begun.” As the “convocation” of all men for salvation, the Church in her very nature is missionary, sent by Christ to all the nations to make disciples of them.

768 “Henceforward the Church...receives the mission of proclaiming and establishing among all peoples the Kingdom of Christ and of God, and she is on earth the seed and the beginning of that kingdom.”

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church