

# Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



## Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year C)

8 May 2022

### readings

#### Next Week

Acts 14:21-27

Ps 144:8-13

Rev: 21:1-5

Jn 13:31-35

#### in a nutshell

*I know my sheep.* The apostles face much opposition as they proclaimed the Good News of Christ. Since then, many Christians have suffered martyrdom in great persecutions. Today's Scripture readings make reference to such difficulties but they also offer a firm message of hope and consolation. The faithful followers of Jesus, those who listen to his voice, will have eternal life. They will never be lost forever or destroyed by evil forces. May these words console us as we strive to follow Jesus, the Good Shepherd, through the joys and struggles of life.

#### 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

Happy  
Mother's Day!

### Raise Your Voices

#### Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were  
made, alleluia.

#### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) We are his people, the sheep of his  
flock.

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.  
Serve the Lord with gladness.  
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)

Know that he, the Lord, is God.  
He made us, we belong to him,  
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)

Indeed, how good is the Lord,  
eternal his merciful love.  
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

#### Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;  
I know my sheep, and mine know me.  
Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen,  
who laid down his life for his sheep  
and willingly died for his flock, 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

Principal: Angela Glennie

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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 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.

### 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](mailto: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

### Regular Gardening/Working Bees

On the first and third Friday 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.

### Coffee After 10:30 Mass to Resume Soon

Think about joining the roster!

### Catholic Mission Appeal—May21/22

Malnutrition is a challenge many families face in Ethiopia, especially those with babies and young children. In two weeks' time, you will learn about Neela\* and her son Ajani\*, and how families like theirs can be supported through a new Church-run community program. This is an opportunity to partner with a life-giving mission program – your prayers and generosity are crucial in ensuring this program can even begin. This is also a great way to commit to being witnesses of Jesus Christ, as He has called us to be in Acts 1:8. (\*Name altered to protect identity)

### Mass to Commemorate Those Who Have Died During the Covid Pandemic Sunday 22 May, 11am St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne

A Memorial Mass for all those who have died during the COVID pandemic and could not be mourned properly due to pandemic restrictions. If you cannot attend, please be encouraged to submit the names of those you wish remembered to your Parish, or by visiting the Holy Souls Chapel (inside St Patrick's Cathedral) during May or online <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/GZKP7QF>. The names will be placed in a basket at the base of the altar, to be prayed for during all Masses over the weekend of 21–22 May.

### 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: May all those you have called to walk in the splendour of the new light render you fitting service and adoration. (Psalm-prayer from Vespers. Evening Prayer of the Liturgy of the Hours)

Confession: On experiencing the Lord's tenderness and forgiveness, the penitent more easily acknowledges the gravity of sin and his decision to avoid it and grow in his renewed friendship with Him. (Pope Emeritus Benedict XV1)

### Stewardship Corner

"The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit." (ACTS 13:52)

The disciples heard Our Lord's call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

## Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Weekly pledge amount:: \$834.31

Average weekly given: \$850

Total income:\$3401

Total Expenditure:\$4172.

## Good Shepherd Sunday/Vocation Sunday

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us: There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him. Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

If you wish to support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church, donate to the Corpus Christi College and Catholic Theological College Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal via our website: <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/> Your (tax deductible) donation will support the living arrangements and education for the Corpus Christi College seminarians.

### Pledge to Pray

The Vocations Office in Melbourne has partnered with some others in a project, 'Pledge to Pray' - an on-line platform for individuals to pledge prayers for vocations. It is based upon the idea of the 'Invisible Monastery'. I invite you to 'pledge a prayer' for vocations at [www.pledgetoprayer.com.au](http://www.pledgetoprayer.com.au) this is a site dedicated to encouraging prayer for vocations in Australia.

## 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...

A tourist went to the Holy Lands and thought he'd hire a boat and sail on the Sea of Galilee. He asked the price and the boat hirer said, "It's \$120 an hour!"

When the tourist exclaimed that it was highway robbery, the man said, "You need to remember that the Sea of Galilee is no ordinary body of water. Our Lord walked on these waters."

To which the tourist said, "At \$120 an hour to hire a boat I can well believe it!"

# Readings Reflection

## [Shepherd and the Lamb](#)

Israel's mission—to be God's instrument of salvation to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 49:6)—is fulfilled in the Church.

By the "Word of God" that Paul and Barnabas preach in today's First Reading, a new covenant people is being born, a people who glorify the God of Israel as the Father of them all.

The Church for all generations remains faithful to the grace of God given to the Apostles, continues their saving work.

Through the Church, the peoples of every land hear the Shepherd's voice, and follow Him (see Luke 10:16).

The Good Shepherd of today's Gospel is the enthroned Lamb of today's Second Reading. In laying down His life for His flock, the Lamb brought to pass a new Passover (see 1 Corinthians 5:7), by His blood freeing "every nation, race, people and tongue" from bondage to sin and death.

The Church is the "great multitude" John sees in his vision today. God swore to Abraham his descendants would be too numerous to count. And in the Church, as John sees, this promise is fulfilled (compare Revelation 7:9; Genesis 15:5).

The Lamb rules from the throne of God, sheltering His flock, feeding their hunger with His own Body and Blood, leading them to "springs of life-giving waters" that well up to eternal life (see John 4:14).

The Lamb is the eternal Shepherd-King, the son of David foretold by the prophets. His Church is the Kingdom of all Israel that the prophets said would be restored in an everlasting covenant (see Ezekiel 34:23-31; 37:23-28).

It is not a kingdom any tribe or nation can jealously claim as theirs alone. The Shepherd's Word to Israel is addressed now to all lands, calling all to worship and bless His name in the heavenly Temple.

This is the delight of the Gentiles—that we can sing the song that once only Israel could sing, today's joyful Psalm: "He made us, His we are—His people, the flock He tends."

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## How can we “be perfect” as Christ demands of us?

[Jesus] opened his mouth and taught [the crowds], saying: “You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Mt 5:48)

Jesus said to [the young man], “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” (Mt 19:21)

Beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God. (2 Cor 7:1)

Although we will not become truly perfect until we enter Heaven, we can approach Christian perfection through steady growth in holiness and grace.

The call to Christian perfection is the call to holiness. “All the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity” (Lumen Gentium 40). The object of holiness is to become ever more perfectly united to Christ; as we grow in holiness, we necessarily become more like Christ, who is perfect because he is God. We cannot attain perfection on our own, but by our faith and actions we can dispose ourselves to grow in holiness so that the grace of the Holy Spirit can work within us. This union we seek is a mystical one because it comes to us through the Sacraments, the “holy mysteries.”

In order that the faithful may reach this perfection, they must follow in Christ’s footsteps and conform themselves to his image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves to his image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbour. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history.

We are aided in our growth toward holiness and Christian perfection by the practice of our faith, especially the frequent reception of the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance and a life of prayer. It is the fruit of the spiritual struggle that we experience in our daily lives. It comes from self-denial and taking up our daily cross and bearing it virtuously in imitation of Christ. By following in the footsteps of the Saviour, we will find ourselves more closely living the Beatitudes, filled with peace and joy amid our suffering, with our eyes lifted in hope and focused upon our heavenly reward. Throughout our lives we ought to pray for final perseverance, a “good death” in the state of grace, that we will “finish well,” meaning that we remain faithful throughout our lives until we are called to eternal life.

*From the Didache Bible*

**2012** “We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him ... For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the first-born among many brethren. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.” (Rom 8:28ff)

**2013** “All Christians in any state or walk of life are called to the fullness of Christian life and to the perfection of charity.” All are called to holiness: “Be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

*In order to reach this perfection the faithful should use the strength dealt out to them by Christ’s gift, so that ... doing the will of the Father in everything, they may wholeheartedly devote themselves to the glory of God and to the service of their neighbor. Thus the holiness of the People of God will grow in fruitful abundance, as is clearly shown in the history of the Church through the lives of so many saints. (Lumen Gentium 40.2)*

**2014** Spiritual progress tends toward ever more intimate union with Christ. This union is called “mystical” because it participates in the mystery of Christ through the sacraments—“the holy mysteries”—and, in him, in the mystery of the Holy Trinity. God calls us all to this intimate union with him, even if the special graces or extraordinary signs of this mystical life are granted only to some for the sake of manifesting the gratuitous gift given to all.

**2015** The way of perfection passes by way of the Cross. There is no holiness without renunciation and spiritual battle. Spiritual progress entails the asceticism and mortification that gradually lead to living in the peace and joy of the Beatitudes.

**2016** The children of our holy mother the Church rightly hope for *the grace of final perseverance and the recompense* of God their Father for the good works accomplished with his grace in communion with Jesus. Keeping the same rule of life, believers share the “blessed hope” of those whom the divine mercy gathers into the “holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.”

*From the Catechism of the Catholic Church*