

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

6 November 2022

readings

Next Week

Mal 3:19-20
Ps 97:5-9
2Thess 3:7-12
Lk 21:5-19

in a nutshell

The God of the Living. 'Lord when your glory appears, my joy will be full' (Psalm response). Confident that those who live in the Lord never see each other for the last time, we remember at each Mass, and in particular way during the month of November, our relatives and friends and all who have died: 'welcome them into the light of your face'. We pray for these 'children of the resurrection' as others will someday pray for us.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Dorothy Heering, Mary Nolet, Maureen O'Kane, Helen O'Kane.
For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Collection for the deaf next week

More Information Inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, when your glory appears,
my joy will be full.

Lord, hear a cause that is just,
pay heed to my cry.

Turn your ear to my prayer:
no deceit is on my lips. (R.)

I keep my feet firmly in your paths;
there was no faltering in my steps.
I am here and I call, you will hear me, O God.
Turn your ear to me; hear my words. (R.)

Guard me as the apple of your eye.
Hide me in the shadow of your wings.
As for me, in my justice I shall see your face
and be filled, when I awake, with the sight of
your glory. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ is the firstborn of the dead;
glory and kingship be his for ever and ever.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The disciples recognized the Lord Jesus in the
breaking of bread.

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 (EST)
5:00pm (EDST)
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.

Car Parking –WEEKDAY Masses

Please use available car parks for Mass rather than the front of the church. Please Leave the front for the truly disabled.

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 Alan Somers 0419 134 300

Bulletin notices: by 12:00 noon Thursday
please: moutevelyn@cam.org.au

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

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, 22 November

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

Regular Gardening/Working Bee

You are invited to put some time aside between 4-6pm to assist with maintaining the gardens etc. at one of our regular working bees. BYO PPE, gloves, tools/equipment etc. Next one: November 18

Parish Notices

First Eucharist

Children from our Parish will be making their first holy Communion during Parish Masses over the coming weekends in November. Please remember them and their families in your prayers.

November Masses

Names of deceased loved ones can be written in the Prayer Book which will be placed on the Sanctuary for the month of November. Names can be added throughout the month. Masses throughout November will be offered for the repose of their souls. Envelopes are available to make an offering.

Sunday Morning Cuppa!

Stay after 10:30 Mass, have a cuppa and a chat to fellow parishioners. 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 N.B. Morning tea after 9:00am Mass on the first Tuesday of the month.

Upcoming Parish BBQ/sausage sizzles

Building community through engagement! We welcome all parishioners to plan to stay and chat with fellow parishioners, perhaps meet someone new over a simple meal.

Sunday 20 November after 10:30 Mass

Families Stay and Socialize —November 6

Stay and join other families after 10:30 Mass. The portable will be open to meet in. Please note in the interest of child safety children cannot be left unattended and will be the responsibility of the parents. Please refer to the child safeguarding policies on the website.

The Saint Vincent de Paul

The Piety Stall now has in stock the 2023 Columban Art Calendar which includes beautiful artwork, liturgical information and feast days at \$10.00 each. Also in stock Christmas Cards in packs of 8 at \$4.80 or packs of 5 for \$3.00 each.

Time to Plant Tomatoes!

St Vincent de Paul are again selling tomato plants at \$3 each. There are 8 varieties. To order please contact Alan on 97355436 or e-mail asom9346@bigpond.net.au

Stewardship Corner

"May our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who has loved us and given us everlasting encouragement and good hope through his grace, encourage your hearts and strengthen them in every good deed and word." 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17

There are two important lessons here. First, we are called to be generous with our encouragement and hope with others. As God shows us mercy, we must be merciful to others. Second, joy is contagious! The joy we receive from doing good works not only strengthens us, it encourages others as well. Share the joy of living your faith whenever you can.

Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report—October

Weekly pledge amount: \$834.31

Average weekly given: \$588

Total income: \$2940

Total Expenditure: \$3459

Consider contributing to assist in the upkeep of the Parish through a stewardship pledge. Contact the office to become part of this either by direct debit or envelopes.

The Tap and Go machine can be used to make donations to the presbytery rather than using cash.

Readings Reflection

[To Rise Again](#)

Adoration of the Eucharist

Adoration: Jesus is there expressly for you – for you alone. (St. Therese of Lisieux)

Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament “washes us clean” and renews us in Christ. (catholicscomehome.org)

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.

Deaf Collection – Sunday 13 November

Your donation will: Provide support to Deaf families through counselling and social gatherings, assist in maintaining a community centre for all deaf people and their families, offering liturgies, visitation of the sick and sacramental preparation in Auslan and support deaf people whose needs do not conform to Government funding guidelines or disability criteria.

Melbourne Catholic Professionals Networking Luncheon

The Catholic Archdiocese is holding its inaugural Melbourne Catholic Professionals networking luncheon on 22 November which business and community leaders are warmly welcomed to attend. The lunch will include a brief address from Archbishop Comensoli followed by our guest speaker Mr Allan Myers AC KC, leading Australian barrister.

Bookings can be made via this link <https://www.trybooking.com/events/landing?embed&eid=961781> For all inquiries contact Victoria Robinson at events@cam.org.au.

Flood Appeal – Society of St Vincent De Paul

St V de P has begun a Flood Appeal for those who have been affected by the floods particularly in the north of Victoria. Contributions can be made by: Calling 13 18 12, visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022> or via your local IGA with the purchase of a token.

We pray for all who are impacted by the floods as well as the volunteers and emergency workers assisting them in their needs at this challenging time.

Something to Make You Smile

With the bell about to ring to end the school day, a teacher at a Catholic primary school was joking with her class of 10-year-olds. The teacher decided to ask a question. “What does God do for a living?”

Jane shot up her hand. “That’s easy. He’s a painter. Just look at all the beauty in the world.”

“That’s a very creative thought Jane,” said the teacher, “the world is certainly a piece of art.”

“And God paints using only his left hand,” Jane added.

Perplexed, the teacher said, “Whatever do you mean Jane? Why do you think God only uses his left hand?”

“Because you told us that Jesus was sitting on his right hand.”

With their riddle about seven brothers and a childless widow, the Sadducees in today’s Gospel mock the faith for which seven brothers and their mother die in the First Reading.

The Maccabean martyrs chose death—tortured limb by limb, burned alive—rather than betray God’s Law. Their story is given to us in these last weeks of the Church year to strengthen us for endurance—that our feet not falter but remain steadfast on His paths.

The Maccabees died hoping that the “King of the World” would raise them to live again forever (see 2 Maccabees 14:46).

The Sadducees don’t believe in the Resurrection because they can’t find it literally taught in the Scriptures. To ridicule this belief, they fix on a law that requires a woman to marry her husband’s brother if he should die without leaving an heir (see Genesis 38:8; Deuteronomy 25:5).

But God’s Law wasn’t given to ensure the raising up of descendants to earthly fathers. The Law was given, as Jesus explains, to make us worthy to be “children of God”—sons and daughters born of His Resurrection.

“God our Father,” today’s Epistle tells us, has given us “everlasting encouragement” in the Resurrection of Christ. Through His grace, we can now direct our hearts to the love of God.

As the Maccabees suffered for the Old Law, we will have to suffer for our faith in the New Covenant. Yet, He will guard us in the shadow of His wing, He will keep us as the apple of His eye, as we sing in today’s Psalm. The Maccabees’ persecutors marveled at their courage. We too can glorify the Lord in our sufferings and in the daily sacrifices we make.

And we have even greater cause for hope than they did. One who has risen from the dead has given us His word—that He is the God of the living, that when we awake from the sleep of death we will behold His face and be content in His presence (see Psalm 76:6; Daniel 12:2).

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Marriage and Communion Between God and People

The communion of love between God and people, a fundamental part of the Revelation and faith experience of Israel, finds a meaningful expression in the marriage covenant which is established between a man and a woman.

For this reason the central word of Revelation, “God loves His people,” is likewise proclaimed through the living and concrete word whereby a man and a woman express their conjugal love. Their bond of love becomes the image and the symbol of the covenant which unites God and His people. And the same sin which can harm the conjugal covenant becomes an image of the infidelity of the people to their God: idolatry is prostitution, infidelity is adultery, disobedience to the law is abandonment of the spousal love of the Lord. But the infidelity of Israel does not destroy the eternal fidelity of the Lord, and therefore the ever faithful love of God is put forward as the model of the faithful love which should exist between spouses.

The communion between God and His people finds its definitive fulfillment in Jesus Christ, the Bridegroom who loves and gives Himself as the Savior of humanity, uniting it to Himself as His body. He reveals the original truth of marriage, the truth of the “beginning,” and, freeing man from his hardness of heart, He makes man capable of realizing this truth in its entirety.

This revelation reaches its definitive fullness in the gift of love which the Word of God makes to humanity in assuming a human nature, and in the sacrifice which Jesus Christ makes of Himself on the Cross for His bride, the Church. In this sacrifice there is entirely revealed that plan which God has imprinted on the humanity of man and woman since their creation; the marriage of baptized persons thus becomes a real symbol of that new and eternal covenant sanctioned in the blood of Christ. The Spirit which the Lord pours forth gives a new heart, and renders man and woman capable of loving one another as Christ has loved us. Conjugal love reaches that fullness to which it is interiorly ordained, conjugal charity, which is the proper and specific way in which the spouses participate in and are called to live the very charity of Christ who gave Himself on the Cross.

In a deservedly famous page, Tertullian has well expressed the greatness of this conjugal life in Christ and its beauty: *“How can I ever express the happiness of the marriage that is joined together by the Church strengthened by an offering, sealed by a blessing, announced by angels and ratified by the Father?... How wonderful the bond between two believers with a single hope, a single desire, a single observance, a single service! They are both brethren and both fellow-servants; there is no separation between them in spirit or flesh; in fact they are truly two in one flesh and where the flesh is one, one is the spirit”* (Tertullian, *Ad Uxorem*).

Indeed, by means of baptism, man and woman are definitively placed within the new and eternal covenant, in the spousal covenant of Christ with the Church. And it is because of this indestructible insertion that the intimate community of conjugal life and love, founded by the Creator, is elevated and assumed into the spousal charity of Christ, sustained and enriched by His redeeming power.

By virtue of the sacramentality of their marriage, spouses are bound to one another in the most profoundly indissoluble manner. Their belonging to each other is the real representation, by means of the sacramental sign, of the very relationship of Christ with the Church. Spouses are therefore the permanent reminder to the Church of what happened on the Cross...

According to the plan of God, marriage is the foundation of the wider community of the family, since the very institution of marriage and conjugal love are ordained to the procreation and education of children, in whom they find their crowning.

In its most profound reality, love is essentially a gift; and conjugal love, while leading the spouses to the reciprocal “knowledge” which makes them “one flesh,” does not end with the couple, because it makes them capable of the greatest possible gift, the gift by which they become cooperators with God for giving life to a new human person. Thus the couple, while giving themselves to one another, give not just themselves but also the reality of children, who are a living reflection of their love, a permanent sign of conjugal unity and a living and inseparable synthesis of their being a father and a mother. When they become parents, spouses receive from God the gift of a new responsibility. Their parental love is called to become for the children the visible sign of the very love of God, “from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.”

From the Apostolic Constitution Familiaris Consortio of John Paul II, (FC 12-14)