

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

23 October 2022

readings

Next Week

Wis 11:22-12:2
Ps 144:1-2, 8-11, 13-14
2 Thess 1:11-2:2
Lk 19:1-10

in a nutshell

The prayer of the sinner. Last Sunday's Gospel told of the determined struggle of a good person, a widow, for justice. Through this story Jesus teaches that God hears the persistent cries for the just. In today's Gospel it is a sinner who prays to God for mercy and, wonderfully, God hears the sinner's humble prayer also. The only prayer to which God cannot respond is that of the self-righteous who effectively says to God: 'I do not need you.'

we pray for

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

of special note

Parish BBQ this Sunday
23 October after 5pm Mass

More Information Inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord hears the cry of the poor.

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.)

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The just call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress. (R.)

The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be condemned.
(R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to
himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has
entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to God.

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.

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: 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

Parish Notices

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 4

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 will begin in November. (November 1)

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 23 October after 5:00pm Mass

Sunday 20 November after 10:30 Mass

Family Time

At the request of parishioners there will be a time for families to get together on the first Sunday of each month 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.

St Vincent de Paul are again selling tomato plants at \$3 each. There are 8 varieties; Grosse Lisse, Beef Steak, Bucci, Tiny Tom, Sweet Bite, Black Russian, San Marzano Roma and Ox Heart. To order please contact Alan on 97355436 or e-mail asom9346@bigpond.net.au

Stewardship Corner

"...for whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and the one who humbles himself will be exalted. "Luke 18:14

Pride and ego are the root causes of most of our sins. Thinking your time is so valuable or your talent is better than anyone else or your money gives you status is another way of making those things "gods" before God. Pride is the opposite of humility. Remember, all that we have and all that we are is a gift from God. We should be humbled by God's incredible generosity and be grateful for all we have been given. Ultimately, gratitude leads us to humility.

September Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Weekly pledge amount: \$834.31, Average weekly given: \$738.00

Total income: \$3352.00, Total Expenditure: \$4239.00

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.

All Saints Day Party

Calling all kids- Come and celebrate the Saints with us! Come dressed as your favourite Saint, prizes for the best costume.

When: Saturday 5th November, Time: 2.30pm- 4.30pm

Where: St. Mary's Parish, Mount Evelyn Contact: Erika 0415343430

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.

Adoration of the Eucharist

Adoration: Your faith will help you realise that it is Jesus Himself Who is present in the Blessed Sacrament, waiting for you and calling you to spend one special specific hour with Him each week. (Pope St. John Paul II)

Confession: The theme of Jesus’ “inaugural address” is conversion: “The kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe in the Good news.” (Mark 1:15)

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.

Catholic Mission Collection 22/23 October

This week Catholic Mission will share the continued vision of Fr Habte and how, through the Goat Rearing Centre, many other families living in poverty are able to access agricultural training and employment that they would otherwise be unable to.

As shared by Fr Habte, when established, the Centre will not only provide nutritious milk but job creation and agricultural training for farmers and community members.

Please give generously this weekend to help continue this program by using the appeal envelope, going online at catholicmission.org.au/families or by scanning the QR code below. Your gift will also help many other similar Church-run mission programs around the world.

World Youth Day

Upcoming World Youth Day Information Sessions in October. A life-changing trip to Lisbon, Portugal: Join 500 other young Catholics from around Melbourne on an epic journey to World Youth Day in 2023. Find out more at <https://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd>

Something to Make You Smile

How do you annoy a grammar teacher?

Just write, “They’re, there, their.”

The Year 10 student was late for school. The class teacher was not happy.

“So, why were you late for school Michael?” asked the teacher.

“Because of a sign down the road,” said Michael pensively.

“What does a sign have to do with you being late?”

“Well, the sign said, ‘School Ahead, Go Slow!’”

Readings Reflection

[No Favorites](#)

Jesus draws a blunt picture in today’s Gospel.

The Pharisee’s prayer is almost a parody of the thanksgiving psalms (see for example Psalms 30, 118). Instead of praising God for His mighty works, the Pharisee congratulates himself for his own deeds, which he presents to God in some detail.

The tax collector stands at a distance, too ashamed even to raise his eyes to God (see Ezra 9:6). He prays with a humble and contrite heart (see Psalm 51:19). He knows that before God no one is righteous, no one has cause to boast (see Roman 3:10; 4:2).

We see in the Liturgy today one of Scripture’s abiding themes: that God “knows no favorites,” as today’s First Reading tells us (see 2 Chronicles 19:7; Acts 10:34–35; Romans 2:11).

God cannot be bribed (see Deuteronomy 10:17). We cannot curry favor with Him or impress Him—even with our good deeds or our faithful observance of religious duties such as tithing and fasting.

If we try to exalt ourselves before the Lord, as the Pharisee does, we will be brought low (see Luke 1:52).

This should be a warning to us—not to take pride in our piety, not to slip into the self-righteousness of thinking that we’re better than others, that we’re “not like the rest of sinful humanity.”

If we clothe ourselves with humility (see 1 Peter 5:5–6), if we recognize that all of us are sinners in need of His mercy, we will be exalted (see Proverbs 29:33).

The prayer of the lowly, the humble, pierces the clouds. Paul testifies to this in today’s Epistle as He thanks the Lord for giving him strength during his imprisonment.

Paul tells us what the Psalmist sings today—that the Lord redeems the lives of His humble servants.

We too must serve Him willingly. And He will hear us in our distress, deliver us from evil, and bring us safely to His heavenly kingdom.

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Those in Whom the Spirit Dwells are Divinized

What is justification?

It is not the hearers of the law who are righteous before God, but the doers of the law who will be justified. (Rom 2:13)

We ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by men and hating one another; but when the goodness and loving kindness of God our Savior appeared, he saved us, not because of deeds done by us in righteousness, but in virtue of his own mercy, by the washing of regeneration and renewal in the Holy Spirit, which he poured out upon us richly through Jesus Christ our Savior, so that we might be justified by his grace and become heirs in hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:3-7)

Now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from law, although the law and the prophets bear witness to it, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction; since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, they are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as an expiation by his blood, to be received by faith. (Rom 3:21-25)

Justification means the forgiveness of our sins, sanctification, and interior renewal through faith and the state of being on the path to eternal life — in other words, being in the state of grace.

Under the Old Law the People of God remained in God's favour as long as they kept the Law of Moses. Under the New Law of Love instituted by Christ, the Commandments are enriched and perfected; they are now understood not as the sole benchmark of righteousness but as the indispensable expression and response of true faith. Christ is the "end" of the Law; we are made righteous, or justified, by faith in Christ, who gives us grace through the Holy Spirit.

Justification cleanses us from sin and puts us in right order with God, i.e., in the state of grace. We are reconciled and no longer slaves to sin. We are justified first of all in Baptism and remain justified as long as we freely cooperate with God's grace. We do this by keeping the moral law and the laws of the Church. It requires continual interior conversion. Justification is lost by mortal sin but can be restored through the Sacrament of Penance.

From the Didache Bible

1987 The grace of the Holy Spirit has the power to justify us, that is, to cleanse us from our sins and to communicate to us "the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ" and through Baptism.

1988 Through the power of the Holy Spirit we take part in Christ's Passion by dying to sin, and in his Resurrection by being born to a new life; we are members of his Body which is the Church, branches grafted onto the vine which is himself:

[God] gave himself to us through his Spirit. By the participation of the Spirit, we become communicants in the divine nature.... For this reason, those in whom the Spirit dwells are divinized. (St. Athanasius)

1989 The first work of the grace of the Holy Spirit is conversion, effecting justification in accordance with Jesus' proclamation at the beginning of the Gospel: "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Moved by grace, man turns toward God and away from sin, thus accepting forgiveness and righteousness from on high. "Justification is not only the remission of sins, but also the sanctification and renewal of the interior man." (Council of Trent (1547))

1990 Justification detaches man from sin which contradicts the love of God, and purifies his heart of sin. Justification follows upon God's merciful initiative of offering forgiveness. It reconciles man with God. It frees from the enslavement to sin, and it heals.

1991 Justification is at the same time the acceptance of God's righteousness through faith in Jesus Christ. Righteousness (or "justice") here means the rectitude of divine love. With justification, faith, hope, and charity are poured into our hearts, and obedience to the divine will is granted us.

1992 Justification has been merited for us by the Passion of Christ who offered himself on the cross as a living victim, holy and pleasing to God, and whose blood has become the instrument of atonement for the sins of all men. Justification is conferred in Baptism, the sacrament of faith. It conforms us to the righteousness of God, who makes us inwardly just by the power of his mercy. Its purpose is the glory of God and of Christ, and the gift of eternal life.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church