

# Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



## Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

30 October 2022

### readings

#### Next Week

2Macc 7:1-2, 9-14  
Ps 16:1, 5-6, 8, 15  
2 Thess 2:16-3:5  
Lk 20:27-38

### in a nutshell

*Zacchaeus, Come Down. Hurry.* Great wealth had not brought happiness to Zacchaeus, a despised tax collector in prosperous Jericho. Having wandered away from God, he was lost. Then he met Jesus, the rabbi who consorted with sinners; and his life was never to be the same again. We are called to imitate Zacchaeus in his repentance and Jesus in his merciful love.

### 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

Flood Appeal by  
the Society of St Vincent De Paul

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### Raise Your Voices

#### Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God; be not far from me! Make haste and come to my help, O Lord, my strong salvation!

#### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

I will give you glory, O God my King,  
I will bless your name for ever.  
I will bless you day after day  
and praise your name for ever. (R.)

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,  
slow to anger, abounding in love.  
How good is the Lord to all,  
compassionate to all his creatures. (R.)

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,  
and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign  
and declare your might, O God. (R.)

The Lord is faithful in all his words  
and loving in all his deeds.  
The Lord supports all who fall  
and raises all who are bowed down. (R.)

#### Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God loved the world so much, he gave us his  
only Son, that all who believe in him might have  
eternal life.  
Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon

Just as the living Father sent me and I have life  
because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me  
shall have life because of me, says the Lord.

### 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

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 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](mailto: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 20 November after 10:30 Mass

### Family Time—November 6

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. To order please contact Alan on 97355436 or e-mail [asom9346@bigpond.net.au](mailto:asom9346@bigpond.net.au)

### Stewardship Corner

"But Zacchaeus stood there and said to the Lord, 'Behold, half of my possessions, Lord, I will give to the poor, and if I extorted anything from anyone I shall repay it four times over.'" LUKE 19:8

We are all called to gratefully give back to the Lord in proportion to the gifts we have been given. This means everyone isn't called to give the same amount, but everyone is called to give equal sacrifice. Open your heart and talk to God about how you use your money. How is God calling you to be more generous with your financial resources and possessions?

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.

### 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

## Adoration of the Eucharist- Cancelled Thursday 3rd November due to the Celebration of Confirmation

Adoration: People ask me “What will convert our country and save the world?” My answer is prayer. What we need is for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in Holy Hours of prayer. (St. Teresa of Calcutta)

Confession: So many say “ I’m fine.” Are you really fine though? We need to admit responsibility, to feel repentance and to respond to God’s invitation to heal our brokenness, in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. We need to give God permission to forgive us, as He wants to pour out His mercy, love and peace on us. (Fr. Mike Schmitz)

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 - Thank you

On behalf of Fr Habte, the community and church members in Emdibir, Ethiopia, thank you so much for your generous support through last week’s Catholic Mission Appeal.

Your gift is helping to ensure that many families have the opportunity to access skills training and employment. Your generosity is also supporting many other mission programs for children and communities around the world.

To learn more about the impact of your support, visit [catholicmission.org.au/our-work](http://catholicmission.org.au/our-work), where you can also sign-up for our regular newsletter.

### Flood Appeal – Society of St Vincent De Paul

The Society of St Vincent de Paul 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:

1. Calling 13 18 12
  2. visit <https://donate.vinnies.org.au/appeals-vic/vinnies-vic-flood-appeal-2022>.
  3. making a monetary donation through any Vinnies Shops at point of purchase; or
  4. via your local IGA where the purchase of a token supports the recovery of Victorians devastated by these recent floods.
- 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

And because it is the Melbourne Cup time.

A racehorse in a stable starts to boast about his track record amongst other horses. “In the past 15 races, I’ve won eight of them!”

Another horse breaks in: “Well in the last 27 races, I’ve won 19!”

“Oh that’s good, but in the last 36 races, I’ve won 28!” says another.

At this point, the horses notice a greyhound, who has been sitting nearby listening.

“I don’t mean to boast,” adds the greyhound, “but in my last 90 races, I’ve won 88 of them!”

The horses are clearly amazed. “Wow!” says one, after a hushed silence. “A talking dog!”

## Readings Reflection

### [Lover of Souls](#)

Our Lord is a lover of souls, the Liturgy shows us today. As we sing in today’s Psalm, He is slow to anger and compassionate toward all that He has made.

In His mercy, our First Reading tells us, He overlooks our sins and ignorance, giving us space that we might repent and not perish in our sinfulness (see Wisdom 12:10; 2 Peter 3:9).

In Jesus, He has become the Savior of His children, coming Himself to save the lost (see Isaiah 63:8–9; Ezekiel 34:16).

In the figure of Zacchaeus in today’s Gospel, we have a portrait of a lost soul. He is a tax collector, by profession a “sinner” excluded from Israel’s religious life. Not only that, he is a “chief tax collector.” Worse still, he is a rich man who has apparently gained his living by fraud.

But Zacchaeus’ faith brings salvation to his house. He expresses his faith in his fervent desire to “see” Jesus, even humbling himself to climb a tree just to watch Him pass by. While those of loftier religious stature react to Jesus with grumbling, Zacchaeus receives Him with joy.

Zacchaeus is not like the other rich men Jesus meets or tells stories about (see Luke 12:16–21; 16:19–31; 18:18–25). He repents, vowing to pay restitution to those he has cheated and to give half of his money to the poor.

By his humility he is exalted, made worthy to welcome the Lord into his house. By his faith, he is justified, made a descendant of Abraham (see Romans 4:16–17).

As He did last week, Jesus is again using a tax collector to show us the faith and humility we need to obtain salvation.

We are also called to seek Jesus daily with repentant hearts. And we should make Paul’s prayer in today’s Epistle our own: that God might make us worthy of His calling, that by our lives we might give glory to the name of Jesus.

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# Man: Only creature on earth God willed for its own sake

*What was the condition of human beings before the Fall?*

God created man in his own image, in the image of God he created him; male and female he created them. And God blessed them, and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” ..And it was so. And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. (Gen 1:27-28, 30-31)

“Because you have [sinned],... I will greatly multiply your pain in childbearing; / in pain you shall bring forth children, / yet your desire shall be for your husband, / and he shall rule over you.... [C]ursed is the ground because of you; / in toil you shall eat of it all the days of your life; / thorns and thistles it shall bring forth to you; / and you shall eat the plants of the field. / In the sweat of your face you shall eat bread / till you return to the ground, / for out of it you were taken; / you are dust, / and to dust you shall return.” (Gen 3:14, 16-19)

God created our first parents in an original “state of holiness and justice” (cf. Council of Trent [1546]: DS 1511), a state of perfect harmony in nature free of sin, pain, and death. Man, uniquely created in the very image and likeness of God, lost this original state by using the gift of free will to choose evil over good.

God created man, “the only creature on earth which God willed for itself” (GS 24), in his own image and likeness, endowed with the ability to know and love him and to choose freely between good and evil. As long as Adam and Eve remained close to God through fidelity to his will, they possessed a joyful relationship with God, with each other, and with the rest of creation. “Sacred Scripture teaches that man...is capable of knowing and loving his Creator” (GS 12). This perfect state bestowed on our first parents is called original holiness and justice.

This state enjoyed by Adam and Eve included a number of gifts that were lost due to Original Sin. These preternatural gifts included immunity from sickness, suffering, and death as well as freedom from disordered appetites and passions. Our first parents’ natural inclinations were subject to the control of their minds and wills, and they enjoyed harmony and self-mastery inside their hearts. In the state of original holiness and justice, work was not a burden but rather an easy and rewarding activity. It was clearly God’s intention for man and woman to find pleasure and fulfillment in every aspect of their lives; indeed, “his plan was to raise men to a participation of the divine life” (LG2).

*From the Didache Bible*

**357** Being in the image of God the human individual possesses the dignity of a person, who is not just something, but someone. He is capable of self-knowledge, of self-possession and of freely giving himself and entering into communion with other persons. And he is called by grace to a covenant with his Creator, to offer him a response of faith and love that no other creature can give in his stead.

**358** God created everything for man, but man in turn was created to serve and love God and to offer all creation back to him:

*What is it that is about to be created, that enjoys such honor? It is man—that great and wonderful living creature, more precious in the eyes of God than all other creatures! For him the heavens and the earth, the sea and all the rest of creation exist. God attached so much importance to his salvation that he did not spare his own Son for the sake of man. Nor does he ever cease to work, trying every possible means, until he has raised man up to himself and made him sit at his right hand.* (St. John Chrysostom)

**359** “In reality it is only in the mystery of the Word made flesh that the mystery of man truly becomes clear.” St. Paul tells us that the human race takes its origin from two men: Adam and Christ... The first man, Adam, he says, became a living soul, the last Adam a life-giving spirit. The first Adam was made by the last Adam, from whom he also received his soul, to give him life.... The second Adam stamped his image on the first Adam when he created him. That is why he took on himself the role and the name of the first Adam, in order that he might not lose what he had made in his own image. The first Adam, the last Adam: the first had a beginning, the last knows no end. The last Adam is indeed the first; as he himself says: “I am the first and the last.” (St. Peter Chrysologus)

**360** Because of its common origin the human race forms a unity, for “from one ancestor [God] made all nations to inhabit the whole earth”:

*O wondrous vision, which makes us contemplate the human race in the unity of its origin in God ... in the unity of its nature, composed equally in all men of a material body and a spiritual soul; in the unity of its immediate end and its mission in the world; in the unity of its dwelling, the earth, whose benefits all men, by right of nature, may use to sustain and develop life; in the unity of its supernatural end: God himself, to whom all ought to tend; in the unity of the means for attaining this end; ... in the unity of the redemption wrought by Christ for all.* (Pius XII, encyclical, *Summi Pontificatus* 3)

*From the Catechism of the Catholic Church*