

# Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



## Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

11 September 2022

### readings

#### Next Week

Amos 8:4-7  
Ps 112:1-2, 4-8  
1 Tim 2:1-8  
Lk 16:1-13

#### in a nutshell

*Parables of Mercy.* The parables in today's Gospel all speak of the mercy of God. When we stray from the right path, God comes looking for us, not to condemn us but to offer us forgiveness. If we are contrite, God will lift us up and carry us back to the community, as a shepherd carries a stray sheep back to the flock. What great rejoicing there will be in our reunion with God and with the community.

#### we pray for

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

#### of special note

Queen Elizabeth II

1952-2022

Requiescat in pace.

### Raise Your Voices

#### Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,  
that your prophets be found true.  
Hear the prayers of your servant,  
and of your people Israel.

#### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.  
In your compassion blot out my offence.  
O wash me more and more from my guilt  
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

A pure heart create for me, O God,  
put a steadfast spirit within me.  
Do not cast me away from your presence,  
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

O Lord, open my lips  
and my mouth shall declare your praise.  
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;  
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. (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

The chalice of blessing that we bless  
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;  
and the bread that we break  
is a sharing in the Body of 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

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.

### 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 23 August

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

## Parish Notices

### Father's Holiday—Next week

Fr Michel will be taking a break during the next two weeks (beginning 12 through 24 September) so weekday Masses and Adoration will be cancelled. Weekend Masses will be as normal with Fr Michel.

### September 4th, Fathers' Day Collection

Thank you for your generosity: \$419.25 donated

### Maria Annunziata Festa

Although not having the Festa of the past, a Mass for the Annunziata will be celebrated on Sunday 25 September followed by morning tea.

### Safeguarding Sunday

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:  
[www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday](http://www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday)

### Stewardship Corner

"Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

### Adoration of the Eucharist

Adoration: We do not have to talk very much to pray well, we know that God is there in His Holy Monstrance. Let us open our hearts to Him, let us rejoice in His Sacred Presence. This is the best prayer! (St. John Vianney)

Confession: I resolved, before I became a priest, that I would always be available at any time to hear a person's confession. If asked to divulge what was confessed, I would of course reply, "It didn't happen". (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.

### 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: 16 September**

### Coffee After 10:30 Mass has Resumed

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

## Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking long term (6-12 month) volunteers for January 2023 to work with young people in our Salesian communities with disadvantaged young people in Samoa, Cambodia, Timor Leste, Solomon Islands and Australia. Applications close October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Send us an inquiry <https://www.cagliero.org.au/> or [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

## 40 Days for Life Prayers

40 Days for Life: Join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We will be keeping vigil near a Melbourne abortion facility from 28th September to 6th November. Those who can't be present may like to pray from home or in church. To register your hours and for more information visit [www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne). Come along to the Kick-off & Rally on 28th September with pro-life speakers. Fitzroy Gardens, Cnr. Clarendon Street & Wellington Parade, East Melbourne, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

## Annual Peace Walk 8th of October

Will you walk with us for the tens of thousands of babies killed in Victoria each year?

Will you help us show our politicians that we won't go speechless against this atrocity?

Will you help us celebrate life, EVERY life, great or small, born or unborn?

If your answer to any of these was yes, we look forward to seeing you there lining the streets of our great city! We'll be gathering in Treasury Gardens at 12:30 and walking to Parliament House at 1:00. <https://www.marchforthebabies.com/>

## Palms Australia - Embrace the Call to Global Mission

American Samoa, Cambodia, Kiribati, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Samoa, Solomon Islands, Tanzania, Thailand, Timor-Leste and Zambia are requesting Australian Catholics to live in and share their skills with parish communities. Embrace one of these [Mission opportunities abroad](#) and mentor those with little other opportunity. You will be well prepared and supported by Palms Australia who have engaged Australian Catholics in this mission since 1961.

[Enquire online](#) or Ph: 0422 742 567 and [Register](#) for a Webinar on **Saturday September 24<sup>th</sup> at 11:30am** where you can talk directly with Veronica Lawson who is mentoring teachers in Pago Pago, American Samoa now. Or visit others already engaged in Mission with Palms on our [13-day Encounter Tour to Timor-Leste from October 16<sup>th</sup> to 28<sup>th</sup>](#).

## Something to Make You Smile

The parish priest in outback NSW was happy with his new housekeeper who also happened to be a great cook. She prepared some delicious meals during the week and kept the place neat and tidy. One day as she was cleaning the priest's office, she answered the phone and said, "That's right!"

The phone rang again almost immediately and the housekeeper answered yet again. "Yes, it certainly is," she replied. This happened two more times with the housekeeper giving the same response before the priest who had been listening in the next room asked who had called.

"I have no idea," said the housekeeper. "Someone kept saying 'It's a long distance from Rome' and I could only agree with them."

# Readings Reflection

## [Seeking the Lost](#)

The episode in today's First Reading has been called "Israel's original sin." Freed from bondage, born as a people of God in the covenant at Sinai, Israel turned aside from His ways and fell to worshipping a golden calf.

Moses implores God's mercy, just as Jesus will later intercede for the whole human race. Just as He still pleads for sinners at God's right hand and through the ministry of the Church.

Israel's sin is the sin of the world. It is your sin and mine. Ransomed from death and made His children in Baptism, we fall prey to the idols of this world. We remain a "stiff-necked people," resisting His will for us like an ox refuses the plowman's yoke (see Jeremiah 7:26).

Like Israel, in our sin we push God away and reject our divine sonship. Once He called us "my people" (see Exodus 3:10; 6:7). But our sin makes us "no people," people He should, in justice, disown (see Deuteronomy 32:21; 1 Peter 2:10).

Yet in His mercy, He is faithful to the covenant He swore by His own self in Jesus. In Jesus, God comes to Israel and to each of us—as a shepherd to seek the lost (see Ezekiel 34:11–16), to carry us back to the heavenly feast, the perpetual heritage promised long ago to Abraham's children.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," Paul cries in today's Epistle. These are the happiest words the world has ever known. Because of Jesus, as Paul himself can testify, even the blasphemer and persecutor can seek His mercy.

As the sinners do in today's Gospel, we draw near to listen to Him. In this Eucharist, we bring Him the acceptable sacrifice we sing of in today's Psalm—our hearts, humbled and contrite.

In the company of His angels and saints, we rejoice that He has wiped out our offense. We celebrate with Him that we have turned from the evil way that we might live (see Ezekiel 18:23).

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)  
[stpaulcenter.com](http://stpaulcenter.com)

# The Exaltation of the Cross

*[The Feast Day is celebrated on Wednesday, 14 September]*

*Since Christ is risen, why do we venerate his crucified image?*

I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of compassion and supplication, so that, when they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him. (Zec 12:10)

Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor 1:22-24)

Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? (Gal 3:1)

A crucifix is a depiction of Christ on the Cross. We venerate the crucifix as a reminder of Christ's Passion and Death, by which we have been redeemed by God

Christ suffered and died on the Cross for our salvation; he also told us to take up our crosses daily and follow him. His crucified image serves as a powerful reminder of what he endured out of his divine love for our sake and of the true cost of our own discipleship: the willingness to endure every pain, hardship, and humiliation for the sake of attaining eternal life and being with him forever. The crucified Christ reveals to us the power of redemptive suffering.

St. Paul called the crucified Christ "the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Cor 1:24-25). He told the Corinthians that we 'preach Christ crucified' (1 Cor 1:23). It is through his taking on human flesh and his voluntarily experiencing the suffering and humiliation of his Passion and Death that the glory and power of God is ultimately revealed in his Resurrection.

As a prayer in the Byzantine liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration says:

*On the mount you were transfigured, and your disciples, as much as they could bear, beheld your glory, O Christ God; so that when they should see you crucified, they would know your Passion to be willing, and would preach to the world that you, in truth, are the Effulgence of the Father.*

*From the Didache Bible*

**571** The Paschal mystery of Christ's cross and Resurrection stands at the center of the Good News that the apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world. God's saving plan was accomplished "once for all" (Heb 9:26) by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.

**617** The Council of Trent emphasizes the unique character of Christ's sacrifice as "the source of eternal salvation" (Heb 5:9) and teaches that "his most holy Passion on the wood of the cross merited justification for us" (Council of Trent). And the Church venerates his cross as it sings: "Hail, O Cross, our only hope" (LH, Lent, Holy Week, Evening Prayer).

**618** The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the "one mediator between God and men." (1 Tim 2:5) But because in his incarnate divine person he has in some way united himself to every man, "the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery" is offered to all men (GS 22 § 5). He calls his disciples to "take up [their] cross and follow [him]" (Mt 16:24), for "Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in his steps" (1 Pet 2:21). In fact Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries. This is achieved supremely in the case of his mother, who was associated more intimately than any other person in the mystery of his redemptive suffering.

**1067** "The wonderful works of God among the people of the Old Testament were but a prelude to the work of Christ the Lord in redeeming mankind and giving perfect glory to God. He accomplished this work principally by the Paschal mystery of his blessed Passion, Resurrection from the dead, and glorious Ascension, whereby 'dying he destroyed our death, rising he restored our life.' For it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the cross that there came forth 'the wondrous sacrament of the whole Church' " (SC 5 § 2). For this reason, the Church celebrates in the liturgy above all the Paschal mystery by which Christ accomplished the work of our salvation.

**2132** The Christian veneration of images is not contrary to the first commandment which proscribes idols. Indeed, "the honor rendered to an image passes to its prototype," and "whoever venerates an image venerates the person portrayed in it" (St. Basil). The honor paid to sacred images is a "respectful veneration," not the adoration due to God alone:

*Religious worship is not directed to images in themselves, considered as mere things, but under their distinctive aspect as images leading us on to God incarnate. The movement toward the image does not terminate in it as image, but tends toward that whose image it is (St. Thomas Aquinas).*

*From the Catechism of the Catholic Church*