

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

25 September 2022

readings

Next Week

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4
Ps 94:1-2, 6-9
2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14
Lk 17:5-9

in a nutshell

For what we have failed to do. The rich man in today's Gospel is condemned for his activity towards the poor man. Lazarus was starving and covered in sores, but the rich man did nothing to help him. In the Penitential Act at Mass we ask forgiveness not only for the bad we have done but for the good we have failed to do.

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

Daylight savings time is soon upon us. The Vigil Mass time will change to the summer schedule.

More Information Inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever, who is just to those who are oppressed. It is he who gives bread to the hungry, the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind, who raises up those who are bowed down. It is the Lord who loves the just, the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)

He upholds the widow and orphan but thwarts the path of the wicked. The Lord will reign for ever, Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to make you rich out of his poverty. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Remember your word to your servant, O Lord, by which you have given me hope. This is my comfort when I am brought low.

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

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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: moutevelyn@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

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.

Vigil 'Summer' timetable

Next weekend begins Daylight Saving in Victoria therefore the Saturday Vigil will be at 5:00pm from Saturday 8 October.

Stewardship Corner

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

Adoration of the Eucharist

Adoration: "My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me." "So you had not the strength to keep awake with me one hour" (Mt.26:38-39,41-42) In the Garden of Gethsemane our Lord asked the Apostles to keep awake with Him the night He went into agony. Not for activity did He plead but for an hour of companionship. (Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen)

Confession: The church must be a place of mercy freely given, where everyone can feel welcomed, loved, forgiven and encouraged to live the good life of the Gospel. (Pope Francis)

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.

Long Term Volunteer Opportunities in the Australia-Pacific Region - The Cagliari 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 31st, 2022. Send us an inquiry <https://www.cagliari.org.au/> or lhichaaba@salesians.org.au

2022 Knox Public Lecture—Wednesday 12th October at 7.30pm

"50 Years of Theological Education in Context: Then, Now, What Next?"

Bookings and Info: ctc.edu.au/knox-public-lecture

Enq: sarah.styring@ctc.edu.au or Ph 9412 3333

Venue: Celtic Hall, Catholic Leadership Centre,

Advent Resource

Orders for Incarnate—Daily Advent and Christmas Reflections 2022 are now being taken. Incarnate is a 86-page pocket-size book containing short spiritually rich, yet accessible, daily reflections from the beginning of Advent (27 November 2022) through to the Baptism of the Lord (9 January 2023).

<https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/advent-program/>

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: 7 October

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. 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

We'll be gathering in Treasury Gardens at 12:30 and walking to Parliament House at 1:00.

<https://www.marchforthebabies.com/>

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

'Walking with Wisdom Series' (in person or via Zoom)

4 x Thursdays, 6-27 October 2022, 10am-12.30pm.

This series offers a time to explore the depths of wisdom in our own heart, to recognise wisdom in the encounter with another ... to dwell in the Heart of Contemplation. Led by spiritual directors Carole Carmody rsm and Julie Adam. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern VIC. Cost \$30 per session or \$100 for the series. Book and pay via www.heartoflife.melbourne, email office@heartoflife.melbourne, or tel (03) 9890 1101.

Something to Make You Smile

- What type of pasta is most likely to cheat for a musical award?
 - Rigatoni
- Do you know what my old rebellious uncle got for surviving a pepper spray attack at a recent protest?
 - He got the well seasoned veteran award.
- If there was an award for laziness ...
 - I'd make someone go get it for me.
- I won the Most Unreliable Employee award for 2022.
 - I'll collect it if I can be bothered to go back to work.
- Did you hear about the chef that won an award for his chickpea recipe after he died?
 - It was awarded post hummus.

Readings Reflection

[A Great Chasm](#)

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today's Liturgy—not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door.

The complacent leaders in today's First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, reveling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel (see Amos 5:6), collapses around them.

The rich man in today's Gospel also lives like a king—dressed in royal purple and fine linen (see 1 Maccabees 8:14).

The rich man symbolizes Israel's failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in today's First Reading. Born to the nation God favored first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give—their inheritance is taken away.

The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater—eternity with a "great chasm" fixed between himself and God.

In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves (see Genesis 11:4) and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts.

But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings—while the leaders and the rich man have no name.

Today's liturgy is a call to repentance—to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle.

"The Lord loves the just," we sing in today's Psalm.

And in this Eucharist we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life—when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets (see Luke 13:28), where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord (see John 13:23).

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He shall come to judge the living and the dead

What happens when we die?

Just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him (Heb 9:27-28).

At the moment of death, the immortal soul separates from the mortal body, and every person undergoes the Particular Judgment in which Christ immediately judges the person for the choices and actions he or she made in life and whether or not he or she has died in God's grace and friendship. As St. John of the Cross wrote, "At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love". Based on that judgment, the soul immediately enters the state of Heaven, Hell, or Purgatory.

The souls of those who have responded to God's gift of salvation, die in a state of grace, and have been perfectly purified — either in this life or in *Purgatory* — will enter *Heaven*, the state of eternal happiness in which a person shares in the life and love of the Blessed Trinity. In communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the angels and saints, the soul enjoys a state of perfect happiness, and in the Kingdom of God, the saints will reign with Christ forever. In Heaven, the blessed will receive the Beatific Vision: they see God face to face and contemplate him in the fullness of glory.

The souls of those who have responded to God's gift of salvation, die in a state of grace, but need the remission of the temporal punishment due to sin that results from an unhealthy attachment to created goods, the soul must be purified before entering Heaven. This purification after death is called *Purgatory*. By purifying us of all imperfections before we can enter his presence in Heaven, God shows not only his justice but also his great love and mercy.

Just as the blessed will enjoy eternal love and joy, those who have rejected God will suffer eternal hatred and unhappiness in *Hell*. All souls in Hell suffer the loss of eternal communion with God and punishment for sins committed on earth. This state of separation from God is eternal, and there can be no repentance.

The General Judgment at the time of the Second Coming of Christ will not change the result of the Particular Judgment. At that time, our mortal bodies will rise and be reunited with our souls. The bodies of those saved will be in glorified form.

From the Didache Bible

1033 We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against him, against our neighbor or against ourselves: "He who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are his brethren. To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him for ever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell."

1035 The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, "eternal fire." The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs

1037 God predestines no one to go to hell; for this, a willful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary, and persistence in it until the end. In the Eucharistic liturgy and in the daily prayers of her faithful, the Church implores the mercy of God, who does not want "any to perish, but all to come to repentance" (2 Pet 3:9):

Father, accept this offering
from your whole family.
Grant us your peace in this life,
save us from final damnation,
and count us among those you have chosen. (*Eucharistic Prayer I*)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church