

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

14 August 2022

readings

Next Week

Is 66:18-21
Ps 116
Heb 12:5-7, 11-13
Lk 13:22-30

in a nutshell

The fight against sin. Some of the first converts to Christianity were shocked to find that their lives as Christians still contained many difficulties. In some cases, becoming a Christian added to their troubles as they met with opposition from non-Christian family members. We too face difficulties of one kind or another. Participating in the Eucharist does not eliminate our problems, but gives us the strength and courage we need not to give up in the face them.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend.
For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

Monday, August 15th, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. This is a holy day of obligation

More information inside

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;
and look on the face of your anointed one;
one day within your courts
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, come to my aid!

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me;
he heard my cry. (R.)

He drew me from the deadly pit,
from the miry clay.
He set my feet upon a rock
and made my footsteps firm. (R.)

He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.
Many shall see and fear
and shall trust in the Lord. (R.)

As for me, wretched and poor,
the Lord thinks of me.
You are my rescuer, my help,
O God, do not delay! (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
My sheep listen to my voice, says the Lord;
I know them, and they follow me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I am the living bread that came down from
heaven, says the Lord.
Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

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

Solemnity of the Assumption—Monday 15 August

This day is a holy day of obligation which means everyone is required to attend Mass on this day.

11:40am —Whole School Mass

6:00pm Warburton and 7:30pm Mount Evelyn

Please note there will be no morning Mass on Tuesday 16 August.

National Vocations Awareness Week – August 7-14

National Vocations Awareness Week - Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal – This Weekend

This weekend is the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. CatholicCare Victoria works with individuals, families and communities to build strength, resilience, and empowerment to reach their full potential. Your compassionate generosity will help the most vulnerable members of our community – those facing job loss and homelessness, those experiencing mental health issues, families struggling with relationship problems, people in hospitals and prisons, newly arrived refugees, and those experiencing anxiety, grief and trauma. Please donate to CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. Your support and generosity will help the most vulnerable and marginalised in our community. You can donate using the appeal envelope available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513. All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible

Stewardship Corner

"Do you think I have come to give you peace on Earth? No, I tell you, but rather division." Luke 12:51

Many of us like to play it safe, not cause waves with our family and friends, especially when it comes to politics and religion. We don't want to cause any turmoil. However, many times this is at the expense of the truth. The truth being Jesus Christ. Too many people are misguided because they rely on their own limited human ability to reason and are not allowing faith in God to guide them. Form your conscience; take a stance for life, marriage and religious liberty.

July Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Weekly pledge amount:: \$834.31

Average weekly given: \$622

Total income: \$3110

Total Expenditure: \$3840

Nominations for Safeguarding Committee

There are positions open on the Safeguarding Committee, please contact the Parish office or Fr Michel if you are interested.

Regular Gardening/Working Bee

On the first and third Fridays of the month you are invited to put some time aside between 4-6pm to assist with maintaining the gardens etc. BYO PPE, gloves, tools/equipment etc. **Next one: 19 August**

Adoration of the Eucharist

Why do we genuflect? by Father Mike Schmitz.

- ◇ As an act of humility. He is God. To acknowledge the presence of the One Whom the whole world cannot contain.
- ◇ Out of service. To commit to God's mission of redeeming the world.
- ◇ Out of love. To show love for our gracious Redeemer from Whom we receive the gift of loving Him, and of being loved by Him.

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.

Coffee After 10:30 Mass to Resume Soon

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

A Message From *Aid to the Church in Need Australia*

ACN is the Pontifical Foundation dedicated to supporting the suffering and persecuted Church. In areas of crisis, churches are often destroyed by violence. Where the faith is growing new churches are needed. ACN supports the reconstruction in these areas because a church is the centre of the life of faith and even the smallest chapel provides people with hope and a spiritual home. Can you help build churches to support the faithful throughout the world? Visit: www.aidtochurch.org/construction

Knowing Jesus Daily Devotional Videos Starting 15 August

Join us as we seek to dive deep into the life of Jesus to expand our understanding of who He is and help us live and become more like Him. This FREE Daily Devotional Series Knowing Jesus, is presented by Bruce Downes who is also known as The Catholic Guy. People have registered to receive our prayerful, inspirational resources in every state of the USA and in over 180 countries around the world by both Church attenders and those who are searching. Receive these short, practical, and inspiring Daily Devotional videos into your inbox to help you explore and understand who Jesus really is! Sign up today: BruceDownes.org/KnowingJesus/ or go to our website BruceDownes.org

Something to Make You Smile

Children at a local Catholic primary school were lining up outside a pop up confessional where a priest was hearing weekly confessions. Little Mike's turn soon came up. The priest asked him to confess his sins. The boy promptly replied, "Well, Father, I threw a stone at my little sister and made her cry." "That was a rather misguided thing to do, my son," said the priest patiently. "It wasn't misguided at all," said Mike. "I hit her from 5 meters away"

Readings Reflection

[Consuming Fire](#)

Our God is a consuming fire, the Scriptures tell us (see Hebrews 12:29; Deuteronomy 4:24). And in this week's Gospel, Jesus uses the image of fire to describe the demands of discipleship.

The fire He has come to cast on the earth is the fire that He wants to blaze in each of our hearts. He made us from the dust of the earth (see Genesis 2:7) and filled us with the fire of the Holy Spirit in Baptism (see Luke 3:16).

We were baptized into His death (see Romans 6:3). This is the baptism our Lord speaks of in the Gospel this week. The baptism with which He must be baptized is His passion and death, by which He accomplished our redemption and sent forth the fire of the Spirit on the earth (see Acts 2:3).

The fire has been set, but it is not yet blazing. We are called to enter deeper into the consuming love of God. We must examine our consciences and our actions, submitting ourselves to the revealing fire of God's Word (see 1 Corinthians 3:13).

In our struggle against sin, we have not yet resisted to the point of shedding our own blood, Paul tells us in this week's Epistle. We have not undergone the suffering that Jeremiah suffers in the First Reading this week.

But this is what true discipleship requires. To be a disciple is to be inflamed with the love of the God. It is to have an unquenchable desire for holiness and zeal for the salvation of our brothers and sisters.

Being His disciple does not bring peace in the false way that the world proclaims peace (see Jeremiah 8:11). It means division and hardship. It may bring us to conflict with our own flesh and blood.

But Christ is our peace (see Ephesians 2:14). By His Cross He has lifted us up from the mire of sin and death—as He will rescue the prophet Jeremiah (see Jeremiah 38:10).

And as we sing in the Psalm this week, we trust in our deliverer.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven Body & Soul

[NOTE: Monday is the Solemnity of the Assumption, a holy day of obligation]

How did the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary develop?

A great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars....She brought forth a male child, on e who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne. (Rev 12:1-5)

The dogma that the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed into Heaven body and soul is implicit in Scripture and has been held by the Church since the early centuries of Christianity. This dogma was solemnly defined in 1950 by Pope Pius XII through the constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*.

As the Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary has a unique relationship with God that surpasses all creatures who had come before or who would follow. By her cooperation with God's will, salvation was brought into the world through Jesus Christ.

The Assumption into Heaven of those especially close to God is not without precedent in the Old Testament: Enoch (cf. Heb 11:5) and Elijah (cf. 2 Kgs 2:11) each are spoken of as having been taken by God without having died. It is fitting that Christ would bring his own Mother to Heaven.

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Formation you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and , by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death. (Byzantine Liturgy, *Troparion*, Feast of the Dormition, August 15).

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a logical extension of her Immaculate Conception: since she was preserved from any stain of Original Sin, she did to suffer its consequences of concupiscence and death.

The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all guilt of original sin, on the completion of her earthly sojourn, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe, that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and the conqueror of sin and death. (*Lumen Gentium*, 59)

In her theology and her liturgy, the Church interprets the figure in the Book of Revelation of the "woman clothed with the sun" as the Blessed Virgin Mary, who appears in Heaven full of glory.

Since the fourth century the Church has celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption on August 15; in the Eastern Churches this feast is know as the Dormition of the Virgin.

From the Didache Bible

44. ... for the glory of Almighty God who has lavished his special affection upon the Virgin Mary, for the honor of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages and the Victor over sin and death, for the increase of the glory of that same august Mother, and for the joy and exultation of the entire Church; by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

From the Apostolic Constitution, Munificentissimus Deus, Pope Pius XII, 1 Nov 1950