

# Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



## Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

19 February 2023

### readings

#### Next Week

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7  
Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17  
Rom 5:12-19  
Mt 4:1-11

### in a nutshell

*Be Holy!* The word 'holy' can conjure up the images of someone who is always praying, and, perhaps, cut off from earthly realities. Today's readings, however, remind us that holiness is not measured by calluses on our knees but by our love for others. Most essentially, holiness is God's gift. We are a holy people because God loves us and dwells among us making us the temple of God.

### we pray for

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

### of special note

Stations of the Cross on Fridays during Lent beginning this Friday

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### Raise Your Voices

#### Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, I trust in your merciful love.  
My heart will rejoice in your salvation.  
I will sing to the Lord who has been bountiful with me.

#### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is kind and merciful.

My soul, give thanks to the Lord,  
all my being, bless his holy name.  
My soul, give thanks to the Lord  
and never forget all his blessings. (R.)

It is he who forgives all your guilt,  
who heals every one of your ills,  
who redeems your life from the grave,  
who crowns you with love and compassion. (R.)

The Lord is compassion and love,  
slow to anger and rich in mercy.  
He does not treat us according to our sins  
nor repay us according to our faults. (R.)

As far as the east is from the west  
so far does he remove our sins.  
As a father has compassion on his sons,  
the Lord has pity on those who fear him. (R.)

#### Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Whoever keeps the word of Christ,  
grows perfect in the love of God.  
Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon

I will recount all your wonders,  
I will rejoice in you and be glad,  
and sing psalms to your name, O Most High.

### 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.

### Car Parking –WEEKDAY Masses

*Please use available car parks for Mass rather than the front of the church. Please Leave the front for the truly disabled.*

### 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 Alan Somers 0419 134 300

**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, March 7

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

## Parish Notices

### Stations of the Cross During Lent

We are praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. Please come and pray this traditional devotion following the path of our Lord to Calvary. Jesus said to St Faustina: *There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My sorrowful Passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood; the contemplation of My painful wounds is of great profit to you, and it brings Me great joy.* Mount Evelyn: 7:30pm, Yarra Junction: 6:00pm.

### Ash Wednesday Masses—22 February

Mount Evelyn, 11:40am (Whole School Mass) & 7:30pm  
Yarra Junction, 9:00am (Whole School Mass), Warburton, 6:00pm

### Project Compassion Sunday

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and For All Future Generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

### St. Mary's Alpha Youth Group

Alpha is held on Friday's 6:00pm - 8:00pm in the portable. Dinner is provided. Any questions message Zelig on 0491 758 074 or Karla 0427 884 837 For more information see [alpha.org.au](http://alpha.org.au)

### Sacramental Program 2023

If you have a child/ren, not attending the Parish School, and wish for them to do any of the sacraments, now is the time to contact the parish office so they can begin their preparation.

### Regular Gardening/Working Bee—March 3

Do you have a love of gardening, working outside? The parish needs your expertise and enthusiasm to maintain our grounds. You are invited to put some time aside between 4-6pm on the first and/or third Fridays of the month at one of our regular working bees. BYO PPE, gloves, tools/equipment.

### Morning Tea after 10.30am Sunday Mass

If you would like to help serve morning tea, please put your name down on the roster in the kitchen. If you are unable to serve but would like to contribute, donations of packaged biscuits would be appreciated. Contact Rachael 0437123802

### Godstart Girls

The Godstart Girls write birthday cards for the children who have been baptised in our Parish. It's a wonderful way to not only keep families connected to our Church but also to remind children that they are precious sons and daughters of God. We meet on the first Sunday of each month at 4pm, all teenage girls are welcome to join us. Contact Rachael 0437123802

### Pastoral Care Appeal 2023—Thank you!

Last weekend, we conducted the annual Pastoral Care Appeal in our parish. Thank you to those who have supported this Appeal.

### Save the Date

Karla and Andrew Zmegac will be reaffirming their marriage vows for their 25th Anniversary on Saturday March 11 at the 5:00pm Mass. You are welcome to attend.

## Stewardship Corner

"But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."MATTHEW 5:44

Love your enemies, easier said than done. But remember, the foundation of stewardship is prayer. When we are in close communication with God it opens our heart, and it turns our attention away from "me" and moves it towards God and others. It changes my heart and actions, allowing for a little more empathy for "my enemy." When we pray for others, even our enemies, it may soften their hearts as well.

## Thanksgiving/stewardship

Not part of the Stewardship program? Considered contributing to assist in the upkeep of the Parish through a formal stewardship pledge? Contact the office to become part of this either by direct debit or envelopes. **Only money in envelopes goes towards the support of the parish**, loose cash supports the Parish Priest. The Tap and Go machine is treated as loose cash.

**January Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report** Total income: \$2419

It is worth noting that the monthly insurance premium is \$1790...leaving \$629 to cover other bills; council rates, electricity, Eucharistic hosts, wine, photocopying, wages, archdiocese levy which is \$1747 a quarter.

## Holy is His Name: FREE video streaming Bible Study

Streaming FREE this Lent, a new bible study by Dr Scott Hahn. In 1 Peter 1:16, we're reminded of our call to holiness. *You shall be holy, for I am holy.* But what is holiness? Join us in this new Bible study as Scott Hahn traces the meaning of holiness from its origins in Scripture to its appearance in our own lives today. Together, let's experience the transformative power of God's holiness. In twelve beautifully produced lessons, this study explores the Scriptural encounters with the Divine – the burning bush, the ark of the covenant, the burning coal, and more! As our fear and trembling turns to awe and wonder, you'll come to a new appreciation of our sharing in the divine life.

Register: [stpaulcenter.com/holystudy](http://stpaulcenter.com/holystudy)

## Adoration of the Eucharist

Adoration: Friday morning 8:00am. Yarra Junction Thursday 6:00pm (first Thursday Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

## World Youth Day 2023

World Youth Day is a lifechanging opportunity for youth to experience their Catholic faith with over a million young people from around the world. Archbishop Comensoli is inviting youth, ages 16–35, across the Archdiocese to journey with him and over 500 others from Melbourne to Lisbon, Portugal, for World Youth Day in 2023. Find out more at [udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd](http://udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd)

## Something to Make You Smile

Breaking news today: In a freak accident, a photographer was killed when a huge lump of cheddar landed on him. To be fair, the people he was photographing did try to warn him!

# Readings Reflection

## [Holy as God](#)

We are called to the holiness of God. That is the extraordinary claim made in both the First Reading and the Gospel this Sunday.

Yet how is it possible that we can be perfect as our Father in heaven is perfect?

Jesus explains that we must be imitators of God as His beloved children (Ephesians 5:1–2).

As God does, we must love without limit—with a love that does not distinguish between friend and foe, overcoming evil with good (see Romans 12:21).

Jesus Himself, in His Passion and death, gave us the perfect example of the love that we are called to.

He offered no resistance to the evil—even though He could have commanded twelve legions of angels to fight alongside Him. He offered His face to be struck and spit upon. He allowed His garments to be stripped from Him. He marched as His enemies compelled Him to the Place of the Skull. On the Cross, He prayed for those who persecuted Him. (see Matthew 26:53–54, 67; 27:28, 32; Luke 23:34).

In all this, He showed Himself to be the perfect Son of God. By His grace, and through our imitation of Him, He promises that we too can become children of our heavenly Father.

God does not deal with us as we deserve, as we sing in this week's Psalm. He loves us with a Father's love. He saves us from ruin. He forgives our transgressions.

He loved us even when we had made ourselves His enemies through our sinfulness. While we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (see Romans 5:8).

We have been bought with the price of the blood of God's only Son (see 1 Corinthians 6:20). We belong to Christ now, as St. Paul says in this week's Epistle. By our baptism, we have been made temples of His Holy Spirit.

And we have been saved to share in His holiness and perfection. So let us glorify Him by our lives lived in His service, loving as He loves.

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

# The Lenten Season begins on Ash Wednesday, 22 February 2023

109. *The Lenten season has a twofold character:*

- 1) *it recalls baptism or prepares for it*
- 2) *it stresses a penitential spirit.*

*By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:*

- a) *Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy...*
- b) *The same approach holds for the penitential elements...*

110. *During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social...In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.*

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

## **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.**

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer** -for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
  - (b) **Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
  - (c) **Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.
1. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).
  2. The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.
  3. Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 22 February 2023 and Trinity Sunday, 4 June 2023 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.
  4. The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.