

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A) 5 February 2023

readings

Next Week

Sir 15:15-20
Ps 118:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34
1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37

in a nutshell

Let your light shine! We all have special gifts, but sometimes we fail to recognise this. We may feel that we have little to offer others. That is never true. As Jesus says: 'You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world!' Let us ask Jesus to help us recognise our unique gifts and share them with others.

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

Holy is His Name: a new bible study streaming for FREE this lent.

More Information Inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

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

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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: muntevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, February

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

Parish Notices

St. Mary's Alpha Youth Group—Starting 10 February

Join us for fun, food and faith. Inviting all high school aged youth from 13-18yrs.

Alpha is a series of interactive sessions that explore life, faith and meaning in a relaxed and fun environment. The first Alpha will be held on Friday 10th February from 6:00pm - 8:00pm in the portable. Dinner will be provided.

Any questions message Zelie on 0491 758 074 or Karla 0427 884 837
For more information see alpha.org.au

Ash Wednesday—22 February

Masses will be:

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

Memorial Wall

Some may not know that a Memorial Wall exists between the church and the presbytery. You may want to consider burying the ashes of your beloved one there. Close to the church and God. Contact the office for more information.

Stewardship Corner

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." MATTHEW 5:16

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

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: \$3474.20

Total Expenditure: \$4747.75

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

Adoration of the Eucharist

My heart feels as if it were being drawn by a superior force each morning just before uniting with Him in the Blessed Sacrament. I have such a hunger before receiving Him that it's a wonder I don't die of anxiety. My hunger does not diminish after I have received Him in Holy Communion, but rather, increases steadily. (St. Padre Pio)

Confession is the soul's bath.....I do not want souls to stay away from confession for long. Even a clean and unoccupied room gathers dust; return after a week and you will see that it needs dusting again. (St. Padre Pio)

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.

Morning Cuppa—Sunday and Tuesday

Stay after 10:30 Mass, have a cuppa and a chat to fellow parishioners.

There is a morning tea every first Tuesday of the month after the 9am Mass. Next: 7 February

Pastoral Care Appeal 2023—February 11/12

Next weekend is the Pastoral Care Appeal in the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Each year a special collection is conducted in all parishes, so that the vital work of the Catholic Chaplains can continue. The Chaplains support thousands of Victorians every year in hospitals, prisons and youth justice centres. Your gift can help people find comfort and hope as they go through some of their darkest times of their life. Please give generously. You can donate using the envelopes available or online at www.catholiccarevic.org.au or call (03) 9287 5513.

Something to Make You Smile

Morris and his wife Esther went to the local fair every year and every year Morris would say, "Esther, I'd like to ride in a helicopter."

And Esther always replied, "I know Morris, but that helicopter ride is one hundred dollars, and one hundred dollars is one hundred dollars."

One year Esther and Morris went to the fair and Morris said, "Esther, I'm 85 years old. If I don't ride in that helicopter, I might never get another chance."

To this, Esther replied, "Morris the helicopter ride is one hundred dollars and one hundred dollars is one hundred dollars."

The pilot overheard the couple and said, "Folks, I'll make you a deal. I'll take the both of you for a ride. If you can stay quiet for the ride and not say a word, I won't charge you. But if you say one word, it's one hundred dollars."

Morris and Esther agreed and up they went. The pilot did all kinds of fancy manoeuvres, but not a word was heard. He did his daredevil tricks over and over again, but still not a word.

When they landed, the pilot turned to Morris and said, "Gee whiz, I did everything I could to get you to yell out, but you didn't. I'm Impressed!"

Morris replied, "Well, to tell you the truth, I almost said something when Esther fell out, but you know, one hundred dollars is one hundred dollars."

Readings Reflection

[Light Breaking Forth](#)

Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world.

As His disciples, we too are called to be "the light of the world," He tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see John 1:4–4, 9; 8:12; 9:5).

All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel.

God forever aligned His kingdom with the kingdom of David and his sons by a "covenant of salt," salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see 2 Chronicles 13:5, 8; Leviticus 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24).

Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations toward the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see Isaiah 2:2; 60:1–3).

And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God's salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 42:6; 49:6).

The liturgy shows us this week that the Church, and every Christian, is called to fulfill Israel's mission.

By our faith and good works we are to make the light of God's life break forth in the darkness, as we sing in this week's Psalm.

This week's readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket.

We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God's mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved.

There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbors and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel.

So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives "Christ, and him crucified."

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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Live in harmony with one another

What is the Christian's responsibility to society?

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honour.... Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.... Live peaceably with all.... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Rom 12:9-10, 16, 18, 21)

In order to promote the common good, Christians are required to participate in society by taking responsibility in their family and professional lives, an active role in public life as they are able, and work to strengthen moral values in other individuals and within institutions.

Being a Christian living in the world means more than just a life of prayer and belief in Christ. The moral law and the example of Christ compel us to take an active role in society in whatever way we are able in order to promote the common good. Our love for God and for neighbour and the inherent dignity of the human person demands that we take responsibility for the people around us and for the moral caliber of the world in which we live.

This obligation presents itself first of all in how we carry out our immediate responsibilities. By our personal behaviours, our conscientious professional work, and our care for the education and well-being of our families, we fulfilled the first level of this social responsibility. Because the family is the basic unit of society, strong and healthy families contribute to a strong and healthy society.

We ought to work within our various societies — family, neighbourhood, social organisations, acquaintances, professional organisations, parish, student organisations, fellow hobbyists, etc. — for the continual conversion of society to conform more closely with the moral law so the common good may be better served in a climate of justice and peace. We should also be involved in civic life as we are able, exercising the right to vote responsibly, advocating for or against proposed legislation, or working with civic officers in an elective or volunteer role. By engaging the culture at all levels — from private conversations to organising public action — we can help transform society so all citizens may enjoy the personal freedoms and opportunities for fulfilment that are their right in keeping with their dignity as human persons.

From the Didache Bible

1912 The common good is always oriented towards the progress of persons: “The order of things must be subordinate to the order of persons, and not the other way around.” This order is founded on truth, built up in justice, and animated by love.

1913 “Participation” is the voluntary and generous engagement of a person in social interchange. It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person.

1914 Participation is achieved first of all by taking charge of the areas for which one assumes personal responsibility: by the care taken for the education of his family, by conscientious work, and so forth, man participates in the good of others and of society.

1915 As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life. The manner of this participation may vary from one country or culture to another. “One must pay tribute to those nations whose systems permit the largest possible number of the citizens to take part in public life in a climate of genuine freedom.”

1916 As with any ethical obligation, the participation of all in realizing the common good calls for a continually renewed conversion of the social partners. Fraud and other subterfuges, by which some people evade the constraints of the law and the prescriptions of societal obligation, must be firmly condemned because they are incompatible with the requirements of justice. Much care should be taken to promote institutions that improve the conditions of human life

2239 It is the duty of citizens to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom. The love and service of one's country follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity. Submission to legitimate authorities and service of the common good require citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church