

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Fifth Sunday of Lent (Year A)

26 March 2023

readings

Next Week

Mt 21:1-11
Is 50:4-7
Ps 21:8-9, 17-20, 23-24
Phil 2:6-11
Mt 26:14-27:66

in a nutshell

The Resurrection and the life. The raising of Lazarus from the dead was a wonderful event. His sisters were overjoyed and many people came to believe in Jesus. But something more wonderful happened in Jesus' own death and resurrection. While Lazarus was restored to his former life, the death of Jesus produces a life that will last forever, a life that we receive in Baptism. Let us pray for all who are to be baptised this Easter.

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: John Jansman, Maria Knoop and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Parish Meeting on Wednesday night at 7pm!

More Information Inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) With the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord, Lord, hear my voice!
O let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleading. (R.)

If you, O Lord, should mark our guilt, Lord, who would survive?
But with you is found forgiveness: for this we revere you. (R.)

My soul is waiting for the Lord, I count on his word.

My soul is longing for the Lord more than watchman for daybreak. (Let the watchman count on daybreak and Israel on the Lord.) (R.)

Because with the Lord there is mercy and fullness of redemption, Israel indeed he will redeem from all its iniquity. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ! I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord; whoever believes in me will not die for ever. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon

Everyone who lives and believes in me will not die for ever, says 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 (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:

moutevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, May 2

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

Parish Notices

Sacramental Program 2023 Tuesday 28 March

There is a parent only Sacramental Information and Enrolment Evening at 7:00pm in St Mary's School Hall. This meeting is compulsory for anyone considering any of the sacraments for their child/ren in 2023.

Parish Meeting—Wednesday 29 March 7:00pm

All parishioners are urged to attend this meeting to outline/discuss concerns with the financial viability of St Mary's Parish.

Funerals at St Mary's this week - RIP

Maria Knoops: Tuesday 11:00am, John Jansman: Thursday 11:00am

Chrism Mass—Saturday 1 April 10:00am St Patrick's Cathedral

As Fr Michel will be attending the Chrism Mass confessions on Saturday 1 April are cancelled. All are welcome to attend the Mass of the Oils.

Palms for Palm Sunday

If you have palms to donate for use on Palm Sunday please speak to Fr Michel.

Easter Baskets Raffle

After the success of our Christmas raffle we will have an Easter Baskets Raffle. If you wish to donate items to be included in the Easter Baskets, there is a basket located in the foyer for all donated items. Thanks!

Easter Egg Hunt

Calling all kids! There will be an Easter Egg Hunt following the 10.30am Easter Sunday Mass to celebrate Our Lord's Resurrection.

Parish Easter Colouring Competition

For children in Kinder- grade 6. Please find colouring sheets in the Church foyer, return by Holy Thursday (6th April). Prizes for winners in each age group. Winners will be announced following the 10.30am Easter Sunday Mass.

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.

Project Compassion

Project Compassion brings together Australian schools, parishes and supporters to raise funds for people in vulnerable communities across the world. This year, we introduced you to the story of four inspiring people whose lives have been transformed with your generous support: Laxmi, Tereesa, Priscilla and Thu. Today, they are creating a better world for their families, their communities and for all future generations. Project Compassion is a demonstration of the faith, empathy and generosity of our supporters. It is the lifeblood of Caritas Australia – without it, we could not do the vital work we do. Thank you for helping transform lives today and for all future generations.

Building Community—Morning Tea after 10.30am Sunday Mass

Stay and chat over a cuppa! Consider joining the roster to assist in serving. If you are unable to serve but would like to contribute, donations of packaged biscuits would be appreciated. Contact Rachael 0437123802 Morning tea after 9:00am Mass first Tuesday of the month. (April's tea cancelled due to it being Holy Week.)

Daylight Saving

Finishes next weekend. Easter schedule remains as stated. 'Winter' Mass times take effect the week after Easter (15/16 April).

Stewardship Corner

"Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believe you will see the glory of God?'" JOHN 11:40

Many of us say that we believe in God. We attend Sunday Mass and participate in parish events. But when life gets hard and the pressure is on, when things aren't going our way, do we really believe? Do we really put our trust in the Lord? When we live a life of gratitude, recognizing all that we have been given, we really do see that God is providing for our needs. Living a grateful and generous life allows us to see God's active presence in our daily lives and we become "partakers of the divine nature."

Direct debit details St Mary's Church BSB 083-347 account number 648531736 Ref your surname.

Adoration of the Eucharist

The Eucharist is the supreme proof of the love of Jesus. After this, there is nothing more but Heaven itself. (St. Peter Julian Eymard)

There is no greater manifestation of divine mercy than the forgiveness of sins. This is the greatest grace the Church can offer: reconciliation, the restoration of the divine friendship, the forgiveness of our sins. When G.K. Chesterton was asked why he became a Catholic, he answered, "To have my sins forgiven."

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

Something to Make You Smile

Some jokes about lightbulbs to remind us about Earth Hour:

How many actors does it take to change a lightbulb?

Only one. They don't like to share the spotlight.

How many jazz musicians does it take to replace a lightbulb?

A-one, a-two, a one-two-three-four!

How many politicians does it take to change a lightbulb?

One to change it, and another one to change it back again.

Holy Week Schedule — (Both Parishes)

Holy Thursday:

NO 9am Mass.

Mass of the Lord's Supper

Yarra Junction 6pm

Mt Evelyn 8pm

Good Friday:

Stations of the Cross:

Warburton 10:30

Mt Evelyn 9am

Passion of the Lord:

Pallotti College 3pm

Mt Evelyn 3pm

Confessions—Mount Evelyn

Friday: after Stations

Saturday : 11:30am-12:30pm

Easter Vigil:

Yarra Junction 6pm

Mt Evelyn 8:30pm

Easter Sunday:

Warburton 8:30am

Mt Evelyn 10:30am, & 5pm

Readings Reflection

[At Lazarus' Tomb](#)

As we draw near to the end of Lent, today's Gospel clearly has Jesus' passion and death in view.

That's why John gives us the detail about Lazarus' sister, Mary—that she is the one who anointed the Lord for burial (see John 12:3, 7). His disciples warn against returning to Judea; Thomas even predicts they will "die with Him" if they go back.

When Lazarus is raised, John notices the tombstone being taken away, as well as Lazarus' burial cloths and head covering—all details he later notices with Jesus' empty tomb (see John 20:1, 6, 7).

Like the blind man in last week's readings, Lazarus represents all humanity. He stands for "dead men"—for all those Jesus loves and wants to liberate from the bands of sin and death.

John even recalls the blind man in his account today (see John 11:37). Like the man's birth in blindness, Lazarus' death is used by Jesus to reveal "the glory of God" (see John 9:3). And again like last week, Jesus' words and deeds give sight to those who believe (see John 11:40).

If we believe, we will see—that Jesus loves each of us as He loved Lazarus, that He calls us out of death and into new life.

By His Resurrection Jesus has fulfilled Ezekiel's promise in today's First Reading. He has opened the graves that we may rise, put His Spirit in us that we may live. This is the Spirit that Paul writes of in today's Epistle. The same Spirit that raised Jesus from the dead will give life to we who were once dead in sin.

Faith is the key. If we believe as Martha does in today's Gospel—that Jesus is the resurrection and the life—even if we die, we will live.

"I have promised and I will do it," the Father assures us in the First Reading. We must trust in His word, as we sing in today's Psalm—that with Him is forgiveness and salvation.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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I confess to Almighty God

What do we mean by making a “good confession”?

When a man or woman commits any of the sins that men commit by breaking faith with the Lord, and that person is guilty, he shall confess his sin which he has committed; and he shall make full restitution for his wrong. (Num 5:6-7)

Confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has great power in its effects. (Jas 5:16)

To make a good confession is to receive the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation with the proper dispositions: a full admission of sins, true contrition, a firm resolution to avoid sin in the future, and the satisfactory completion of penance.

Contrition — which includes true “sorrow of the soul” and hatred of the sin committed as well as a firm resolve to refrain from all sin — is required for a good confession. As with all Sacraments, grace is given by virtue of the celebration of the Sacrament, but our acceptance and ability to benefit from that sacramental grace is dependent upon our disposition. Contrition can be perfect (resulting from a pure love of God) or imperfect (resulting largely from fear of sin’s consequences); both forms dispose us well to receive forgiveness of sins in the Sacrament of Penance.

In summary, a good confession requires a complete and humble accounting of our serious sins, contrition, resolution, and true satisfaction through penance, including restitution for wrongs committed wherever possible.

The best tool for recalling our sins and fostering proper contrition is an examination of conscience, whereby we review our acts, thoughts, and attitudes since our previous confession to determine where we have failed in virtue. It is often helpful to meditate on the Ten Commandments, the Beatitudes, the Sermon on the Mount, or on any of the many examinations of conscience that have been composed in the form of a series of probing questions. [*Examinations of conscience are available in the foyer of the church*]

Mortal sins should be confessed as soon as possible, but regular confession even of venial sins is highly encouraged by the Church as an aid in helping to form our consciences correctly and to combat concupiscence. The grace of frequent reception of the Sacrament strengthens us against sin and temptation.

The penance assigned by the confessor — usually prayers, spiritual reading, charitable acts, or acts of self-denial — as well as restitution (e.g., the return of items stolen or repair of injured reputations and relationships) must be completed satisfactorily in order to complete a good confession.

From the Didache Bible

1440 Sin is before all else an offense against God, a rupture of communion with him. At the same time it damages communion with the Church. For this reason conversion entails both God’s forgiveness and reconciliation with the Church, which are expressed and accomplished liturgically by the sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation.

1441 Only God forgives sins. Since he is the Son of God, Jesus says of himself, “The Son of man has authority on earth to forgive sins” and exercises this divine power: “Your sins are forgiven.” Further, by virtue of his divine authority he gives this power to men to exercise in his name.

1442 Christ has willed that in her prayer and life and action his whole Church should be the sign and instrument of the forgiveness and reconciliation that he acquired for us at the price of his blood. But he entrusted the exercise of the power of absolution to the apostolic ministry which he charged with the “ministry of reconciliation.” The apostle is sent out “on behalf of Christ” with “God making his appeal” through him and pleading: “Be reconciled to God.”

1443 During his public life Jesus not only forgave sins, but also made plain the effect of this forgiveness: he reintegrated forgiven sinners into the community of the People of God from which sin had alienated or even excluded them. A remarkable sign of this is the fact that Jesus receives sinners at his table, a gesture that expresses in an astonishing way both God’s forgiveness and the return to the bosom of the People of God.

1444 In imparting to his apostles his own power to forgive sins the Lord also gives them the authority to reconcile sinners with the Church. This ecclesial dimension of their task is expressed most notably in Christ’s solemn words to Simon Peter: “I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.” “The office of binding and loosing which was given to Peter was also assigned to the college of the apostles united to its head.”

1446 Christ instituted the sacrament of Penance for all sinful members of his Church: above all for those who, since Baptism, have fallen into grave sin, and have thus lost their baptismal grace and wounded ecclesial communion. It is to them that the sacrament of Penance offers a new possibility to convert and to recover the grace of justification. The Fathers of the Church present this sacrament as “the second plank [of salvation] after the shipwreck which is the loss of grace.” (Tertullian)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church