

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Second Sunday of Lent (Year A)

5 March 2023

readings

Next Week

Ex 17:3-7

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

Rom 5:1-2, 5-8

Jn 4:5-42

in a nutshell

Oases on the journey. As followers of Jesus, we have nowhere to pitch our tents. We must journey with Jesus through the hardships of life to glory. There will be oases along the way—moments of consolation which will reveal the presence of God among us. We cannot remain in these moments for ever, but they give us refreshment. Remembering them will sustain us on our pilgrim way.

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

Have you considered joining the parish stewardship program to help support the parish?

More Information Inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

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, 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.

Holy is His Name: FREE video streaming Bible Study

Streaming FREE this Lent, a new bible study by Dr Scott Hahn.

Register: stpaulcenter.com/holystudy

Project Compassion – Tereesa's Story

A young Gamilaroi woman born and raised on Darug land, Tereesa felt disconnected from her culture. At just 16 years old, she had to leave school after falling pregnant with her first child. A single mother struggling with homelessness, Tereesa's only concern was finding stability for her children.

"I was homeless. I didn't have a place to call home...my kids never had a connection to the community," Tereesa said. Seeking a better future for her children, Tereesa joined Baabayn Aboriginal Corporation's Young Mums and Bubs Group, supported by Caritas Australia. Baabayn helped Tereesa access housing for her family and psychological support. Through the program Tereesa reconnected with her culture through Indigenous art. Her artistic skills flourished, and her artwork was chosen for the Vivid festival in Sydney in 2022.

"I don't think I'd be the person I am today without Baabayn and being part of the mum's group has brought out a lot of creativity in my bones that I didn't even know I had," Tereesa said. Today, Tereesa works at Baabayn, providing support to young mothers and mentoring the next generation of young people.

Sacramental Program 2023

If you have a child/ren, not attending the Parish School, and wish for them to do any of the sacraments classes have begun.

Regular Gardening/Working Bee—March 17

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

Morning tea after 9:00am Mass first Tuesday of the month—March 7

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.

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

World Youth Day 2023

Find out more at udisciple.melbournecatholic.org/wyd

Stewardship Corner

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." Genesis 12:1
God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

February Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$2798

Total Expenditure: \$4513

The insurance premium alone is \$1790 per month which does not leave enough to cover all other expenses. If you are not already giving through the Stewardship program contact the office if you are considering formally contributing to the upkeep of the parish.

Adoration of the Eucharist

Christ the Lord was tempted and suffered for us. Come, let us adore Him.

Confession: On experiencing the Lord's tenderness and forgiveness, the penitent more easily acknowledges the gravity of sin and reinforces his decision to avoid it, and to grow in his renewed friendship with Him. (Pope Benedict XVI)

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

Something to Make You Smile

A priest was selling olives at the local market to raise funds for his parish but business was slow. As a woman passed by he tried to sell her some olives. She shook her head and told him she didn't have any money on her. "No problem," the priest replied. "You can pay me later." The woman was still hesitant, so he offered her an olive to taste. "Oh no, I can't, I'm fasting today for Lent," she responded. "Fasting? But Lent was six months ago!" "Well, yes, but I missed a day and I'm making up for it now. But I'll happily take a kilo of the black olives." "Forget it!" said the priest. "If it took you 6 months to pay back a debt you owed God, who knows when you'll pay me back!"

Readings Reflection

[Listen to Him](#)

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses.

Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God's presence. He too spoke with God and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter (see Exodus 24, 34).

But in today's Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today's Epistle calls God's "design . . . from before time began."

With His promises to Abram in today's First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal Himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity.

He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be father of a host nations (see Genesis 17:5). In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham, He raised up Moses (see Exodus 2:24; 3:8), and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons (see Jeremiah 33:26).

In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills His divine plan from of old.

Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David (see Genesis 22:15-18; Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:1).

Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 18), and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well pleased (see Isaiah 42:1). Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today.

By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham (see Galatians 3:7-9; Acts 3:25). He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised. We know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death.

So like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: "Listen to Him!"

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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The Transfiguration of Humanity

The Transfiguration is the event that sets Jesus off to Jerusalem. Shortly after the Transfiguration, Jesus “set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:51). What is it about the Transfiguration that turns Jesus’ attention to Jerusalem? What is so pivotal about this amazing and seemingly bizarre event that makes it the hinge of the story, leading Jesus onto a road that will end on Calvary?

The disciples were still reeling from the shocking challenge that Jesus had given them the prior week. In response to Peter’s confession that Jesus was the “Christ of God” (Lk. 9:20), the Messiah, Jesus had said some shocking things about what it meant to follow Him: “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Lk. 9:23). The notion of carrying one’s cross meant only one thing in first-century Israel: Roman execution. The Roman penalty for rebellion was crucifixion, which entailed carrying the crossbeam to the place of one’s execution, usually by a main road or thoroughfare where many could witness what happens to those who rebel against Rome. To be challenged to “take up one’s cross” was disquieting to say the least. No wonder then that Jesus decided to take some of the disciples on a retreat.

About eight days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John up Mount Tabor to pray. At the top of the mountain, as they are praying, all heaven breaks loose. It starts with Jesus’ face, which begins to glow with glory. Not only His face, but “his raiment became dazzling white” as well (Lk. 9:29). Then Moses and Elijah appear. The three disciples then behold Jesus speaking with Moses and Elijah. What did Jesus discuss with Moses, the giver of the Torah, and Elijah, the great prophet? Luke alone discloses the content of their conversation. They “spoke of his departure [literally exodus in Greek], which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:31). Whom better to discuss the exodus with than Moses, the leader of Israel’s first exodus?

Seeing Jesus’ glory, not to mention Moses and Elijah, is enough to wake up Peter and his companions, who are probably exhausted from the climb up the mountain. Peter then makes what seems to be a very odd suggestion: “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah” (Lk. 9:33). Does Peter want to set up camp on the holy mount?

Luke has given us a clue to what Peter is thinking when he mentions that this event took place on the eighth day (Lk. 9:28). In the Jewish liturgical calendar, there is one feast that lasts eight days, the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:36). This feast commemorates the exodus and particularly the giving of the law on Sinai. On the eighth day of the feast, booths are set up to commemorate how the Israelites lived in tents during the exodus. It is possible that they went up the mountain to pray that day because it was the solemn high day of the Feast of Tabernacles. What better place to remember Sinai than on a mountain?

Indeed, the events of Sinai are not only remembered but also repeated during the Transfiguration. The glory cloud of the Lord descends upon the mount and the disciples who, like the Israelites of old, are afraid. “And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ ” (Lk. 9:35).

On Mount Sinai, Moses’ face was transfigured with the glory of God. Jesus’ face also shines with glory, but even more than Moses, Jesus’ whole appearance becomes “dazzling white” (Lk. 9:29). Jesus outshines Moses in reflecting the glory of the Lord. The connection with Moses’ transfiguration shows that Jesus’ transfiguration in glory is not simply a manifestation of His divinity, but rather a revelation of Jesus’ perfected and glorified humanity. Jesus reveals God the Father’s desire to transform humanity into the likeness of divine glory. This makes sense once we consider that when Moses radiated God’s glory it was not a sign that Moses was divine, but rather that he was granted the grace to share in God’s glory. The aim of the transfiguration is not simply to give a glimpse of Jesus’ divinity, but to give us a glimpse of true humanity, a humanity that reflects the image and likeness of God in glory.

The events of Sinai are transfigured by the descent of glory upon Jesus on Tabor. On the mount of Transfiguration—the new Sinai—a new Torah is revealed. The new Torah is not the word of God written on stone tablets, but the Word made flesh. The voice from the cloud announces the new law, which is a person: “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” (Lk. 9:35). On the new and greater Sinai, the Father reveals His Son. Jesus takes the place of the Torah, not that the Torah is abolished, but now that the sun has come it is time to blow out the candles. Jesus embodies the Torah; the best way to know and understand the will of the Father is to look at and listen to His Son. The command, “listen to him” (Lk. 9:35), echoes the poignant prophecy of Moses that one greater than he would come and give a new covenant and law, and Moses concluded the prophecy with the injunction that Israel listen to Him (cf. Deut. 18:15–18).¹ Jesus is that new and greater Moses.

The conversation among Moses, Jesus, and Elijah concerns Jesus’ exodus. The connection with Moses highlights how Jesus’ mission is to be seen as a new exodus. The place for the exodus is Jerusalem. Shortly after this conversation, Jesus “set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:51). The reason is revealed on Tabor: Jesus is journeying to Jerusalem to accomplish the new exodus. The mission of the Messiah comes into stark focus on the mount of Transfiguration. There would be no turning back.