

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

12 August 2018

readings

Next Week

Prv 9:1-6
Ps 33:2-3. 10-15. R. v.9
Eph 5:15-20
Jn 6:51-58

10:30 Mass hymns

Entrance: No.
Offertory: No. Please see
Communion: No. Hymn board
Recessional: No.

in a nutshell

Throughout John's Gospel many people struggled to understand who Jesus was. Despite the signs he performed, they simply could not believe that he has come from God. Certainly, this claim of Jesus is remarkable, even scandalous. We need the gift of faith to accept it. Our faith in Jesus, the Bread of Life, is expressed and deepened by our participation in the Eucharist.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially *Kaye Williams, Diane Wright, Cameron Beyer, Kaye Law and Fay Grant.*

For those who have died recently, especially Antonino Molluso and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal
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Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones for
ever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Psalm Response

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad. (R.)

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free. (R.)

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress. (R.)

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.

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
*Except 2nd Fridays of the month
Mass at 11:30am
Rosary prayed before morning Mass*

Reconciliation
Saturday—11:30am-12:30pm
Friday—8:00am-8:45am
Except 2nd Fridays of the month

Exposition
Friday at 8:00am
Except 2nd Fridays of the month

Weddings

Please contact the office

Baptisms

Please see Father after Mass

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MINISTRIES

August 11/12

Lectors

Sat 6:30pm	J Foley
Sun 10:30am	M O’Kane
Sun 5:00pm	A Zmegac

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 6:30pm	R Pritchard
Sun 10:30am	A Van Tilburg, M Roberts, P McIlrath
Sun 5:00pm	K Zmegac

August 18/19

Lectors

Sat 6:30pm	A Dickson
Sun 10:30am	M Roberts
Sun 5:00pm	K Zmegac

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 6:30pm	R Schneider
Sun 10:30am	M Jeffs, P Lannoy, A Somers
Sun 5:00pm	A Zmegac

Counters

August 12: M & J Cullinan
August 19: C & B McGuire
August 26: M Cross & N Madden
September 2: S & J Caton

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 Nick Madden 0408 179 707.

Bulletin notices:

moutevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

<http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

Parish Notices

CatholicCare Sunday Appeal—August 11/12

This weekend is the CatholicCare Sunday Appeal. Donations from our parish community will help CatholicCare support the most vulnerable people in our community. If you have forgotten to bring your donation with you, please take an envelope home and return it next week or directly to CatholicCare.

Upcoming Collection: September 1/2: Priest’s Retirement Fund

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

The Assumption is celebrated on Wednesday, 15 August. This is a Holy Day of Obligation, i.e. we are required to attend Mass. The Masses are as follows: Mount Evelyn: 7:00pm Tuesday, 14th August & 11:40am Wednesday, 15th August (whole school)

Upper Yarra: 9:00am Wednesday, 15th August (Yarra Junction, whole school) & 7:00pm Wednesday, 15th August (Warburton).

Eastern Palliative Care are Recruiting

EPC (Eastern Palliative Care) works in the Eastern Suburbs of Melbourne with people who are dying. We work with people in their homes and depend on an army of volunteers in order to be able to care effectively for our clients. Our volunteers, who come from a faith background, are very comfortable in this space and find this type of volunteering resonates well with their own values. Our volunteers love the work they do – but they need help. We are recruiting for our next round of volunteers. If you are interested in volunteering with us please call 1300 130 813.

We are recruiting for the following roles:

Award winning biography program – biographers, transcribers, formatters, Companionship, Transport, Dog walking, Carer Support, Respite.

A 28-Year-Old Lady from East Timor Needs a Ride to Church

There is a Catholic girl living with a **family in Lilydale** who needs a ride to the 10:30am Mass on Sundays. If you would be willing to provide a ride, please contact the office for family contact information.

Another Euthanasia bill to be voted on

Write to senators to oppose euthanasia. The Senate will soon vote on a Bill which would allow territories to legalise euthanasia and assisted suicide. Please contact your senators TODAY and ask them to protect vulnerable people by voting against the Bill. Visit the HOPE website to send your message: <http://www.no euthanasia.org.au/sign>

The Eucharist.

What I liked most about Catholicism was knowing I could be wrong, and that I would still be loved. That all I needed to do was to own up and I’d be forgiven. And that was such a relief..... Gabrielle Carey, In My Father’s House.

Adoration, Friday mornings 8:00am except second Friday of the month. Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 7:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton).

Year of Youth—Weekly Prayer

That young Australians who give of themselves in service to others may always recognise in those they serve, the face of Christ. *We pray to the Lord.*

St Maria Annunziata Fest—September 23

Still looking for assistance—please contact Carmel on 0407 002 529 if you are willing to help.

Stewardship Corner

"Get up and eat, else the journey will be too long for you!" 1 KINGS 19:7

Jesus knows that our stewardship journey will be difficult; we are not designed to do it on our own. Fortunately, Jesus gave us the greatest gift of all – the gift of the Eucharist; His own body and blood. When we join our sacrifices with the sacrifice of the Mass, we find the strength and courage to be His joyful disciples.

July weekly average: \$806.20 (pledged: \$1030)

Wednesday Night Faith Night—cancelled this week

If you want to gain a greater understanding of the Sacraments, come and join us. We meet at St Mary's Community Room (the portable next to the presbytery) at 7:30pm. All are welcome to join us.

The Church's teaching on the Sacrament of Penance

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.

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.

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." Reconciliation with the Church is inseparable from reconciliation with God.

Confessions:

Mount Evelyn, Saturday 11:30am-12:30pm

Yarra Junction, Thursdays during Adoration, 7:10pm-7:40pm

Warburton, First Thursdays during Adoration, 7:10pm-7:40pm

Volunteer with Palms Australia- Teachers always required!

East Timor needs Teachers – Ready to take your skills to new heights in the mountains of Timor? Contact Christine on 02 9560 5333. The parish and school community of Hatubulico have requested two volunteers: a Secondary Teacher/Mentor and a Community Development Mentor. For more opportunities, visit palms.org.au/volunteer

Can't commit just yet but would like a look? Try a short Encounter tour to Timor Leste or Samoa- Call us 02 9560 5333 or go to palms.org.au/encounters

Billings Ovulation Method® Teacher Training Course

Friday, 31st August – 1st September, 2018, Billings LIFE, 2A/303 Burwood Highway, East Burwood, 3151.

This is an opportunity for those interested in offering women and couples a reliable and scientific method of natural fertility management. Nurse practitioners, community health nurses and others interested in women's reproductive health will find the knowledge and skills gained through their participation in this course to be invaluable. To Register or to get more information: 1800 335 860

Readings Reflection

[Take and Eat](#)

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures—that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us.

We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to "murmur" against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert (see Exodus 16:2, 7, 8; 1 Corinthians 10:10).

The Gospel today uses the same word, "murmur," to describe the crowds, who reenact Israel's hardheartedness in the desert.

Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in Him, that they are being taught by God. But they can't believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the "son" of Joseph and Mary.

Yet if we believe, if we seek Him in our distress, He will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today's Psalm.

At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord himself (see Exodus 3:1–2), touches us. He commands us to take and eat His Flesh given for the life of the world (see Matthew 26:26).

This taste of the heavenly gift (see Hebrews 6:4–5) comes to us with a renewed command—to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism, to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven.

He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need—as He fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert.

So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today's Epistle, in another reference to Israel in the desert (see Isaiah 63:10).

Let us say to God as Elijah did, "Take my life." Not in the sense of wanting to die. But in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering—loving Him as He has loved us, on the cross and in the Eucharist.

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Eucharistic Adoration

Why do we adore, or worship, Christ in the Blessed Sacrament?

A great multitude which no man could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God. (Rev 7:9-11)

Christ is present to us in many ways, as in the assembled faithful or the Word of God; however, his presence in the Eucharist is unique and qualitatively superior in that he is present truly, really, and substantially in his Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity.

When the bishop or priest repeats the words of consecration during the Mass, the bread and wine become the Body and Blood of Christ. Only the appearance of bread and wine remain. This mystery of Faith is known as the "Real Presence" of Christ in the Eucharist. "This presence is called 'real' not to exclude the idea that the others are 'real' too, but rather to indicate presence par excellence, because it is substantial and through it Christ becomes present whole and entire, God and man" (Bl. Paul VI).

It became the custom in the early Church to set aside some consecrated hosts when the Mass had ended; today, every Catholic church has a tabernacle where the Body of Christ is reserved. The Eucharist is thereby available to distribute to the sick who could not attend Mass. Since Christ is truly present, an act of reverence is made toward the tabernacle; in the Western Church a genuflection, by which the right knee is touched to the ground, is normally used.

The Real Presence of Christ invites us also to the adoration of the reserved Blessed Sacrament; this has led to the development of many Eucharistic devotions. Eucharistic adoration before the tabernacle is one such pious practice. Many churches also have periods of adoration when a consecrated host is displayed, or exposed, in a monstrance. Eucharistic processions are conducted when the Eucharist is placed in a monstrance, which is then carried around the church and even through the streets of the town or city.

When, therefore, the Church bids us adore Christ hidden behind the Eucharistic veils and pray to Him for the spiritual and temporal favours of which we ever stand in need, she manifests living faith in her divine Spouse who is present beneath these veils. (Pope Pius XII)

Ah yes, brothers and sisters, but where did the Lord wish to be recognized? In the breaking of bread. We're all right, nothing to worry about—we break bread, and we recognize the Lord. It was for our sake that he didn't want to be recognized anywhere but there, because we weren't going to see him in the flesh, and yet we were going to eat his flesh. So if you're a believer, any of you, if you're not called a Christian for nothing, if you don't come to church pointlessly, if you listen to the Word of God in fear and hope, you may take comfort in the breaking of bread. The Lord's absence is not an absence. Have faith, and the one you cannot see is with you. (St. Augustine)

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offenses and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease. (St. John Paul II)

2709 What is contemplative prayer? St. Teresa answers: "Contemplative prayer in my opinion is nothing else than a close sharing between friends; it means taking time frequently to be alone with him who we know loves us."

Contemplative prayer seeks him "whom my soul loves." It is Jesus, and in him, the Father. We seek him, because to desire him is always the beginning of love, and we seek him in that pure faith which causes us to be born of him and to live in him. In this inner prayer we can still meditate, but our attention is fixed on the Lord himself.

2715 Contemplation is a gaze of faith, fixed on Jesus. "I look at him and he looks at me": this is what a certain peasant of Ars in the time of his holy curé used to say while praying before the tabernacle. This focus on Jesus is a renunciation of self. His gaze purifies our heart; the light of the countenance of Jesus illumines the eyes of our heart and teaches us to see everything in the light of his truth and his compassion for all men. Contemplation also turns its gaze on the mysteries of the life of Christ. Thus it learns the "interior knowledge of our Lord," the more to love him and follow him.

From the *Didache Bible* & the *Catechism of the Catholic Church*