

# Saint Mary's Catholic Church

## Mount Evelyn



## Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

19 August 2018

### readings

#### Next Week

Jos 24:1-2. 15-18  
Ps 33:2-3. 16-23. R. v.9  
Eph 5:21-32  
Jn 6:60-69

#### 10:30 Mass hymns

Entrance: No. 455  
Offertory: No. 464  
Communion: No. 162  
Recessional: No. 515

### in a nutshell

In the Incarnation, 'the Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.' The Word continues to take flesh in the Eucharistic species and in all of us who partake of the flesh and blood of Christ in Communion: 'those who eat my flesh and drink my blood live in me and I in them.' Through the Eucharistic community, Christ continues to be enfleshed and to dwell in our world.

### we pray for

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

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

### of special note

Italian Festa on 23 September

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### Raise Your Voices

#### Entrance Antiphon

Turn your eyes, O God, our shield;  
and look on the face of your anointed one;  
one day within your courts  
is better than a thousand elsewhere.

#### 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.)

Revere the Lord, you his saints.  
They lack nothing, those who revere him.  
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry  
but those who seek the Lord lack no  
blessing. (R.)

Come children, and hear me  
that I may teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is he who longs for life  
and many days, to enjoy his prosperity? (R.)

Then keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from speaking deceit.  
Turn aside from evil and do good;  
seek and strive after peace. (R.)

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
All who eat my flesh and drink my blood  
live in me and I in them, says the Lord.  
Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon

I am the living bread that came down from  
heaven, says the Lord.  
Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

### 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*

### Parish Primary School

Principal: Angela Glennie

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## MINISTRIES

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

August 25/26

### Lectors

Sat 6:30pm	H Rolando
Sun 10:30am	P McIlrath
Sun 5:00pm	J Griffin

### Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 6:30pm	C Hanley
Sun 10:30am	M Cross, V Borelli, A Van Tilburg
Sun 5:00pm	K Zmegac

### Counters

August 19: C & B McGuire  
August 26: M Cross & N Madden  
September 2: S & J Caton  
September 9: M & J Cullinan

### Do you need a Helping Hand?

Ring the St Vinnies Call Centre 1800 305 330  
Monday - Friday 10am to 3pm, St Mary's Confer-  
ence 0427 874 374 or Nick Madden 0408 179  
707.

### Bulletin notices:

[moutevelyn@cam.org.au](mailto:moutevelyn@cam.org.au)

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

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

## Parish Notices

### Parish Mass & Faith Night are cancelled on Wednesday

Due to the annual clergy briefing (this time with the new archbishop), the morning Mass at Yarra Junction and the evening Faith Night at Mount Evelyn are cancelled for this week. Both will resume next week. Sorry for the inconvenience.

### CatholicCare Sunday Appeal—Thank you

CatholicCare is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare appeal. Because of our parish's donations and donations from the Catholic Church community they can continue to support vulnerable and disadvantaged families through a range of social services. Thank you. The parishes of Mount Evelyn and Upper Yarra generously gave \$825.85.

**Upcoming Collection:** September 1/2: Priest's Retirement Fund

### 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.

St. Thomas Liguori... Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the Sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us.

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

### Italian Festa—September 23

This year sees the Festa in honour of St Maria Annunziata celebrating its 20th Anniversary! Save the date and come join in the festivities beginning with Mass at 10:30 followed by food, drinks, song and dance and other entertainment, culminating with the fireworks at 7:00pm. Of course you still have the opportunity to volunteer your assistance on the day—please contact Carmel on 0407 002 529. All help gladly accepted, as many hands make light work!

### Year of Youth—Weekly Prayer

That all young people may come to know God's love for them and that they have something special to offer our world. We pray to the Lord.

## Stewardship Corner

*"Watch carefully then how you live, not as foolish persons but as wise..." EPHESIANS 5:15*

A wise person recognizes that all we have and all we are comes from God. A wise person thanks God continually throughout the day for all His many blessings. A wise person realizes that God has blessed us for a reason and that He wants us to help Him build His kingdom of earth.

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

### Wednesday Night Faith Night—cancelled this week

We meet at St Mary's Community Room (the portable next to the presbytery) at 7:30pm. All are welcome to join us.

### The Melbourne Catholic Youth Games

Saturday 25 August, 12.30pm, Mass at 6pm Mazenod College, Kernot Avenue, Mulgrave

MCYG is back and it's bigger than ever. This annual event is host to over 100 youth from different groups enthusiastically competing in sports and games to take home the trophy and title of champions. We've got something for everybody, from dodgeball and basketball, through to Uno and chess! So grab your friends, sign up online (registrations are mandatory) and come along for an afternoon of laughter and energy. **Cost:** \$5

**Registrations:** <http://bit.ly/MelbourneCatholicYouthGames>

**More information:** [youthunitedmmelbourne@gmail.com](mailto:youthunitedmmelbourne@gmail.com) or <https://www.facebook.com/MelbourneCatholicYouthGames/>

### Melbourne Youth: Have Your Say!

**Thursday 13 September, 8–9.30pm Cardinal Knox Centre, 383 Albert Street, East Melbourne**

The upcoming Plenary Council is a unique opportunity to listen to and discern what God is asking of us in our Church. Join us at an AOY Plenary Listening and Dialogue session. This will be a chance for young people to have their say and experience the 'Listening and Dialogue' process so they can host other sessions in their local youth and young adult groups. **Cost:** Gold coin donation for pizza **Enquiries:** [aoy@cam.org.au](mailto:aoy@cam.org.au) or 9287 5565

**RSVP:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/240714789902010/>

### 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

## Readings Reflection

### [Wisdom's Feast](#)

The Wisdom of God has prepared a feast, we hear in today's First Reading.

We must become like children (see Matthew 18:3–4) to hear and accept this invitation. For in every Eucharist, it is the folly of the Cross that is represented and renewed.

To the world, it is foolishness to believe that the crucified Jesus rose from the dead. And for many, as for the crowds in today's Gospel, it is foolishness—maybe even madness—to believe that Jesus can give us His Flesh to eat.

Yet Jesus repeats himself with gathering intensity in the Gospel today. Notice the repetition of the words "eat" and "drink," and "my Flesh" and "my Blood." To heighten the unbelievable realism of what Jesus asks us to believe, John in these verses uses not the ordinary Greek word for eating but a cruder term, once reserved to describe the "munching" of feeding animals.

The foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom (see 1 Corinthians 1:18–25). In His foolish love, He chooses to save those who believe that His Flesh is true food, His Blood, true drink.

Fear of the Lord, the desire to live by His will, is the beginning of true wisdom, Paul says in today's Epistle (see Proverbs 9:10). And as we sing in today's Psalm, those who fear Him shall not want for any good thing.

Again today in the liturgy, we are called to renew our faith in the Eucharist, to forsake the foolishness of believing only what we can see with our eyes.

We approach, then, not only an altar prepared with bread and wine, but the feast of Wisdom, the banquet of heaven—in which God our Savior renews His everlasting covenant and promises to destroy death forever (see Isaiah 25:6–9).

Let us make the most of our days, as Paul says, always, in the Eucharist, giving thanks to God for everything in the name of Jesus, the bread come down from heaven.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)  
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# If you do not eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you will not have life in you. (Jn 6:53)

*What are the benefits of receiving the Eucharist?*

Jesus said to [the Jews], “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of man and drink his blood, you have no life in you; he who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day. For my flesh is food indeed, and my blood is drink indeed. He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him.” (Jn 6:53-56)

The Holy Eucharist, in which the faithful receive the Body and Blood of Christ, is the ultimate sign of our sharing in the divine life of Christ as well as of our status as one Body in Christ.

In the Gospel of St. John, Christ identified himself as the “bread which came down from heaven” (Jn 6:41). At the Last Supper he took the bread and the cup filled with wine and said, “This is my body....this is my blood for the covenant” (Mt 26:27-28). Each time a bishop or priest repeats these words of consecration in the Mass, the substance of the bread and wine is changed into the Body and Blood of Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Because the members of the Church are one Body in Christ, we partake of the one bread, the Body of Christ, in the Eucharist, “the fount and apex of the whole Christian life” (Lumen Gentium 11). Holy Communion is thus a rich symbol of our unity in Christ and of Christ’s presence dwelling within us.

Though every Catholic is required to receive the Eucharist at least once yearly, he or she should receive it as often as possible, even daily, as long as he or she is properly disposed.

The person who receives the Eucharist is blessed with many graces. The Eucharist...

- \* Maintains and increases intimate union with Christ.
- \* Reinforces the unity of the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ.
- \* Removes venial sins and increases charity toward God and neighbor.
- \* Strengthens the recipient from grave sins.
- \* Decreases temporal punishment due to sin.
- \* Helps the recipient to avoid temptation and control concupiscence.

**1362** The Eucharist is the memorial of Christ’s Passover, the making present and the sacramental offering of his unique sacrifice, in the liturgy of the Church which is his Body. In all the Eucharistic Prayers we find after the words of institution a prayer called the anamnesis or memorial.

**1363** In the sense of Sacred Scripture the memorial is not merely the recollection of past events but the proclamation of the mighty works wrought by God for men. In the liturgical celebration of these events, they become in a certain way present and real. This is how Israel understands its liberation from Egypt: every time Passover is celebrated, the Exodus events are made present to the memory of believers so that they may conform their lives to them.

**1364** In the New Testament, the memorial takes on new meaning. When the Church celebrates the Eucharist, she commemorates Christ’s Passover, and it is made present: the sacrifice Christ offered once for all on the cross remains ever present. “As often as the sacrifice of the Cross by which ‘Christ our Pasch has been sacrificed’ is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried out.”

**1365** Because it is the memorial of Christ’s Passover, the Eucharist is also a sacrifice. The sacrificial character of the Eucharist is manifested in the very words of institution: “This is my body which is given for you” and “This cup which is poured out for you is the New Covenant in my blood.” In the Eucharist Christ gives us the very body which he gave up for us on the cross, the very blood which he “poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

**1366** The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross, because it is its memorial and because it applies its fruit:

*[Christ], our Lord and God, was once and for all to offer himself to God the Father by his death on the altar of the cross, to accomplish there an everlasting redemption. But because his priesthood was not to end with his death, at the Last Supper “on the night when he was betrayed,” [he wanted] to leave to his beloved spouse the Church a visible sacrifice (as the nature of man demands) by which the bloody sacrifice which he was to accomplish once for all on the cross would be re-presented, its memory perpetuated until the end of the world, and its salutary power be applied to the forgiveness of the sins we daily commit. (Council of Trent)*

**1367** The sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice: “The victim is one and the same: the same now offers through the ministry of priests, who then offered himself on the cross; only the manner of offering is different.” “And since in this divine sacrifice which is celebrated in the Mass, the same Christ who offered himself once in a bloody manner on the altar of the cross is contained and offered in an unbloody manner ... this sacrifice is truly propitiatory.” (Council of Trent)

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