

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time

26 August 2018

readings

Next Week

Dt 4:1-2. 6-8
Ps 14:2-5. R. v.1
Jas 1:17-18, 21-22, 27
Mk 7:1-8. 14-15. 21-23

10:30 Mass hymns

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

in a nutshell

It was very difficult for the Jewish people to accept Jesus' teaching that they must eat his flesh and drink his blood if they are to have eternal life. The Twelve accepted his teaching, not because they understood it but that they believed in him. Having seen his signs they believed that he was the Holy One of God. May Christ heal our unbelief that we too may accept his saving words even when we do not understand them fully.

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

Archbishop Peter Comensoli's letter available in the church foyer
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Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Turn your ear, O Lord, and answer me;
save the servant who trusts in you, my God.
Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.

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.)

The Lord turns his face against the wicked
to destroy their remembrance from the earth.
The Lord turns his eyes to the just
and his ears to their appeal. (R.)

They call and the Lord hears
and rescues them in all their distress.
The Lord is close to the broken-hearted;
those whose spirit is crushed he will save. (R.)

Many are the trials of the just man
but from them all the Lord will rescue him.
He will keep guard over all his bones,
not one of his bones shall be broken. (R.)

Evil brings death to the wicked;
those who hate the good are doomed.
The Lord ransoms the souls of his servants.
Those who hide in him shall not be
condemned. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your words, Lord, are spirit and life:
you have the words of everlasting life.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood
has eternal life, says the Lord,
and I will raise him up on the last day.

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 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

September 1/2

Lectors

Sat 6:30pm	R Pritchard
Sun 10:30am	N Madden
Sun 5:00pm	K Zmegac

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 6:30pm	J Foley
Sun 10:30am	M Roberts, P McIlrath, C Hanley
Sun 5:00pm	A Zmegac

Counters

August 26: M Cross & N Madden

September 2: S & J Caton

September 9: M & J Cullinan

September 16: C & B McGuire

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:

muntevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

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

Parish Notices

Archbishop Peter Comensoli's Letter to the archdiocese

Pope Francis has responded to new reports of clerical sexual abuse and the ecclesial cover-up of abuse. In a letter addressed to the whole People of God, he calls on the Church to be close to victims in solidarity, and to join in acts of prayer and fasting in penance for such "atrocities". The archbishop has written a letter in response to the Holy Father's letter. The copy of the archbishop's letter is available on the table in the foyer of the church. The Holy Father's letter can be viewed on the internet [here: https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-08/pope-francis-letter-people-of-god-sexual-abuse.html](https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2018-08/pope-francis-letter-people-of-god-sexual-abuse.html). And the archbishop's letter can be viewed on the internet [here: https://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/letter-to-the-faithful-from-archbishop-peter-a-comensoli](https://melbournecatholic.org.au/News/letter-to-the-faithful-from-archbishop-peter-a-comensoli)

A reminder that the newsletter is posted on our parish [website: http://www.stmarysmtevelyn.org.au/](http://www.stmarysmtevelyn.org.au/)

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!

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.

The Eucharist.

St. Joseph Escriva Each time you approach the Blessed Sacrament remember that Jesus has been waiting for centuries for this personal visit from you.

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

Centenary Concerts At The Basilica, Centenary Organ Recital: Professor Wolfgang Chapek—Friday 31 August, 548 Burke Road, Camberwell

Camberwell's iconic Our Lady of Victories Basilica this year celebrates the centenary of its opening in October 1918. The Basilica's notable 1920 Magahy organ will be put through its paces in a dazzling concert. This is one performance you will not want to miss! Cost: \$20 (at the door) Enquiries: 9816 9291

Year of Youth—Weekly Prayer

That open to the plight of young migrants and refugees, leaders of nations might open up for them New Horizons. We pray to the Lord.

Stewardship Corner

"If it does not please you to serve the Lord, decide today whom you will serve...As for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." JOSHUA 24:15

When we commit to serve the Lord, we must be willing to become a partner in the work of the Lord. A partner is a person who invests time in prayer every day, joyfully participates in charitable works and generously supports the parish and Church mission. If we say we serve God, we must actually do something and not merely talk about it!

Wednesday Night Faith Night

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

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 or 9287 5565 **RSVP:** <https://www.facebook.com/events/240714789902010/>

Sparks Of Beauty: Sport

Monday 3 September, 6.30–8.30pm Deakin Edge Auditorium, Federation Square

A conversation on the role of sport in building community, celebrating the human spirit and imparting worth—and not just the monetary kind. Featuring voices from Melbourne's 'other' religion: footy! With special guest speakers Mervyn Keane and Emma Kearney. Cost: \$30 adults, \$15 under 18s, \$100 for a group of five (cost includes dinner and drinks) Bookings: by Monday 27 August at www.trybooking.com/XBTH Enquiries: Suzanne Hermon at the Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation on 9926 5761 or evangelisation@cam.org.au

Theology @ The Pub

Monday 3 September, dinner and drinks from 6.30pm, talk commences at 7.30pm European Bier Cafe, Rooftop Bar, 120 Exhibition Street, Melbourne

Simon Carrington presents 'How to get the most out of Mass'. Simon has been active in youth ministry for several years, with a passionate focus on St Pope John Paul II's theology of the body, apologetics and evangelisation.

Web: <https://www.theologyatthepub.com.au/>

Readings Reflection

[A Choice to Make](#)

This Sunday's Mass readings conclude a four-week meditation on the Eucharist.

The Twelve Apostles in today's Gospel are asked to make a choice—either to believe and accept the New Covenant He offers in His Body and Blood, or return to their former ways of life.

Their choice is prefigured by the decision Joshua asks the Twelve Tribes to make in today's First Reading.

Joshua gathers them at Shechem—where God first appeared to their father Abraham, promising to make his descendants a great nation in a new land (see Genesis 12:1–9). And he issues a blunt challenge—either renew their covenant with God or serve the alien gods of the surrounding nations.

We too are being asked today to decide whom we will serve. For four weeks we have been presented in the liturgy with the mystery of the Eucharist—a daily miracle far greater than those performed by God in bringing the Israelites out of the land of Egypt.

He has promised us a new homeland and eternal life, offering us bread from heaven to strengthen us on our journey. He has told us that unless we eat His Flesh and drink His Blood we will have no life in us.

It is a hard saying, as many murmur in today's Gospel. Yet He has given us the words of eternal life.

We must believe, as Peter says today, that He is the Holy One of God, who handed himself over for us, who gave His flesh for the life of the world.

As we hear in today's Epistle, Jesus did this that we might be sanctified, made holy, through the water and word of Baptism by which we enter into His new covenant. Through the Eucharist, He nourishes and cherishes us, making us His own flesh and blood, as husband and wife become one flesh.

Let us renew our covenant today, approaching the altar with confidence that, as we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will redeem the lives of His servants.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
stpaulcenter.com

The Paschal Banquet

Why is the Mass considered a Sacrifice?

Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” (Lk 22:19)

Christ has entered, not into a sanctuary made with hands, a copy of the true one, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the Holy Place yearly with blood not his own; for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the age to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. (Her 9:24-26)

The Mass is a Sacrifice because it is a participation in the one Sacrifice of Christ, which is made present through the Eucharistic liturgy.

Christ died for our sins once and for all, and his one perfect Sacrifice atones for all of our sins for all time. Because of this, there is no need for the Temple sacrifices of the Old Law, where animals or goods of the harvest were burned in atonement. Yet the Eucharistic liturgy of the Church — the Mass, or Divine Liturgy — remains a holy Sacrifice because it is a sharing in the one Sacrifice of Christ, which is re-presented, or made present among us, each time the Eucharist is celebrated.

When Christ consecrated the bread and wine at the Last Supper, he instructed his Apostles, “Do this in remembrance of me”. The idea of remembrance,, or memorial, in this context refers not to the mere calling to mind of a past event but rather a re-living, or a re-presentation, in a mystical way the event of Christ’s eternal Sacrifice on the Cross. “The Eucharist is thus a sacrifice because it re-presents (makes present) the sacrifice of the cross....The Sacrifice of Christ and the sacrifice of the Eucharist are one single sacrifice” (CCC 1366f)

613 Christ’s death is both the Paschal sacrifice that accomplishes the definitive redemption of men, through “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world,” and the sacrifice of the New Covenant, which restores man to communion with God by reconciling him to God through the “blood of the covenant, which was poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.”

1545 The redemptive sacrifice of Christ is unique, accomplished once for all; yet it is made present in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Church. The same is true of the one priesthood of Christ; it is made present through the ministerial priesthood without diminishing the uniqueness of Christ’s priesthood: “Only Christ is the true priest, the others being only his ministers.” (St. Thomas Aquinas)

1382 The Mass is at the same time, and inseparably, the sacrificial memorial in which the sacrifice of the cross is perpetuated and the sacred banquet of communion with the Lord’s body and blood. But the celebration of the Eucharistic sacrifice is wholly directed toward the intimate union of the faithful with Christ through communion. To receive communion is to receive Christ himself who has offered himself for us.

1383 The altar, around which the Church is gathered in the celebration of the Eucharist, represents the two aspects of the same mystery: the altar of the sacrifice and the table of the Lord. This is all the more so since the Christian altar is the symbol of Christ himself, present in the midst of the assembly of his faithful, both as the victim offered for our reconciliation and as food from heaven who is giving himself to us. “For what is the altar of Christ if not the image of the Body of Christ?” asks St. Ambrose. He says elsewhere, “The altar represents the body [of Christ] and the Body of Christ is on the altar.” The liturgy expresses this unity of sacrifice and communion in many prayers.

1384 The Lord addresses an invitation to us, urging us to receive him in the sacrament of the Eucharist: “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.”

1385 To respond to this invitation we must prepare ourselves for so great and so holy a moment. St. Paul urges us to examine our conscience: “Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a man examine himself, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For any one who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment upon himself.” Anyone conscious of a grave sin must receive the sacrament of Reconciliation before coming to communion.

1386 Before so great a sacrament, the faithful can only echo humbly and with ardent faith the words of the Centurion: “Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.”

1387 To prepare for worthy reception of this sacrament, the faithful should observe the fast required in their Church (one hour before Communion). Bodily demeanor (gestures, clothing) ought to convey the respect, solemnity, and joy of this moment when Christ becomes our guest.