

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 September 2018

readings

Next Week

Is 35:4-7
Ps 145:7-10. R. v.1
Jas 2:1-5
Mk 7:31-37

10:30 Mass hymns

Entrance: No. 518
Offertory: No. 290
Communion: No. 456, 164
Recessional: No. 504

in a nutshell

We can sometimes do something good for an evil motive. For instance, we may help others, not to relieve their difficulties but to put them in our debt. Acts that flow from evil intentions are always evil even if they masquerade as good. If the seed of God is planted deep within us the intentions that arise from our hearts will be good and loving. Our motives for worshipping God and helping others will be pure.

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, especially *Giaconda Angilletta*

of special note

Special Collection—Priest's Retirement Foundation

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Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long.
O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Psalm Response

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord,
that you keep for those who fear you.

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

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

September 8/9

Lectors

Sat 6:30pm	F Willoughby
Sun 10:30am	S Somers
Sun 5:00pm	A Zmegac

Extraordinary Ministers

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

Counters

September 2: S & J Caton

September 9: M & J Cullinan

September 16: C & B McGuire

September 23: M Cross & N Madden

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:

mountevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

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

Parish Notices

Special Collection this weekend—Priest's Retirement Foundation

The Foundation's mission is to provide complete care to the retired clergy within the Archdiocese of Melbourne, due to either age or sickness. This includes, but is not limited to the provision of suitable accommodation and health care and medical out of pocket costs. Today, the Foundation in conjunction with the Archdiocese of Melbourne, cares for about 90 retired priests. It is anticipated that over the next five years, there will be an average of 5 priests retiring each year. It will cost \$3m annually, to support these priests in various places and in varying degrees of care, from low care to high care.

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!

The Eucharist.

This is what is lovely about Catholic Churches, that within them there is, as it were, always worship, because the Eucharistic Presence of the Lord dwells always within them ... Pope Benedict XVI.

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

For young fathers in this Year of Youth: That they be blessed for their commitment, dedication and love. We pray to the Lord.

Stewardship Corner

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." JAMES 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

August report: Expected per week: \$1030 Actual: \$799.50

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.

Parish Novena of Rosaries for the Church and Australia

On Sunday October 7th, we will have a special Rosary liturgy at 4pm. October 7th is the Memorial of Our Lady of the Rosary. It is an appropriate time to pray, as a parish, for the needs of the Church and Australia. Prior to October 7th, we, as a parish though on our own as our time permits, will offer a novena of Rosaries for the same intentions. This will begin on September 28th. Novena prayer cards will be made available to everyone who wishes to participate. Our intentions for the Rosary Novena and liturgy will be for the Universal Church, the Church in Australia, in Melbourne and here in our parish and for Australia.

The Rosary Liturgy on October 7th will be followed by the usual 5pm Sunday night Mass then Father Michel will bless the new Madonna and Child statue that is being erected in front of the church and all of this will be followed by a sausage sizzle. Watch this space for more information.

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/>

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/>

Ordination of Deacons

On Saturday September 8. Archbishop Comensoli will ordain three of our Melbourne seminarians as Deacons for the Archdiocese, and one Permanent Deacon. The Mass will commence at 10am at the cathedral and all are welcome. Please pray for these men and for more to join them in giving their life in service:

Lord of the harvest,

send holy priests and deacons who are zealous co-operators of the episcopal order that they may sanctify and lead their brothers and sisters in the faith.

Call to religious life numerous and generous souls who offer their life to the service of the Gospel.

Reawaken among lay people their commitment in life so that collaborating with their pastors in the service of the ecclesial community, they may cooperate in the mission of evangelization.

We pray, Lord, that you continue to bless and enrich your Church with the gift of vocations.

We pray that many may welcome your call with generous and faithful response, continuously bring joy to the Church. Amen

Readings Reflection

Pure Religion

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light, as one having authority to interpret God's law.

Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see Isaiah 29:13). In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.

The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see Matthew 5:17).

The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity.

This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters, and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor.

"Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law.

Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip-service?

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Christian Perfection

How can we “be perfect” as Christ demands of us?

[Jesus] opened his mouth and taught [the crowds], saying: “You, therefore, must be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Mt 5:48)

Jesus said to [the young man], “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” (Mt 19:21)

Beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from every defilement of body and spirit, and make holiness perfect in the fear of God. (2 Cor 7:1)

Although we will not become truly perfect until we enter Heaven, we can approach Christian perfection through steady growth in holiness and grace.

The call to Christian perfection is the call to holiness. “All the faithful of Christ of whatever rank or status, are called to the fullness of the Christian life and to the perfection of charity” (Lumen Gentium 40). The object of holiness is to become ever more perfectly united to Christ; as we grow in holiness, we necessarily become more like Christ, who is perfect because he is God. We cannot attain perfection on our own, but by our faith and actions we can dispose ourselves to grow in holiness so that the grace of the Holy Spirit can work within us. This union we seek is a mystical one because it comes to us through the Sacraments, the “holy mysteries.”

In order that the faithful may reach this perfection, they must follow in Christ’s footsteps and conform themselves to his image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves to his image seeking the will of the Father in all things. They must devote themselves with all their being to the glory of God and the service of their neighbour. In this way, the holiness of the People of God will grow into an abundant harvest of good, as is admirably shown by the life of so many saints in Church history.

We are aided in our growth toward holiness and Christian perfection by the practice of our faith, especially the frequent reception of the Sacraments of the Eucharist and Penance and a life of prayer. It is the fruit of the spiritual struggle that we experience in our daily lives. It comes from self-denial and taking up our daily cross and bearing it virtuously in imitation of Christ. By following in the footsteps of the Saviour, we will find ourselves more closely living the Beatitudes, filled with peace and joy amid our suffering, with our eyes lifted in hope and focused upon our heavenly reward. Throughout our lives we ought to pray for final perseverance, a “good death” in the state of grace, that we will “finish well,” meaning that we remain faithful throughout our lives until we are called to eternal life.

From the Didache Bible

We come to a full sense of the dignity of the lay faithful if we consider *the prime and fundamental vocation* that the Father assigns to each of them in Jesus Christ through the Holy Spirit: the vocation to holiness, that is, the perfection of charity. Holiness is the greatest testimony of the dignity conferred on a disciple of Christ.

The Second Vatican Council has significantly spoken on the universal call to holiness. It is possible to say that this call to holiness is precisely the basic charge entrusted to all the sons and daughters of the Church by a Council which intended to bring a renewal of Christian life based on the gospel. This charge is not a simple moral exhortation, but an *undeniable requirement arising from the mystery of the Church: she is the choice vine*, whose branches live and grow with the same holy and life-giving energies that come from Christ; she is the Mystical Body, whose members share in the same life of holiness of the Head who is Christ; she is the Beloved Spouse of the Lord Jesus, who delivered himself up for her sanctification. The Spirit that sanctified the human nature of Jesus in Mary’s virginal womb is the same Spirit that is abiding and working in the Church to communicate to her the holiness of the Son of God made man.

It is ever more urgent that today all Christians take up again the way of gospel renewal, welcoming in a spirit of generosity the invitation expressed by the apostle Peter “to be holy in all conduct” (1 Pt 1:15). The 1985 Extraordinary Synod, twenty years after the Council, opportunely insisted on this urgency: “Since the Church in Christ is a mystery, she ought to be considered the sign and instrument of holiness ... Men and women saints have always been the source and origin of renewal in the most difficult circumstances in the Church’s history. Today we have the greatest need of saints whom we must assiduously beg God to raise up”.

From Christifideles Laici 16, Pope St. John Paul II