

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 September 2018

readings

Next Week

Is 50:5-9
Ps 114:1-6. 8-9. R. v.9
Jas 2:14-18
Mk 8:27-35

10:30 Mass hymns

Entrance: No. 586
Offertory: No. 564
Communion: No. 163
Recessional: No. 552

in a nutshell

Imagine the great joy of someone who has been cured of a hearing disability. What a thrill must it be to hear clearly, perhaps for the first time, the sounds of birds, of the ocean breaking, of music, of a friend's voice. Many of us enjoy good hearing but we can still turn a deaf ear to the cries of the poor, to the pleas of someone for forgiveness, even to the teachings of Jesus. What joy we too will know if we allow Jesus to touch us and heal our spiritual deafness.

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 Barry Callanan

of special note

Parish Rosary Novena begins
28 September
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Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

You are just, O Lord, and your judgement is right;
treat your servant in accord with your merciful love.

Psalm Response

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bound down,
the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan,
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom
and healed all who were sick.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Like the deer that yearns for running streams,
so my soul is yearning for you, my God;
my soul is thirsting for God, the living God.

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 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

September 15/16

Lectors

Sat 6:30pm	J Foley
Sun 10:30am	M Roberts
Sun 5:00pm	J Griffin

Extraordinary Ministers

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

Counters

September 9: M & J Cullinan

September 16: C & B McGuire

September 23: M Cross & N Madden

September 30: 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 Confer-
ence 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

Breaking News – World Youth Day announcement!!!!

Archbishop Comensoli is inviting young adults to join him on the Melbourne Pilgrimage to World Youth Day in Panama!

The mission of the Melbourne World Youth Day Pilgrimage is to facilitate a safe and supported pilgrimage which enables young adults from the Archdiocese of Melbourne to deepen their personal faith, broaden their understanding of the Catholic Church, form enriching relationships with other young Catholics, and respond to God in their life encouraged by the words of Mary which are given as the theme for World Youth Day 2019: 'I am the servant of the Lord; may it be done to me according to your word.'

Places are strictly limited and each successful pilgrim will receive a generous subsidy from the Archdiocese of Melbourne. Full costs for the pilgrimage will be \$8960 but with the Archdiocese of Melbourne subsidy it will bring the cost down to \$3500 per pilgrim which includes travel insurance.

Our timeline is extremely tight and interested young adults are required to apply by Wednesday 12th September.

For more information about this amazing pilgrimage and how to apply visit our website or contact the Archdiocesan Office for Youth on 03 9287 5565 or wyd2019@cam.org.au.

Special Collection – Priest's Retirement Foundation

Thankyou for your donations: \$457.80 was collected across both parishes.

Italian Festa—Save the date 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.

Assistance required from 9:00am on Saturday 22 September with set up for the Festa. Please come along and volunteer some of your time if you are available. It would be greatly appreciated.

The Eucharist.

In Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament we experience the closeness of the Good Shepherd, the tenderness of His love and the presence of a faithful friend..... Pope Francis.

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 the whole Church, especially those in leadership, will continue to uphold the care and protection of minors and vulnerable adults. We pray to the Lord.

Stewardship Corner

"Did not God choose those who are poor in the world to be rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom that he promised to those who love him?" JAMES 2:5

What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

August report: Pledged per week: \$1030 Received: \$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.

Social Justice Sunday 30 September

This year, the Australian Bishops' Social Justice Statement is titled: 'A Place to Call Home: Making a home for everyone in our land'.

The Statement challenges us all to confront Australia's growing rate of homelessness and unaffordable housing. For further details about the Social Justice Statement, visit the Australian Catholic Social Justice Council website:

www.socialjustice.catholic.org.au or call (02) 8306 3499.

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.

A word from the Parish Council

Dear Fellow Parishioners,

Fr Michel and the Parish Council have been working towards some much needed maintenance, repairs and improvements around our church. You may have already noticed the wonderful work in the garden and all the great new lighting and signs.

Currently we are having a beautiful statue of Our Lady installed and some seating will be there soon for a peaceful prayer and reflection space.

Some other improvements that will be happening soon are:

- Painting of the sanctuary
- Moving the Tabernacle to behind the altar
- Replacing the crucifix

Future plans are:

- Painting the whole church
- Tiling the main aisle and the sanctuary
- Re-upholster the pews
- Replace the carpet
- Re-design the baptismal area
- Remove the boards behind the sanctuary that are visible
- Move the devotional candles to the front of the church beside the sanctuary
- Re-finish the white chairs for the sanctuary
- Install picnic tables outside the church for parishioners use

If you have any skills that would be useful in completing these tasks, would like to help with time or a donation, or if you have any questions/ suggestions please see Fr Michel or one of the parish council members; Anthony and Rachael O'Shea, Andrew and Karla Zmegac, Ronnie Pritchard, Nick Madden, Alan and Karen Somers, Angela Glennie, Sue van der Linden.

Readings Reflection

[All Things Well](#)

The incident in today's Gospel is recorded only by Mark. The key line is what the crowd says at the end: "He has done all things well." In the Greek, this echoes the creation story, recalling that God saw all the things he had done and declared them good (see Genesis 1:31).

Mark also deliberately evokes Isaiah's promise, which we hear in today's First Reading that God will make the deaf hear and the mute speak. He even uses a Greek word to describe the man's condition (mogilalon, or "speech impediment") that's only found in one other place in the Bible—in the Greek translation of today's Isaiah passage, where the prophet describes the "dumb" singing.

The crowd recognizes that Jesus is doing what the prophet had foretold. But Mark wants us to see something far greater—that, to use the words from today's First Reading: "Here is your God."

Notice how personal and physical the drama is in the Gospel. Our focus is drawn to a hand, a finger, ears, a tongue, spitting. In Jesus, Mark shows us, God has truly come in the flesh.

What He has done is to make all things new, a new creation (see Revelation 21:1–5). As Isaiah promised, He has made the living waters of baptism flow in the desert of the world. He has set captives free from their sins, as we sing in today's Psalm. He has come that rich and poor might dine together in the Eucharistic feast, as James tells us in today's Epistle.

He has done for each of us what He did for that deaf mute. He has opened our ears to hear the Word of God, and loosed our tongues that we might sing praises to Him.

Let us then, in the Eucharist, again give thanks to our glorious Lord Jesus Christ. Let us say with Isaiah, here is our God, He comes to save us. Let us be rich in faith, that we might inherit the kingdom promised to those who love Him.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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What are sacramentals?

What are sacramentals, and what is their scriptural basis?

God did extraordinary miracles by the hands of Paul, so that handkerchiefs or aprons were carried away from his body to the sick, and diseases left them and the evil spirits came out of them. (Acts 19:11-12)

Behold, a woman who had suffered from a hemorrhage for twelve years came up behind [Jesus] and touched the fringe of his garment; for she said to herself, "If I only touch his garment, I shall be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. (Mt 9:20-22)

Jesus said, "Let the children come to me, do not hinder them; for to such belongs the kingdom of God..." And he took them in his arms and blessed them, laying his hands upon them. (Mk 10:14-16)

Sacramentals are sacred signs instituted by the Church that prepare us to receive grace. They are not Sacraments in themselves but resemble the Sacraments insofar as they increase our holiness and draw their power from the same source, which is the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Christ.

The Church institutes sacramentals as sacred signs that help dispose us to receive grace, especially from the Sacraments. They provide means by which ministries of the Church, particular states of life, and situations in Christian life are made holy.

Whereas the Sacraments are channels of grace by their celebration, sacramentals do not give grace but rather prepare us to cooperate with grace. All sacramentals receive their power from the same source as the Sacraments: the Passion, Death, Resurrection, and Ascension of Christ.

Primary among sacramentals are blessing. When we make the Signs of the Cross, when we pray before and after meals, or when we bless objects or persons with Holy Water, we are using sacramentals. Some blessings consecrate persons to the service of God — as in religious professions or the blessing for certain lay ministers — whereas others dedicate objects, buildings, and other material things to the device of God. While some blessings can only be performed by a bishop, priest, or deacon, there are many blessings that any of the faithful can give because of his or her status as a member of the common priesthood of the faithful. In addition to blessings, sacramentals include churches, sacred vessels, statues and icons, rosaries, scapulars, crucifixes, and other sacred and devotional goods.

From the Didache Bible

1667 "Holy Mother Church has, moreover, instituted sacramentals. These are sacred signs which bear a resemblance to the sacraments. They signify effects, particularly of a spiritual nature, which are obtained through the intercession of the Church. By them men are disposed to receive the chief effect of the sacraments, and various occasions in life are rendered holy."¹⁷³

1670 Sacramentals do not confer the grace of the Holy Spirit in the way that the sacraments do, but by the Church's prayer, they prepare us to receive grace and dispose us to cooperate with it. "For well-disposed members of the faithful, the liturgy of the sacraments and sacramentals sanctifies almost every event of their lives with the divine grace which flows from the Paschal mystery of the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Christ. From this source all sacraments and sacramentals draw their power. There is scarcely any proper use of material things which cannot be thus directed toward the sanctification of men and the praise of God."¹⁷⁶

1674 Besides sacramental liturgy and sacramentals, catechesis must take into account the forms of piety and popular devotions among the faithful. The religious sense of the Christian people has always found expression in various forms of piety surrounding the Church's sacramental life, such as the veneration of relics, visits to sanctuaries, pilgrimages, processions, the stations of the cross, religious dances, the rosary, medals,¹⁸⁰ etc.

1675 These expressions of piety extend the liturgical life of the Church, but do not replace it. They "should be so drawn up that they harmonize with the liturgical seasons, accord with the sacred liturgy, are in some way derived from it and lead the people to it, since in fact the liturgy by its very nature is far superior to any of them."

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church