

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

16 September 2018

readings

Next Week

Wis 2:12, 17-20
Ps 53:3-6. 8. R. v.6
Jas 3:16 – 4:3
Mk 9:30-37

10:30 Mass hymns

Entrance: No. 450
Offertory: No. 555
Communion: No. 454
Recessional: No. 416

in a nutshell

Who do people say I am? In modern parlance, we could say that Jesus was seeking feedback from his disciples about himself, especially how he was perceived, when he asked this question. If we were to ask Jesus, 'how would you describe today's Christians?', what feedback do you think he might give? How do you think a non-believer might describe the Christian community?

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, and those whose anniversary, occurs at this time, especially Rocco Mammoliti

of special note

Parish Rosary Novena begins
28 September
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Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

Psalm Response

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord,
in the land of the living.

I love the Lord for he has heard
the cry of my appeal;
for he turned his ear to me
in the day when I called him. (R.)

They surrounded me, the snares of death,
with anguish of the tomb;
they caught me, sorrow and distress.
I called on the Lord's name.
O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)

How gracious is the Lord, and just;
our God has compassion.
The Lord protects the simple hearts;
I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)

He has kept my soul from death,
my eyes from tears
and my feet from stumbling.
I will walk in the presence of the Lord
in the land of the living. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The chalice of blessing that we bless
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;
and the bread that we break
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

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 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

September 22/23

Lectors

Sat 6:30pm	A Dickson
Sun 10:30am	M O'Kane
Sun 5:00pm	A Zmegac

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 6:30pm	H Rolando
Sun 10:30am	M Roberts, P McIlrath, M Jeffs
Sun 5:00pm	K Zmegac

Counters

September 16: C & B McGuire
September 23: M Cross & N Madden
September 30: S & J Caton
October 7: 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:

mountevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:
<http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

Parish Notices

Italian Festa—Next Sunday

This year sees the Festa, in honour of St Maria Annunziata, celebrating its 20th Anniversary! 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.

May we prefer nothing to Him, for He prefers nothing to us.....Archbishop Peter Comensoli

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 we the Church might be open to the energy and vitality of young people.
We pray to the Lord.

Stewardship Corner

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." MARK 8:34

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.

Wednesday Faith Study Night—Concludes this week

Our study of *The Bible and the Sacraments* concludes this week. We will take a few weeks break from our bible study before we begin our new study. Our next study will be *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*. Please watch this space for the beginning of this study. 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.

Blessing of the Madonna and Child Statue

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.

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. In order to give this Statement as much publicity as we possible, we intend to hold a public Walk of Witness.

Walk Of Witness Tuesday 18th September 2018

The Walk of Witness, led by Bishop Mark Edwards OMI, will commence in Federation Square at 12.30pm with the Parable of The Good Samaritan and will proceed from Federation Square to St. Patrick's Cathedral, with a stop on the Steps of the Victorian Parliament, arriving at St. Patrick's Cathedral at 2.00pm, where Bishop Mark will officially launch the Statement for the Archdiocese of Melbourne. This Walk is an action of solidarity with the thousands of people who are homeless and for the many others for whom dignified housing is becoming an unrealised dream. All are welcome to participate. If attending could you please email justice@cam.org.au so that we have an estimate of numbers to inform Melbourne City Council.

School Holidays — Fr Michel is Away

As the school term ends this coming Friday, please note that Fr. Michel will be taking advantage of the school holidays to also have a break. Therefore there will be no weekday Masses, Confession, adoration or faith nights from 24 September — October 8 (inclusive). Janine will also be out of the office during the first week of the holidays.

Summer Mass Timetables

How quickly time seems to pass! All too soon we will be at the end of September and the start of Daylight Savings. Please note that the switch to Summer Mass time for the Saturday Vigil Masses will be on Saturday October 13, with Mass beginning at 5:00pm.

A word from the Parish Council

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

[Following the Messiah](#)

In today's Gospel, we reach a pivotal moment in our walk with the Lord. After weeks of listening to His words and witnessing His deeds, along with the disciples we're asked to decide who Jesus truly is.

Peter answers for them, and for us, too, when he declares: "You are the Messiah." Many expected the Messiah to be a miracle worker who would vanquish Israel's enemies and restore the kingdom of David (see John 6:15).

Jesus today reveals a different portrait. He calls himself the Son of Man, evoking the royal figure Daniel saw in his heavenly visions (see Daniel 7:13–14). But Jesus' kingship is not to be of this world (see John 18:36). And the path to His throne, as He reveals, is by way of suffering and death.

Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading. The words of Isaiah's servant are Jesus' words—as He gives himself to be shamed and beaten, trusting that God will be His help. We hear our Lord's voice again in today's Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death.

As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial—losing our lives to save them, in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today's Epistle, must express itself in works of love (see Galatians 5:6).

Notice that Jesus questions the apostles today "along the way." They are on the way to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord.

We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the Gospel.

Our lives must be an offering of thanksgiving for the new life He has given us, until that day when we reach our destination, and walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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Redemptive Suffering

What is the value of taking up our cross, or suffering?

For [Christ Jesus] sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them as refuse, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him...that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that if possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. (Phil 3:8-12)

I rejoice in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I complete what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the Church. (Col 1:24)

Rejoice in so far as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. (1 Pet 4:13)

By enduring our own personal trials and hardships virtuously, we can unite our sufferings to the Passion of Christ. In doing so, we allow our suffering to share in Christ's act of redemption.

Christ became man in order to suffer and die for us and thereby save us from our sins. "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases" (Mt 8:17). In calling us to take up our daily cross, he asks us to "offer up" all our pain and suffering virtuously in imitation of him. By configuring ourselves to Christ and his redemptive act, we can give our suffering a redemptive character. Thus, through our suffering, trials, hardships, and labor, we can grow in holiness and closer to Christian perfection.

During his earthly ministry Christ took a special interest in the sick and suffering, visiting them and often healing them; he identified closely with those who suffer. By inviting us to take up our own personal crosses, he beckons us to identify ourselves ever more closely with his sufferings and share in his act of redemption.

There are two popular misconceptions of Christ's Redemption and our proper response to it. One understands that his Passion was a mere endurance of physical pain — the scourged, beaten, and crucified Christ as a victim because he did not have the power to stop his torturers; this view leaves us as mere observers who have no role in his suffering. The other views the Redemption as nothing more than an appeal to the subjective influence of the Passion on our lives. While it is true that we receive the benefit of Christ's Redemption, we are also called to share in his redemption by taking up our own crosses and uniting them to his.

From the Didache Bible

618 The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the "one mediator between God and men." But because in his incarnate divine person he has in some way united himself to every man, "the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery" is offered to all men. He calls his disciples to "take up [their] cross and follow [him]," for "Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in his steps." In fact Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries. This is achieved supremely in the case of his mother, who was associated more intimately than any other person in the mystery of his redemptive suffering.

Apart from the cross there is no other ladder by which we may get to heaven. (St. Rose of Lima)

1505 Moved by so much suffering Christ not only allows himself to be touched by the sick, but he makes their miseries his own: "He took our infirmities and bore our diseases." But he did not heal all the sick. His healings were signs of the coming of the Kingdom of God. They announced a more radical healing: the victory over sin and death through his Passover. On the cross Christ took upon himself the whole weight of evil and took away the "sin of the world," of which illness is only a consequence. By his passion and death on the cross Christ has given a new meaning to suffering: it can henceforth configure us to him and unite us with his redemptive Passion.

1521 *Union with the passion of Christ.* By the grace of [the sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick] the sick person receives the strength and the gift of uniting himself more closely to Christ's Passion: in a certain way he is consecrated to bear fruit by configuration to the Savior's redemptive Passion. Suffering, a consequence of original sin, acquires a new meaning; it becomes a participation in the saving work of Jesus.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church