

# Saint Mary's Catholic Church

## Mount Evelyn



## Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

23 September 2018

### readings

#### Next Week

Nm 11:25-29  
Ps 18:8. 10. 12-14. R. v.9  
Jas 5:1-6  
Mk 9:38-43. 45. 47-48

#### 10:30 Mass hymns

Entrance: No.  
Offertory: No.  
Communion: No.  
Recessional: No.

#### in a nutshell

Today's readings highlight the battle between good and evil. The virtuous person in today's First Reading, and Jesus in the Gospel, both suffer greatly at the hands of the godless. But as James notes in today's Second Reading, and as we see in Jesus' disciples, the battle between good and evil is waged within each one of us as well. While we give thanks to God for the good within us, we also acknowledge the part of ourself that is drawn to evil and humbly seek God's mercy.

#### 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 Helen Kuras.

#### of special note

Parish Rosary Novena begins  
28 September  
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### Raise Your Voices

#### Entrance Antiphon

I am the salvation of the people, says the Lord.  
Should they cry to me in any distress,  
I will hear them, and I will be their Lord for ever.

#### Psalm Response

(R.) The Lord upholds my life.

O God, save me by your name;  
by your power, uphold my cause.  
O God, hear my prayers;  
listen to the words of my mouth. (R.)

For proud men have risen against me,  
ruthless men seek my life.  
They have no regard for God. (R.)

But I have God for my help.  
The Lord upholds my life.  
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart  
and praise your name for it is good. (R.)

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
God has called us with the gospel  
to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon

You have laid down your precepts to be carefully kept;  
may my ways be firm in keeping your statutes.

### 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

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## MINISTRIES

### 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

### September 29/30

#### Lectors

Sat 6:30pm	K Zmegac
Sun 10:30am	P McIlrath
Sun 5:00pm	J Griffin

#### Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 6:30pm	R Pritchard
Sun 10:30am	P Lannoy, A Somers, M Cross
Sun 5:00pm	A Zmegac

#### Counters

September 23: M Cross & N Madden

September 30: S & J Caton

October 7: M & J Cullinan

October 14: 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](mailto:muntevelyn@cam.org.au)

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

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

## Parish Notices

### **Italian Festa: It's here, this Sunday**

Come join in the festivities beginning with Mass at 10:30 followed by food, drinks, song and dance and other entertainment throughout the day, culminating with the fireworks at 7:00pm.

### **School Holidays — Fr Michel is Away**

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.

### **Year of Youth—Weekly Prayer**

That youth will be blessed with a strong sense of justice, seeing the face of Christ in the poor, disadvantaged and vulnerable members of our community. *We pray to the Lord.*

### **Stewardship Corner**

*"If anyone wishes to be first, he shall be the last of all and the servant of all."*

**MARK 9:35**

Jesus teaches us that we are called to serve one another. Sacrifice is not a word that many people like to hear. We think it means that we must give up something that we want. However, the literal meaning of sacrifice is "to make holy," from the words "sacer" = sacred and "facere" = to make. In other words, we make our lives holy by sharing our gifts in the service of God.

### **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**

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.

### **Ten Steps to Making a Home for Everyone in Our Land**

1. REFLECT ON THE PARABLE OF THE GOOD SAMARITAN.

*Every day in our streets, we, like the Samaritan, see wounded people desperately in need of help. They are the homeless and the lost, injured by misfortune, by violence and by poverty. How have so many people come to be on the streets of such a rich nation? Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 3*

The Bishops' Statement begins with Jesus' parable of the Good Samaritan. Consider this parable in the light of Australia's homelessness crisis. There are various ways we can be Good Samaritans: some people help with emergency relief or a bed for the night, while others use their community connections to provide support and create more housing. All kinds of responses are needed.

## 'Fiat' Youth Conference—Thursday 4 to Sunday 7 October

Thomas Carr College, 35 Thomas Carr Drive, Tarneit

'Fiat 2018' is aimed at empowering youth and students to become missionary disciples by discovering the beauty of their Catholic faith, and also exploring the current theme of the diocese for the Year of Youth: the joy of discernment. The congress is for youth aged 15+. **Cost:** \$99 (includes lunch and afternoon tea) **Registration:** [fiatcongress.com](http://fiatcongress.com)

### March for the Babies Rally

Join us for the 2018 March for the Babies, Saturday, 13th October at 1pm from Treasury Gardens, Cnr Spring Street & Wellington Pde, East Melbourne a two-minute walk from Parliament train station. A peaceful rally to defend the rights of unborn babies and their mothers against the 2008 Abortion Law Act [www.facebook.com/March-For-The-Babies-105936922804480/](http://www.facebook.com/March-For-The-Babies-105936922804480/) More information is at <http://marchforthebabies.org>

### Palms Info Night Tuesday 16 Oct, 5:30 pm

Considering an assignment abroad? Palms' Director, Roger O'Halloran invites you to our latest Info Night at Ross House, Jenny Florence Room 247 Flinders Lane, Melbourne

- Hear how Palms educators, health and development personnel have exchanged skills to improve opportunity for Asian, African and Pacific communities.
- Find out where your professional knowledge can make a real, lasting contribution

Find out more at [www.palms.org.au/events](http://www.palms.org.au/events) or contact Palms on 02 9560 5333

### Volunteer Overseas - The Cagliero Project, Salesians of Don Bosco

We are seeking volunteers for January 2019 departure, working with disadvantaged young people in Salesian communities throughout Cambodia, Samoa, Zambia & Solomon Island. Applications close October 15th. For more information, or to send us an inquiry, follow this link: <http://cagliero.org.au/> Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project Email: [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

### Yarck to Yea - Walk, Ride or Run! - Saturday 13th October 2018

Come join us for the annual event of the John Wallis Foundation - a walk, ride or run along part of the beautiful Great Victorian Rail Trail between Yarck and Yea in Victoria. All proceeds to The John Wallis Foundation for disadvantaged communities. Regular Registration: Adult \$30, Concession/Student \$12.00, Family \$50 (Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult). Special Highways & Byways Package Deal Registration: Adult \$40, Concession: \$22.00, Family \$60.00 - includes one pair of JWF monogrammed bushwalking socks! (collect and choose your size on the day) BOOK NOW! Online through Try Bookings at: <https://www.trybooking.com/XLVX>

### Wednesday Faith Study Night—Taking a break

Our next study will be *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*. Please watch this space for the beginning of this study.

### 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.

## Readings Reflection

### [Servant of All](#)

In today's First Reading, it's like we have our ears pressed to the wall and can hear the murderous grumblings of the elders, chief priests, and scribes—who last week Jesus predicted would torture and kill Him (see Mark 8:31; 10:33–34).

The liturgy invites us to see this passage from the Book of Wisdom as a prophecy of the Lord's Passion. We hear His enemies complain that "the Just One" has challenged their authority, reproached them for breaking the law of Moses, for betraying their training as leaders and teachers.

And we hear chilling words that foreshadow how they will mock Him as He hangs on the Cross: "For if the Just One be the Son of God, He will . . . deliver Him. . ." (compare Matthew 27:41–43).

Today's Gospel and Psalm give us the flip side of the First Reading. In both, we hear of Jesus' sufferings from His point of view. Though His enemies surround Him, He offers himself freely in sacrifice, trusting that God will sustain Him.

But the apostles today don't understand this second announcement of Christ's passion. They begin arguing over issues of succession—over who among them is greatest, who will be chosen to lead after Christ is killed.

Again they are thinking not as God, but as human beings (see Mark 8:33). And again Jesus teaches the Twelve—the chosen leaders of His Church—that they must lead by imitating His example of love and self-sacrifice. They must be "servants of all," especially the weak and the helpless—symbolized by the child He embraces and places in their midst.

This is a lesson for us, too. We must have the mind of Christ, who humbled himself to come among us (see Philippians 2:5–11). We must freely offer ourselves, making everything we do a sacrifice in praise of His name.

As James says in today's Epistle, we must seek wisdom from above, desiring humility, not glory, and in all things be gentle and full of mercy.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)  
[stpaulcenter.com](http://stpaulcenter.com)

# Veneration of the Crucifix

*Since Christ is risen, why do we venerate his crucified image?*

I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of compassion and supplication, so that, when they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him. (Zec 12:10)

Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor 1:22-24)

Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? (Gal 3:1)

A crucifix is a depiction of Christ on the Cross. We venerate the crucifix as a reminder of Christ's Passion and Death, by which we have been redeemed by God

Christ suffered and died on the Cross for our salvation; he also told us to take up our crosses daily and follow him. His crucified image serves as a powerful reminder of what he endured out of his divine love for our sake and of the true cost of our own discipleship: the willingness to endure every pain, hardship, and humiliation for the sake of attaining eternal life and being with him forever. The crucified Christ reveals to us the power of redemptive suffering.

St. Paul called the crucified Christ "the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Cor 1:24-25). He told the Corinthians that we "preach Christ crucified" (1 Cor 1:23). It is through his taking on human flesh and his voluntarily experiencing the suffering and humiliation of his Passion and Death that the glory and power of God is ultimately revealed in his Resurrection.

As a prayer in the Byzantine liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration says:

*On the mount you were transfigured, and your disciples, as much as they could bear, beheld your glory, O Christ God; so that when they should see you crucified, they would know your Passion to be willing, and would preach to the world that you, in truth, are the Effulgence of the Father.*

*From the Didache Bible*

**571** The Paschal mystery of Christ's cross and Resurrection stands at the center of the Good News that the apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world. God's saving plan was accomplished "once for all" (Heb 9:26) by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.

**617** The Council of Trent emphasizes the unique character of Christ's sacrifice as "the source of eternal salvation" (Heb 5:9) and teaches that "his most holy Passion on the wood of the cross merited justification for us" (Council of Trent). And the Church venerates his cross as it sings: "Hail, O Cross, our only hope" (LH, Lent, Holy Week, Evening Prayer).

**618** The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the "one mediator between God and men." (1 Tim 2:5) 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 (GS 22 § 5). He calls his disciples to "take up [their] cross and follow [him]" (Mt 16:24), for "Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in his steps" (1 Pet 2:21). 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.

**1067** "The wonderful works of God among the people of the Old Testament were but a prelude to the work of Christ the Lord in redeeming mankind and giving perfect glory to God. He accomplished this work principally by the Paschal mystery of his blessed Passion, Resurrection from the dead, and glorious Ascension, whereby 'dying he destroyed our death, rising he restored our life.' For it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the cross that there came forth 'the wondrous sacrament of the whole Church' " (SC 5 § 2). For this reason, the Church celebrates in the liturgy above all the Paschal mystery by which Christ accomplished the work of our salvation.

**2132** The Christian veneration of images is not contrary to the first commandment which proscribes idols. Indeed, "the honor rendered to an image passes to its prototype," and "whoever venerates an image venerates the person portrayed in it" (St. Basil). The honor paid to sacred images is a "respectful veneration," not the adoration due to God alone:

*Religious worship is not directed to images in themselves, considered as mere things, but under their distinctive aspect as images leading us on to God incarnate. The movement toward the image does not terminate in it as image, but tends toward that whose image it is (St. Thomas Aquinas).*

*From the Catechism of the Catholic Church*