

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

30 September 2018

readings

Next Week

Gen 2:18-24
Ps 127. R. v.5
Heb 2:9-11
Mk 10:2-16

10:30 Mass hymns

Entrance: No. 448
Offertory: No. 486
Communion: No. 454
Recessional: No. 515

in a nutshell

The Spirit of God is present and active in the world. Wherever we see good we know that God's Spirit is at work. The Spirit works in surprising ways. It is sometimes through the least important member of the community that the Spirit speaks. May bigotry and prejudice never blind us to the workings of God in our Church and in our world.

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 Agata Versace

of special note

...and the parish Rosary novena continues...
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Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Psalms Response

(R.) The precepts of the Lord give joy to the heart.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple. (R.)

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever.

The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just. (R.)

So in them your servant finds instructions; great reward is in their keeping. But who can detect all his errors? From hidden faults acquit me. (R.)

From presumption restrain your servant and let it not rule me.

Then shall I be blameless, clean from grave sin. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Your word, O Lord, is truth: make us holy in the truth.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

By this we came to know the love of God: that Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay down our lives for one another

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 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

October 6/7

Lectors

Sat 6:30pm
Sun 10:30am
Sun 5:00pm

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 6:30pm
Sun 10:30am
Sun 5:00pm

Counters

September 30: S & J Caton
October 7: M & J Cullinan
October 14: C & B McGuire
October 21: 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 Conference 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

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.

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—after 5pm Mass, Oct 7th

On October 7th at 4pm, there will be a Rosary liturgy that will conclude our parish Rosary novena. This will be followed by the usual 5pm Sunday night Mass then Father Michel will bless the new Madonna and Child statue that is in front of the church and all of this will be followed by a sausage sizzle. Please plan to join us!

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'.

Ten Steps to Making a Home for Everyone in Our Land

2. GET THE FACTS ABOUT HOMELESSNESS AND THE HOUSING CRISIS.

The 2016 Census has revealed there are 116,427 people in Australia who are homeless ... That number includes not only people who are on the streets or sleeping rough, but also those who are 'couch surfing', living in boarding houses or emergency accommodation, or staying in severely overcrowded dwellings. The people we see on the streets are just the tip of the iceberg. Social Justice Statement 2018–2019, p. 6

Homelessness can often be a hidden problem and it is not confined to our major cities. There are many factors that can lead to homelessness, but ultimately, it is a result of poverty. Find out what the housing issues are in your local area, in your diocese or state, and nationally. Seek out information about Australia's housing crisis from research bodies such as:

Australian Bureau of Statistics 2016 census: www.abs.gov.au

Australian Housing and Urban Research Institute: www.ahuri.edu.au

Australian Institute of Health and Welfare, National Social Housing Survey: www.aihw.gov.au

Year of Youth—Weekly Prayer

That in this Year of Youth, the Church might be more open to the dreams and vision of young people, and that young people might be open to new possibilities for sharing their gifts with others. We pray to the Lord.

Stewardship Corner

"Anyone who gives you a cup of water to drink because you belong to Christ, amen, I say to you, will surely not lose his reward." MARK 9:41

Does your life reflect the life of Jesus? Remember, we were made in His image. We tend to forget this. When others see you, do they see the face of Jesus? When you look at others, do you see the face of Jesus in them?

St. Vincent de Paul Observance Day

Sunday, October 7th is the day observance day for the Vinnies. They are a voluntary organization in the Church, founded in 1833 for the sanctification of its members by personal service of the poor. We will have someone from the Vinnies Council speak at the end of Mass. They are always prepared to welcome new members. Have you ever thought of growing in holiness by serving the poor?

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

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.

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/ 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 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: cagliero.org.au/ Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project Email: 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>

Readings Reflection

[To Belong to Christ](#)

Today's Gospel begins with a scene that recalls a similar moment in the history of Israel, the episode recalled in today's First Reading. The seventy elders who receive God's Spirit through Moses prefigure the ministry of the apostles.

Like Joshua in the First Reading, John makes the mistake of presuming that only a select few are inspired and entrusted to carry out God's plans. The Spirit blows where it wills (see John 3:8), and God desires to bestow His Spirit on all the people of God, in every nation under heaven (see Acts 2:5, 38).

God can and will work mighty deeds through the most unexpected and unlikely people. All of us are called to perform even our most humble tasks, such as giving a cup of water, for the sake of His name and the cause of His kingdom.

John believes he is protecting the purity of the Lord's name. But, really, he's only guarding his own privilege and status. It's telling that the Apostles want to shut down the ministry of an exorcist. Authority to drive out demons and unclean spirits was one of the specific powers entrusted to the Twelve (see Mark 3:14-15; 6:7, 13).

Cleanse me from my unknown faults, we pray in today's Psalm. Often, like Joshua and John, perhaps without noticing it, we cloak our failings and fears under the guise of our desire to defend Christ or the Church.

But as Jesus says today, instead of worrying about who is a real Christian and who is not, we should make sure that we ourselves are leading lives worthy of our calling as disciples (see Ephesians 1:4).

Does the advice we give, or the example of our actions, give scandal—causing others to doubt or lose faith? Do we do what we do with mixed motives instead of seeking only the Father's will? Are we living, as this Sunday's Epistle warns, for our own luxury and pleasure, and neglecting our neighbors?

We need to keep meditating on His Law, as we sing in today's Psalm. We need to pray for the grace to detect our failings and to overcome them.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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How can a good and loving God send souls to Hell?

The Lord is not...wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance. (2 Pet 3:9)

God did not make death, and he does not delight in the death of the living. For he created all things that they might exist. (Wis 1:13-14)

“If that wicked servant says to himself, ‘My master is delayed,’ and begins to beat his fellow servants, and eats and drinks with the drunken, the master of that servant will come on a day when he does not expect him at an hour he does not know, and will punish him, and put him with the hypocrites; there men will weep and gnash their teeth.” (Mt 24:48-51)

Hell is the state of eternal separation from communion with God and the blessed in Heaven. God sends no one to Hell without that person having chosen complete separation from him. In allowing us the freedom to choose good or evil, God necessarily allows each person to accept him or to reject him.

Those who die having willfully and definitively rejected God and his salvific grace—often by violating his Commandments in a grievous manner and then refusing repentance—place themselves in Hell, the state of eternal self-exclusion from his presence. Thus, the souls in Hell are those who die stubbornly unrepentant of mortal sin by refusing the love and mercy of God to the end. Jesus spoke often of Hell as “fire” and “darkness” where the damned will “weep and gnash their teeth” (Lk 13:28). The souls in Hell continually suffer separation from God even as they wallow in hatred of him.

We cannot be united to God unless we freely choose to love him. We cannot love God if we sin grievously against him, our neighbour, or our own selves. “He who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him” (1 Jn 3:14-15). To die in mortal sin—without repentance and without seeking refuge in the compassionate love of God—implies a willful choice to be separated from him. God respects our freedom and will not force us to choose him or abide by his will.

God wills that all people will be saved and become one with him. The liturgy of the Church prays that all may seek and find God and that his mercy may draw everyone into eternal life.

From the Didache Bible

1035 The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, “eternal fire.” The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs.

1036 The affirmations of Sacred Scripture and the teachings of the Church on the subject of hell are a call to the responsibility incumbent upon man to make use of his freedom in view of his eternal destiny. They are at the same time an urgent call to conversion: “Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide and the way is easy, that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard, that leads to life, and those who find it are few.” (Mt 7:13–14)

Since we know neither the day nor the hour, we should follow the advice of the Lord and watch constantly so that, when the single course of our earthly life is completed, we may merit to enter with him into the marriage feast and be numbered among the blessed, and not, like the wicked and slothful servants, be ordered to depart into the eternal fire, into the outer darkness where “men will weep and gnash their teeth.” (LG 48 § 3)

1037 God predestines no one to go to hell; for this, a willful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary, and persistence in it until the end. In the Eucharistic liturgy and in the daily prayers of her faithful, the Church implores the mercy of God, who does not want “any to perish, but all to come to repentance”: (2 Pet 3:9)

*Father, accept this offering
from your whole family.
Grant us your peace in this life,
save us from final damnation,
and count us among those you have chosen. (Roman Missal, EP I)*

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church