

# Saint Mary's Catholic Church

## Mount Evelyn



## Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

15 October 2018

### readings

#### Next Week

Is 53:10-11  
Ps 32:4-5. 18-20. 22. R. v.22  
Heb 4:14-16  
Mk 10:35-45

#### 10:30 Mass hymns

Entrance: No. 512  
Offertory: No. 293  
Communion: No. 456, 633  
Recessional: No. 503

### in a nutshell

In Jesus' time people saw wealth and prosperity as signs of God's blessing. Today we can still covet these things. We can embrace the message of our consumerist society that happiness lies in having more. The wise person knows that the greatest richness of all is the saving love of God in Christ Jesus, and it is ours for free. If our primary attachment is to Jesus, we will not covet material goods but use them as necessary.

### 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, especially Walburga Schuster and those whose anniversary, occurs at this time, especially Teresa Di Lello.

### of special note

World Mission Appeal Collection  
next week  
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## Raise Your Voices

### Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities,  
Lord, who could stand?  
But with you is found forgiveness,  
O God of Israel.

### Psalm Response

(R.) Fill us with your love, O Lord,  
and we will sing for joy!

Make us know the shortness of our life  
that we may gain wisdom of heart.  
Lord, relent! Is your anger forever?  
Show pity to your servants. (R.)

In the morning, fill us with your love;  
we shall exult and rejoice all our days.  
Give us joy to balance our affliction  
for the years when we knew misfortune. (R.)

Show forth your work to your servants;  
let your glory shine on their children.  
Let the favour of the Lord be upon us:  
give success to the work of our hands. (R.)

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Happy the poor in spirit;  
the kingdom of heaven is theirs!  
Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him,  
for we shall see him as he is.

## 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—5:00pm  
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

Principal: Angela Glennie

Website:  
[smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au](http://smmountevelyn.catholic.edu.au)

## MINISTRIES

### October 13/14

#### Lectors

Sat 5:00pm	F Willoughby
Sun 10:30am	N Madden
Sun 5:00pm	K Zmegac

#### Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00pm	R Schneider
Sun 10:30am	P McIlrath, M Jeffs, P Lannoy
Sun 5:00pm	A Zmegac

### October 20/21

#### Lectors

Sat 5:00pm	J Foley
Sun 10:30am	S Somers
Sun 5:00pm	A Zmegac

#### Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00pm	A Dickson
Sun 10:30am	A Somers, M Cross, V Borelli
Sun 5:00pm	R Pritchard

#### Counters

October 14: C & B McGuire

October 21: M Cross & N Madden

October 28: S & J Caton

November 4: 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 Conference 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

### **Blessing of the Madonna and Child Statue and BBQ**

Thank you to all who assisted with the BBQ, whether it was setting up/taking down, cooking or serving, it couldn't be done without you. It was good to see many parishioners staying to enjoy the fruits of your labour. Look out for the next one!

### **'You are Mission'**

Next weekend our parish will be holding the annual Catholic Mission World Mission Appeal. This year we are invited to consider how we can answer Pope Francis' call to be a part of mission, and how we can support mission globally. Feel free to take an envelope home and return it next week.

### **Thinking of Christmas and 2019?**

St Vincent de Paul are again selling the 2019 Columban Art Calendar which includes beautiful artwork, Liturgical Information and Feast Days at \$9 Each. We also have a stock of Christmas Cards in Packs of 8 at \$4.80 and packs of 5 at \$3.00 each.

### **The Eucharist**

*St. Peter Julian Eymard ...* How kind is this Sacramental Jesus! By the reception He gives you, one would think He has need of you to make Him happy.

Adoration, Friday mornings 8:00am except second Friday of the month. Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 7:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton).

### **Living Icons: Mothers, Fathers & the Gospel of the Family**

New video and print resources highlighting the role of both a mother and a father in family life have been produced by the Life, Marriage and Family Office. Print copies of the booklet are available, please feel free to take one either for yourself or to pass on to someone. The accompanying videos can be viewed online at: [www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily](http://www.cam.org.au/lifemarriagefamily).

### **Stewardship Committee Meeting**

Tuesday 23rd October at 7pm in the meeting room at St Mary's.

### **Stewardship Corner**

*"It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."* MARK 10:25

Jesus uses tough language that we may not want to hear. But, we are all called to be generous with all our gifts. Not just the ones we pick and choose, but all our gifts: our time in prayer to God, our talent in participating in parish ministries and our treasure supporting our local parish and other charities.

September report: **Pledged per week: \$1030 Received: \$644.50**

### **Bulletin Notices**

Just a reminder that if anyone has a notice for the newsletter (especially from groups, Vinnie's, etc) to send them to the office preferably via email by Thursday noon. Thanks

### **Mount Lilydale Mercy College Old Collegians' Gala - October 20**

The gala includes a delicious dinner, live band, entertainment, silent auctions and the finest beers, wines and ciders the Yarra Valley has to offer! This year, Old Collegians Diana Trask, Terry Harrison, Col. Fiona Haynes and Michael Napoleone will be inducted to the Mercy Honour Roll. Come celebrate their success! BOOKINGS: <https://www.trybooking.com/VJZZ> For more information contact, The Old Collegians: [oc@mlmc.vic.edu.au](mailto:oc@mlmc.vic.edu.au) P: 03 9735 4022 Discounted tickets are available for University and TAFE students with a valid email address and student number. Everyone is welcome!

### Mount Lilydale Mercy College Class of 1988 Reunion

Saturday October 27 come celebrate our 30-year reunion. BOOKINGS <https://www.trybooking.com/VJZX> For more information, contact Old Collegians: [oc@mlmc.vic.edu.au](mailto:oc@mlmc.vic.edu.au) or, Tania Del Biondo: [tdelby@hotmail.com](mailto:tdelby@hotmail.com)

### Youth United Melbourne: Mental Health Night

Saturday 27 October, 6.30–9.30pm Hennessy Hall, St Christopher's Parish, 5 Doon Avenue, Syndal  
Put on your PJs, get comfy, and let's talk about how we can help those battling mental illness. **Cost:** \$5, registrations are essential  
**Enquiries:** [youthunitedmelbourne@gmail.com](mailto:youthunitedmelbourne@gmail.com)

### Volunteer Opportunity Assisting Refugee Students

MERCY CONNECT MELBOURNE – Mercy Works Ltd. is currently recruiting volunteers to support Refugee Students and Asylum Seekers in Primary and Secondary schools across the Melbourne Archdiocese. The volunteer commitment is approximately half a day per week for four school terms. Experience working in an educational setting is preferred but not limited to. Please contact Sr Mary Lewis RSM for an application form and further information. Email: [somml@bigpond.com](mailto:somml@bigpond.com) (preferred for contact) Website: [www.mercyworks.org.au](http://www.mercyworks.org.au) Mercy Connect Melbourne Tel: 9326 1895

### 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: [cagliero.org.au/](http://cagliero.org.au/) Contact: Lauren Hichaaba, Director of the Cagliero Project Email: [lhichaaba@salesians.org.au](mailto:lhichaaba@salesians.org.au)

### Fifth Anniversary Concert: From African Chant to Gospel

Friday 2 November, 7.30–8.45pm Elisabeth Murdoch Hall  
In its Melbourne Recital Centre debut, Excelsis presents a program of genres that the choir has become renowned for performing: African chant and song, spirituals and gospel music. A concert event not to be missed. Bookings: <https://www.melbournerecital.com.au/events/2018/fifth-anniversary-concert-from-african-chant-to-gospel/>

### Sparks of Beauty: Literature

Tuesday 30 October, 6.30pm – 8.30pm State Library Victoria  
The Archbishop's Office for Evangelisation invites you to our final in the Sparks of Beauty series for 2018. Join us for a conversation with best-selling Australian author Michael McGirr on "The Stories that Make Us" Details: Suzanne Hermon by phone 9926 5761 or via email: [evangelisation@cam.org.au](mailto:evangelisation@cam.org.au)

## Readings Reflection

### [Wisdom and Riches](#)

The rich young man in today's Gospel wanted to know what we all want to know—how to live in this life so that we might live forever in the world to come. He sought what today's Psalm calls "wisdom of heart."

He learns that the wisdom he seeks is not a program of works to be performed or behaviors to be avoided. As Jesus tells him, observing the commandments is essential to walking the path of salvation—but it can only get us so far.

The Wisdom of God is not precepts, but a person—Jesus Christ. Jesus is the Wisdom whose Spirit was granted to Solomon in today's First Reading. Jesus is the Word of God spoken of in today's Epistle. And Jesus, as He reveals Himself to the rich man today, is God.

In Jesus we encounter Wisdom, the living and effective Word of God. As He does with the rich man today, He looks upon each of us with love. That look of love, that loving gaze, is a personal invitation—to give up everything to follow Him.

Nothing is concealed from His gaze, as we hear in the Epistle. In His fiery eyes, the thoughts of our hearts are exposed, and each of us must render an account of our lives (see Revelation 1:14).

We must have the attitude of Solomon, preferring Wisdom to all else, loving Him more than even life itself. This preference, this love, requires a leap of faith. We will be persecuted for this faith, Jesus tells His disciples today. But we must trust in His promise—that all good things will come to us in His company.

What, then, are the "many possessions" that keep us from giving ourselves totally to God? What are we clinging to—material things, comfort zones, relationships? What will it take for us to live fully for Christ's sake and the sake of the Gospel?

Let us pray for the wisdom to enter into the kingdom of God. With the Psalmist, let us ask Him, "Teach us."

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## How does interior conversion and penance take place?

“I despise myself, / and repent in dust and ashes.” (Jb 42:6)

“I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking hi by prayer and supplications with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.” (Dan 9:3)

“I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance.” (Acts 26:19-20)

The primary keys to conversion and penance are fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Also, helpful in fostering interior conversion are other acts of mortification, pious devotion, and charitable works.

Conversion of heart is an ongoing effort in the life of a Christian. We are converted to Christ at Baptism, but the combination of our inclination to sin and our human weakness causes us to drift from this gift of grace. Thus, conversion is a lifelong process since we must struggle continually to grow in holiness and against the tide that threatens to carry us into sin. We carry on this struggle within the Church both individually and communally.

While conversion is in its essence an interior reorientation—a change of heart—as humans we have a natural need to express our interior dispositions in external acts. Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are the primary and indispensable vehicles for fostering and nurturing penance. Penance also finds expression in concern for the poor and oppressed, efforts at reconciliation, charitable acts, acceptance of suffering (“take up your cross”), firm resolutions to change our lives, acts of humility, and enduring persecution for a righteous cause.

Other important helps include receiving the Eucharist, reading Scripture, voluntary self-denial, pilgrimages, and sincere acts of devotion or worship.

Penance is expressed most appropriately in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, whereby with the proper dispositions we can receive absolution and ample graces to assist us in our resolution for ongoing conversion and orientation to Christ.

*From the Didache bible*

**1426** Conversion to Christ, the new birth of Baptism, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Body and Blood of Christ received as food have made us “holy and without blemish,” just as the Church herself, the Bride of Christ, is “holy and without blemish.” Nevertheless the new life received in Christian initiation has not abolished the frailty and weakness of human nature, nor the inclination to sin that tradition calls concupiscence, which remains in the baptized such that with the help of the grace of Christ they may prove themselves in the struggle of Christian life. This is the struggle of conversion directed toward holiness and eternal life to which the Lord never ceases to call us.

**1427** Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.” In the Church’s preaching this call is addressed first to those who do not yet know Christ and his Gospel. Also, Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life.

**1428** Christ’s call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This second conversion is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church who, “clasping sinners to her bosom, [is] at once holy and always in need of purification, [and] follows constantly the path of penance and renewal.” This endeavor of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a “contrite heart,” drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first.

**1429** St. Peter’s conversion after he had denied his master three times bears witness to this. Jesus’ look of infinite mercy drew tears of repentance from Peter and, after the Lord’s resurrection, a threefold affirmation of love for him. The second conversion also has a communitarian dimension, as is clear in the Lord’s call to a whole Church: “Repent!”

St. Ambrose says of the two conversions that, in the Church, “there are water and tears: the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance”.

**1435** Conversion is accomplished in daily life by gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defense of justice and right, by the admission of faults to one’s brethren, fraternal correction, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one’s cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance.

**1436** Eucharist and Penance. Daily conversion and penance find their source and nourishment in the Eucharist, for in it is made present the sacrifice of Christ which has reconciled us with God. Through the Eucharist those who live from the life of Christ are fed and strengthened. “It is a remedy to free us from our daily faults and to preserve us from mortal sins.”

**1437** Reading Sacred Scripture, praying the Liturgy of the Hours and the Our Father—every sincere act of worship or devotion revives the spirit of conversion and repentance within us and contributes to the forgiveness of our sins.

*From the Catechism of the Catholic Church*