

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

4 November 2018

readings

Next Week

1 Kgs 17:10-16
Ps 145:7-10. R.v.2
Heb 9:24-28
Mk 12:38-44

10:30 Mass hymns

Entrance: No. 573
Offertory: No. 504
Communion: No. 547
Recessional: No. 561

in a nutshell

The commandment to love God with all one's being is kept constantly before the Jewish people. It is recited daily in prayer; and, written on a small scroll, it is worn on their person and enshrined at the entrance to their homes. To observe this commandment our love must embrace the whole of creation, especially our fellow human beings made in God's image

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially, *Diane Wright, Cameron Beyer, Kaye Law and Fay Grant.*

For those who have died recently, especially Giuseppina Costa and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Wednesday's Faith Study Night begins again!
More Information Inside

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Forsake me not, O Lord, my God;
be not far from me!
Make haste and come to my help,
O Lord, my strong salvation!

Psalm Response

(R.) I love you Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise:
when I call I am saved from my foes. (R)

Long life to the Lord, my rock!
Praised be to the God that saves me.
He has given great victories to his king
and shown love for his anointed. (R)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will come to them.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Just as the living Father sent me
and I have life because of the Father,
so whoever feeds on me
shall have life because of me, says 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—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

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MINISTRIES

November 3/4

Lectors

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

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00pm	C Hanley
Sun 10:30am	M Jeffs, P Lannoy, A Somers
Sun 5:00pm	A Zmegac

November 10/11

Lectors

Sat 5:00pm	H Rolando
Sun 10:30am	M Roberts
Sun 5:00pm	R Pritchard

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00pm	A Dickson
Sun 10:30am	M Cross, V Borelli, A Van Tilburg
Sun 5:00pm	N Sims

Counters

November 4:	M & J Cullinan
November 11:	C & B McGuire
November 18:	M Cross & N Madden
November 25:	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 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

November Masses— All Souls

Names of deceased loved ones can be written in the Prayer Book which will be placed on the Sanctuary for the month of November. Names can be added throughout the month. Masses throughout November will be offered for the repose of their souls.

Memorial Wall

As you are aware, St Mary's has its own Memorial Wall where some of our deceased parishioners are interred and where their relatives visit. Obviously the surrounding gardens need regular maintenance to keep it neat and tidy out of respect for those resting there. If you are interested in being part of a group to undertake the care of this area please speak to Father Michel after Mass or phone the office on Thursday.

Special Collection next weekend - Catholic Deaf Appeal

Thank you in advance for your generosity, your donation will:

- * Provide support to Deaf families through counselling and social gatherings
- * Assist in maintaining a community centre for all deaf people and their families
- * Assist in offering liturgies, visitation of the sick and sacramental preparation in Auslan
- * Support deaf people whose needs do not conform to Government funding guidelines or disability criteria

St Mary's Parish School Upcoming Events

Art Show: This year the Art Show will begin on Thursday 15 November. Parishioners are invited to visit and view the wonderful work of the students of our Parish School on Sunday 18 November following 10:30am Mass.

Christmas Fair: Friday 7 December, 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Advent Retreat—Save the date

The Parish will host an Advent Retreat on Sunday 16 December culminating with Mass and BBQ. Watch this space for more information.

Morning Tea

Are you attending 10:30am Mass on a Sunday? Don't forget there is a cuppa available after Mass and an opportunity to meet and mingle with fellow parishioners.

The Eucharist

When asked "What would save the world?" Saint Teresa of Calcutta replied, "My answer is prayer. What we need is, for every parish to come before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament in holy hours of prayer."

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

Wednesday Faith Study Night—CANCELED for this week

Our faith study continues with *The Bible and the Virgin Mary*, which began on Wednesday 31 October. We meet at St Mary's Community Room (the portable next to the presbytery) at 7:30pm. All are welcome to join us.

Stewardship Corner

"And 'to love him with all your heart, with all your understanding, with all your strength, and to love your neighbour as yourself' is worth more than all the burnt offerings and sacrifices." MARK 12:33

Of all the gifts that God gives us the one He wants the most is our heart. He wants us to share out of love, not out of obligation. Using our talent in parish ministry and contributing money to support our parish mission is important, but it's more important to spend time in prayer with God daily and discern how He is calling us to be generous with all of our gifts. Not just the visible ones, but the invisible ones like love, mercy and forgiveness.

October Stewardship Report

Weekly pledged amount: \$1030 Weekly amount received: \$813 for a shortfall of \$217

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.

Year of Youth—Weekly Prayer

That in this Year of Youth, young people of our parish and the wider community may know God's presence in all they do. We pray to the Lord.

World Youth Day at Home

In January 2019, the Archdiocese of Melbourne is encouraging young people aged 16-35 to join in World Youth Day celebrations by participating in a **World Youth Day at Home Summer School**. The Summer School will take place at PGL Campaspe Downs Adventure Camp in Kyneton from January 20-27, coinciding with the World Youth Day celebrations which will take place in Panama with the Holy Father. The cost for participation is \$515 adults or \$490 concession for registration before December 1. After December 1 the registration is \$550 for all participants. This will be the first time we are hosting a residential World Youth Day at Home experience. The week brings together young people from urban and rural parts of the state, and offers a welcoming experience for young people who may have had little encounter with the Church. Bishop Mark Edwards will be in attendance for the whole week, along with chaplains and lay leaders. The week will incorporate elements of World Youth Day including Catechesis with Bishops, a Stations of the Cross and inspiration from Pope Francis.

Invitation to Mass of Remembrance Sunday, 18 November 2018

On the re-formation of the Mount Lilydale Mercy College Old Collegians' Association in 2011, a Mass of Remembrance to commemorate those community members who had entered Eternal Life was initiated. The purpose was to offer support to the bereaved by paying tribute to loved ones no longer with us. This year the Mass will be celebrated on Sunday, 18 November at 2 pm and will be followed by afternoon tea in Mount Saint Joseph's. Names of deceased loved ones will be acknowledged in the Prayers of the Faithful during the Mass. A Memorial Book is located in the Our Lady of Mercy Old Collegians' Chapel and if you wish to have a family member's name included in the Book and the Prayers, please contact Lucia Tabacchiera at ltabacchiera@mlmc.vic.edu.au or phone 9735 4022. Everyone is welcome!

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Readings Reflection

[The Law of Love](#)

Love is the only law we are to live by. And love is the fulfillment of the Law that God reveals through Moses in today's First Reading (see Romans 13:8–10; Matthew 5:43–48).

The unity of God—the truth that He is one God, Father, Son, and Spirit—means that we must love Him with one love, a love that serves Him with all our hearts and minds, souls and strength.

We love Him because He has loved us first. We love our neighbor because we can't love the God we haven't seen unless we love those made in His image and likeness, whom we have seen (see 1 John 4:19–21).

And we are called imitate the love that Christ showed us in laying His life down on the cross (see 1 John 3:16). As we hear in today's Epistle, by His perfect sacrifice on the cross, He once and for all makes it possible for us to approach God.

There is no greater love than to lay down your life (see John 15:13). This is perhaps why Jesus tells the scribe in today's Gospel that he is not far from the kingdom of God.

The scribe recognizes that the burnt offerings and sacrifices of the old Law were meant to teach Israel that it is love that He desires (see Hosea 6:6). The animals offered in sacrifice were symbols of the self-sacrifice, the total gift of our selves that God truly desires.

We are called today to examine our hearts. Do we have other loves that get in the way of our love for God? Do we love others as Jesus has loved us (see John 13:34–35)? Do we love our enemies and pray for those who oppose and persecute us (see Matthew 5:44)?

Let us tell the Lord we love Him, as we do in today's Psalm. And let us take His Word to heart, that we might prosper and have life eternal in His kingdom, the heavenly homeland flowing with milk and honey.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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What is Purgatory?

[NOTE: During November, we pray for our deceased loved ones]

If he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin. (2 Acc 12:44-45)

If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. (1 Cor 3:15)

Purgatory is a state of purification for those souls who have died in the grace of God but require cleansing from imperfections before they can enter Heaven.

Before entering Heaven, every trace of attachment to created goods must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. The Church uses the word Purgatory to describe the final purification of the souls of those who, having died in grace, have not fully received remission of the temporal punishment for their pardoned mortal sins or their venial sins. As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offences can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come" (St. Gregory the Great).

The punishment of the souls in Purgatory is the delay in being God and the knowledge that this delay is their own fault for not having fully repented on earth. These souls also have great joy because they know that they are assured of Heaven. Purgatory is not a lesser form of Hell but rather a state of preparation for Heaven.

Scriptural evidence of Purgatory is found in both the Old and New Testaments. Most strikingly is that Judas Maccabeus offered prayers and atonement for the sins of his fallen soldiers; such prayers for the dead would have been meaningless if the deceased had already reached their final destination. The New Testament also speaks of a purification "as through fire".

Prayers for the dead have always been considered a pious duty, an act of charity and justice. The Church frequently remembers the dead — who are also members of the Communion of Saints — in her liturgies, prayers, and indulgences.

From the Didache Bible

1021 Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul—a destiny which can be different for some and for others.

1022 Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven—through a purification or immediately,—or immediate and everlasting damnation.

"At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love" St. John of the Cross.

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name Purgatory to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.⁶⁰⁶ The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin" (2 Acc 12:46). From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.⁶¹⁰ The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:

"Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them" St. John Chrysostom.

1472 To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a double consequence. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church