

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

11 November 2018

readings

Next Week

Dn 12:1-3
Ps 15:5. 8-11. R.v.1
Heb 10:11-14, 18
Mk 13:24-32

10:30 Mass hymns

Entrance: No. 641
Offertory: No. 653
Communion: No. 547
Recessional: No. 486

in a nutshell

Jesus had little time for the unholy trinity of conspicuous wealth, self-righteousness and ostentatious piety. He suggests that, when we give alms, we 'do not sound a trumpet before [us] (Mt6:2). According to St Ambrose, God does not consider what one gives but what one keeps.' Could it be that we give too little and keep too much?

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, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time, especially *Giuseppina Costa & Franca Mandarin.*

of special note

Special Collection—Catholic Deaf
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Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Let my prayer come into your presence.
Incline your ear to my cry for help, O Lord.

Psalm Response

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith forever
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord who protects the stranger. (R.)

The Lord upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

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

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall
want.
Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives
me repose,
near restful waters he leads me.

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 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

November 17/18

Lectors

Sat 5:00pm	J Foley
Sun 10:30am	M O'Kane
Sun 5:00pm	K Zmegac

Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00pm	H Rolando
Sun 10:30am	P McIlrath, M Jeffs, C Hanley
Sun 5:00pm	R Pritchard

Counters

November 11: C & B McGuire
November 18: M Cross & N Madden
November 25: S & J Caton
December 2: 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

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 a Thursday and speak to Janine.

Special Collection this 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

We must understand that in order "to do", we must first learn "to be", that is so say, in the sweet company of Jesus in adoration...*Saint John Paul II* 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

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

"I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living." MARK 12:43-44
Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

October Stewardship Report

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

Available for purchase

Remember 2019 Columban Art Calendars and Christmas Cards in Packs of 8 at \$4.80 and packs of 5 at \$3.00 are available at the Piety Stall.

Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion & Reader training

On Saturday, 1 December at 4pm, there will be refresher training for readers and ministers. All those who wish to stay on the roster for these ministries will need to attend this training. Those who wish to begin one of these ministries are welcome to come to the training and you will be added to the liturgy roster. If you do not attend the training, your name will be removed from the active roster. Please see Fr Michel if you cannot attend.

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. For information visit:

www.summerschool.org.au or www.cam.org.au/wyd/

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 Widows' Faith](#)

We must live by the obedience of faith, a faith that shows itself in works of charity and self-giving (see Galatians 5:6). That's the lesson of the two widows in today's liturgy.

The widow in the First Reading isn't even a Jew, yet she trusts in the word of Elijah and the promise of his Lord. Facing sure starvation, she gives all that she has, her last bit of food—feeding the man of God before herself and her family.

The widow in the Gospel also gives all that she has, offering her last bit of money to support the work of God's priests in the Temple.

In their self-sacrifice, these widows embody the love that Jesus last week revealed as the heart of the Law and the Gospel. They mirror the Father's love in giving His only Son, and Christ's love in sacrificing Himself on the cross.

Again in today's Epistle, we hear Christ described as a new high priest and the suffering servant foretold by Isaiah. On the cross, He made sacrifice once and for all to take away our sin and bring us to salvation (see Isaiah 53:12).

And again we are called to imitate His sacrifice of love in our own lives. We will be judged, not by how much we give—for the scribes and the wealthy contribute far more than the widow. Rather, we will be judged by whether our gifts reflect our livelihood, our whole beings, all our heart and soul, mind and strength.

Are we giving all that we can to the Lord—not out of a sense of forced duty, but in a spirit of generosity and love (see 2 Corinthians 9:6–7)?

Do not be afraid, the man of God tells us today. As we sing in today's Psalm, the Lord will provide for us, as He sustains the widow.

Today, let us follow the widows' example, doing what God asks, confident that our jars of flour will not grow empty, nor our jugs of oil run dry.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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He shall come to judge the living and the dead

What happens when we die?

Just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him (Heb 9:27-28).

At the moment of death, the immortal soul separates from the mortal body, and every person undergoes the Particular Judgment in which Christ immediately judges the person for the choices and actions he or she made in life and whether or not he or she has died in God's grace and friendship. As St. John of the Cross wrote, "At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love". Based on that judgment, the soul immediately enters the state of Heaven, Hell, or Purgatory.

The souls of those who have responded to God's gift of salvation, die in a state of grace, and have been perfectly purified — either in this life or in Purgatory — will enter Heaven, the state of eternal happiness in which a person shares in the life and love of the Blessed Trinity. In communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the angels and saints, the soul enjoys a state of perfect happiness, and in the Kingdom of God, the saints will reign with Christ forever. In Heaven, the blessed will receive the Beatific Vision: they see God face to face and contemplate him in the fullness of glory.

The souls of those who have responded to God's gift of salvation, die in a state of grace, but need the remission of the temporal punishment due to sin that results from an unhealthy attachment to created goods, the soul must be purified before entering Heaven. This purification after death is called Purgatory. By purifying us of all imperfections before we can enter his presence in Heaven, God shows not only his justice but also his great love and mercy.

Just as the blessed will enjoy eternal love and joy, those who have rejected God will suffer eternal hatred and unhappiness in Hell. All souls in Hell suffer the loss of eternal communion with God and punishment for sins committed on earth. This state of separation from God is eternal, and there can be no repentance.

The General Judgment at the time of the Second Coming of Christ will not change the result of the Particular Judgment. At that time, our mortal bodies will rise and be reunited with our souls. The bodies of those saved will be in glorified form.

From the Didache Bible

1033 We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against him, against our neighbor or against ourselves: "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." Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are his brethren. To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him for ever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell."

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

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.*

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church