

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

18 November 2018

readings

Next Week

Dn 7:13-14
Ps 92:1-2. 5. R.v.1
Rv 1:5-8
Jn 18:33-37

10:30 Mass hymns

Entrance: No. 454
Offertory: No. 580
Communion: No. 620
Recessional: No. 561

in a nutshell

We live in a world of rapid change. Many places of our childhood have gone or been altered significantly. Customs, attitudes and pastimes are different now. All of this reminds us of the transitory nature of life. The heavens and the earth as we know them are passing away. Only the word of God stands forever. May we place our trust in the kingdom of God and not in the passing kingdoms we create.

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 Antonino Molluso

of special note

St Mary Primary School Art Show
Sunday after 10:30am Mass
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Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord said: I think thoughts of peace and not of affliction.
You will call upon me, and I will answer you, and I will lead back your captives from every place.

Psalm Response

(R.) Keep me safe, O God:
you are my hope.

O Lord, it is you who are my portion and cup;
it is you yourself who are my prize.
I keep the Lord ever in my sight:
since he is at my right hand, I shall stand firm. (R.)

And so my heart rejoices, my soul is glad;
even my body shall rest in safety.
For you will not leave my soul among the dead,
nor let your beloved know decay. (R.)

You will show me the path of life,
the fullness of joy in your presence,
at your right hand happiness forever. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Be watchful, and pray constantly,
that you may be worthy to stand before the Son of Man.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

To be near God is my happiness,
to place my hope in God 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 17/18

Lectors

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

Extraordinary Ministers

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

November 24/25

Lectors

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

Extraordinary Ministers

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

December rosters available in the foyer—please pick one up.

Counters

November 18: M Cross & N Madden
November 25: S & J Caton
December 2: M & J Cullinan
December 9: 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 Conference 0427 874 374 or Nick Madden 0408 179 707.

Bulletin notices:

moutevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

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

Parish Notices

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve – Vigil Mass 5:00pm
Midnight Mass – 12:00am
Christmas Day- 10:30am
N.B. No evening Mass Christmas Day

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.

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

Caring for the Memorial Wall gardens would not be an onerous task requiring a weekly commitment. We are still looking for a group of parishioners willing to undertake the care of this area perhaps on a rostered basis. Please speak to Father Michel after Mass or phone the office on a Thursday and speak to Janine.

Catholic Deaf Appeal

Thank you for your generosity: \$651.25 was raised across both parishes.

St Mary’s Parish School Art Show

Don’t forget to wander down to the Hall after 10:30am Mass and view the wonderful and creative work completed by the students in our Parish School.

St Mary’s School Christmas Fair

Save the date: Friday 7 December, 5:30pm-7:30pm.

Advent Retreat—Save the date, 16 December beginning at 2:30pm

The Parish will host an Advent Retreat on Sunday 16 December beginning at 2:30pm. There will be a talk given by Fr Michel, afternoon tea, Adoration with confessions available culminating with Mass and BBQ.

The Eucharist

Jesus, by remaining day and night in the Blessed Sacrament, teaches us Humility, Silence, Love, Vulnerability, Patience, Poverty and Presence. Adoration, Friday mornings 8:00am except second Friday of the month. Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 7:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton).

Lourdes Day Mass Saturday 1 December, 10.30am St Patrick’s Cathedral

A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy, with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. On this occasion we celebrate Our Lady’s appearance to a young girl, Bernadette, in 1858 in Lourdes, France. Through a set of private revelations, Mary revealed herself as ‘the Immaculate Conception’.

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

"And then they will see the Son of Man coming in the clouds with great power and glory." MARK 13:26

We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond?

Caritas 'Global Gifts'.

All Global Gifts reflect real items that we use to assist people in their fight against poverty and injustice. Your purchase of a specific gift is representative of the type of community development work done by Caritas Australia's projects. This year the gifts are centred around protecting the miracle of motherhood, supporting vulnerable mothers before, during and after giving birth. A small number of order forms are available or go online at: www.globalgifts.org.au

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.

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/

Australian Nativity Scene at St Elizabeth's Parish

Monday 10 December 2018 to Friday 11 January 2019, 107 Bakers Road, Dandenong North

Australian Nativity Scene (ANS) welcomes you to view the traditional and stunning nativity scene at St Elizabeth's, with this festive season's display marking fifteen years. Each week the nativity scene has a different theme that conveys the story of Christmas. This event is open to everyone—children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Melway 81A8.

Viewing time: After mass times and any other time by appointments only

Details: Wilson on 0428 927 110 or 9795 6217 (parish office)

Website: <http://www.australiannativityscene.org/>

Readings Reflection

[Hope in Tribulation](#)

In this, the second-to-the-last week of the Church year, Jesus has finally made it to Jerusalem.

Near to His passion and death, He gives us a teaching of hope—telling us how it will be when He returns again in glory.

Today's Gospel is taken from the end of a long discourse in which He describes tribulations the likes of which haven't been seen "since the beginning of God's creation" (see Mark 13:9). He describes what amounts to a dissolution of God's creation, a "devolution" of the world to its original state of formlessness and void.

First, human community—nations and kingdoms—will break down (see Mark 13:7–8). Then the earth will stop yielding food and begin to shake apart (13:8). Next, the family will be torn apart from within and the last faithful individuals will be persecuted (13:9–13). Finally, the Temple will be desecrated, the earth emptied of God's presence (13:14).

In today's reading, God is described putting out the lights that He established in the sky in the very beginning—the sun, the moon and the stars (see also Isaiah 13:10; 34:4). Into this "uncreated" darkness, the Son of Man, in whom all things were made, will come.

Jesus has already told us that the Son of Man must be humiliated and killed (see Mark 8:31). Here He describes His ultimate victory, using royal-divine images drawn from the Old Testament—clouds, glory, and angels (see Daniel 7:13). He shows Himself to be the fulfillment of all God's promises to save "the elect," the faithful remnant (see Isaiah 43:6; Jeremiah 32:37).

As today's First Reading tells us, this salvation will include the bodily resurrection of those who sleep in the dust. We are to watch for this day, when His enemies are finally made His footstool, as today's Epistle envisions. We can wait in confidence knowing, as we pray in today's Psalm, that we will one day delight at His right hand forever.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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Come, you who are blessed of My Father, inherit the kingdom

“In my Father’s house are many rooms... And when I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.” (Jn 14:2-3)

The Lord himself will descend from heaven with a cry of command, with the archangel’s call, and with the sound of the trumpet of God. And the dead in Christ will rise first; then we who are alive, who are left, shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air; and so we shall always be with the Lord. (1 Thess 4:16-17)

I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband; and I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning nor crying nor pain any more, for the former things have passed away.” (Rev 21:2-4)

Heaven is the state of eternal happiness and everlasting life with God. In Heaven we will share completely in the divine life of God and enjoy perfect happiness and complete fulfillment beyond human imagination. “No eye has seen, nor ear heard, / nor the heart of man conceived, / what God has prepared for those who love him” (1 Cor 2:9).

In Scripture the word Heaven designates the dwelling-place of God, his angels, and the saints.

The blessed in Heaven behold the immediate vision of God and remain in perfect communion with him and with one another; they become like God in glory and enjoy eternal happiness. Each person receives the full measure of happiness that he or she can desire.

The essential happiness of Heaven consists in the Beatific Vision — the immediate vision of God — in the vision of creatures in God, and in the infinite joy of their vision. The blessed possess all that is good in a union of perfect love, and sharing in one another’s happiness only increases their own. Meeting those whom we loved while on earth will give a special joy.

From the Didache Bible

1023 Those who die in God’s grace and friendship and are perfectly purified live for ever with Christ. They are like God for ever, for they “see him as he is,” face to face:

1024 This perfect life with the Most Holy Trinity—this communion of life and love with the Trinity, with the Virgin Mary, the angels and all the blessed—is called “heaven.” Heaven is the ultimate end and fulfillment of the deepest human longings, the state of supreme, definitive happiness.

1025 To live in heaven is “to be with Christ.” The elect live “in Christ,” but they retain, or rather find, their true identity, their own name.

For life is to be with Christ; where Christ is, there is life, there is the kingdom (St. Ambrose).

1026 By his death and Resurrection, Jesus Christ has “opened” heaven to us. The life of the blessed consists in the full and perfect possession of the fruits of the redemption accomplished by Christ. He makes partners in his heavenly glorification those who have believed in him and remained faithful to his will. Heaven is the blessed community of all who are perfectly incorporated into Christ.

1027 This mystery of blessed communion with God and all who are in Christ is beyond all understanding and description. Scripture speaks of it in images: life, light, peace, wedding feast, wine of the kingdom, the Father’s house, the heavenly Jerusalem, paradise: “no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him.”

1029 In the glory of heaven the blessed continue joyfully to fulfill God’s will in relation to other men and to all creation. Already they reign with Christ; with him “they shall reign for ever and ever.”

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church