

# Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



## Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

25 November 2018

### readings

#### Next Week

Jer 33:14-16  
Ps 24:4-5. 8-9. 10. 14. R. v.1  
1 Thes 3:12 – 4:2  
Lk 21:25-28. 34-36

#### Hymns 10:30 Mass

Entrance: No. 400  
Offertory: No. 582  
Communion: No. 586  
Recessional: No. 515

### in a nutshell

Jesus Christ is the faithful witness. His role as king is to bear witness to the truth that God is love (1 Jn 4: 8, 16). He does this through his words but most especially through his death on the cross. By listening to his voice and participating in the Eucharistic banquet we are drawn closer to him. Then, as sharers in his kingship, we are commissioned to go out and promote the kingdom of God in our world.

### 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.

### of special note

St Vincent de Paul  
Christmas Toy Appeal

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## Raise Your Voices

### Entrance Antiphon

How worthy is the Lamb who was slain, to receive power and divinity, and wisdom and strength and honour. To him belong glory and power for ever and ever.

### Psalm Response

(R.) The Lord is king;  
he is robed in majesty.

The Lord is king, with majesty enrobed; the Lord has robed himself with might, he has girded himself with power. (R)

The world you made firm, not to be moved; your throne has stood firm from of old. From all eternity, O Lord, you are. (R)

Truly your decrees are to be trusted. Holiness is fitting to your house, O Lord, until the end of time. (R)

### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Blessed is he who inherits the kingdom of David our Father;  
blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Alleluia!

### Communion Antiphon

The Lord sits as King for ever.  
The Lord will bless his people with peace.

## 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

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## MINISTRIES

November 24/25

### Lectors

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

### Extraordinary Ministers

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

December 1/2

### Lectors

Sat 5:00pm	A Dickson
Sun 10:30am	S Somers
Sun 5:00pm	F Feltham

### Extraordinary Ministers

Sat 5:00pm	C Hanley
Sun 10:30am	V Borelli, A Van Tilburg, M Roberts
Sun 5:00pm	N Sims

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

### Counters

November 25: S & J Caton

December 2: M & J Cullinan

December 9: C & B McGuire

December 16: 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:

[moutevelyn@cam.org.au](mailto: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

### Christmas Giving Tree

St Vincent de Paul giving tree is now in the foyer and you are invited take a heart and bring it back with a present by the 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please do not wrap the gift, as each gift is matched to the person that will receive it. All gifts received will be given to families in need in our Parish. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

### 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

Thank you to those Parishioners who have volunteered to maintain the Memorial Wall surrounds.

### 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

*A visit to the Most Blessed Sacrament is a proof of gratitude, a pledge of love and a display of the adoration that is owed to Christ the Lord, who is present there.....* St. Paul VI

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

*"Jesus answered, 'My kingdom does not belong to this world.'"*

JOHN 18:36

How often do we put all our time and energy into building a kingdom here on earth, forgetting that life here is short? The real kingdom is in the next life. Yet, how much time and energy do we invest in working for that eternal kingdom?

### Year of Youth Weekly Prayer – Ends 25 November

For young people who are lost and are searching for meaning in their lives. *We pray to the Lord.*

That as this Year of Youth draws to a close, young people may continue to be inspired in faith. *We pray to the Lord.*

### 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](http://www.globalgifts.org.au)

### Available for purchase at the Piety stall

2019 Columban Art Calendars and packs of Christmas Cards

### 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/>

### Make an Encounter in 2019

Palms Encounters are rich immersions that challenge perceptions of our neighbours, guided by Palms mission volunteers with cultural experience of Timor Leste, Myanmar and Samoa. Timor Leste - April & Sept, Samoa – June, Myanmar- November for more information visit [www.palms.org.au/encounters](http://www.palms.org.au/encounters)

### Walking with God in Nature: Werribee Gorge

Saturday 8 December, 10am–4pm Werribee Gorge Park, Myers Road, Pentland Hills This is an opportunity for you to spend some reflective time as part of a faith community walking in silence and listening to God speaking to you in nature. Cost: \$35 Bookings: Campion Centre of Ignation Spirituality on 9854 8110 or [secretary@campion.asn.au](mailto:secretary@campion.asn.au)

### Tropical Wilderness Retreat: Far North Queensland

Monday 15 to Monday 22 July 2019 Seville Mercy Conference Centre, Cairns, QLD

Join us on a 6-day walking retreat based in Cairns, Queensland in an experience of indigenous culture, beautiful walks and a visit to St Monica's Cathedral. **Details and bookings:** Campion Centre of Ignation Spirituality on 9854 8110 or [secretary@campion.asn.au](mailto:secretary@campion.asn.au)  
**Download Flyer:** <https://melbournecatholic.org.au/Portals/0/Tropical%20Wilderness%20Retreat-Flyer%206.pdf>

## Readings Reflection

### [A Royal Truth](#)

What's the truth Jesus comes to bear witness to in this last Gospel of the Church's year?

It's the truth that in Jesus, God keeps the promise He made to David of an everlasting kingdom, of an heir who would be His Son, "the first born, highest of the kings of the earth" (see 2 Samuel 7:12–16; Psalm 89:27–38).

Today's Second Reading, taken from the Book of Revelation, quotes these promises and celebrates Jesus as "the faithful witness." The reading hearkens back to Isaiah's prophecy that the Messiah would "witness to the peoples" that God is renewing His "everlasting covenant" with David (see Isaiah 55:3–5).

But as Jesus tells Pilate, there's far more going on here than the restoration of a temporal monarchy. In the Revelation reading, Jesus calls Himself "the Alpha and the Omega," the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. He's applying to Himself a description that God uses to describe Himself in the Old Testament—the first and the last, the One who calls forth all generations (see Isaiah 41:4; 44:6; 48:12).

"He has made the world," today's Psalm cries, and His dominion is over all creation (see also John 1:3; Colossians 1:16–17). In the vision of Daniel we hear in today's First Reading, He comes on "the clouds of heaven"—another sign of His divinity—to be given "glory and kingship" forever over all nations and peoples.

Christ is King and His kingdom, while not of this world, exists in this world in the Church. We are a royal people. We know we have been loved by Him and freed by His blood and transformed into "a kingdom, priests for his God and Father" (see also Exodus 19:6; 1 Peter 2:9).

As a priestly people, we share in His sacrifice and in His witness to God's everlasting covenant. We belong to His truth and listen to His voice, waiting for Him to come again amid the clouds.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)  
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# Christ the King!

*What do we mean by the "Kingdom of God"?*

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel." (Mk 1:14-15)

The Kingdom of God refers not only to Heaven but also to the era of peace, joy, and justice ushered in by Christ and carried on as a "work in progress" by the members of his faithful, the Church. In a very real way, the Kingdom of God is the Church herself.

The proclamation of the Kingdom of God was the central theme of Christ's teaching. Through parables, he gave his disciples images of various aspects of the kingdom and how his followers were to live in it. His teaching makes it clear the kingdom he established is not an earthly kingdom but rather an intimate communion between God and his people. "In the word, in the works, and in the presence of Christ, this kingdom was clearly open to the view of men" (LG 5). This intimate communion is realised through Baptism and membership in his Body, the Church.

When describing how his kingdom would affect the world, Christ stressed that his faithful must act as a leaven in the world, transforming it and sanctifying it from within as a tiny amount of yeast leavens a large measure of flour. Like a mustard seed, the Church began small but grew to be the largest of trees, spreading throughout the entire world. Christ established the kingdom, but it will never be completely fulfilled here on earth. Thus, it remains our sacred obligation to help build the Kingdom of God in our world.

The Church continues the mission of Christ by calling people to repentance and proclaiming the kingdom's existence. Just as Christ's divinity was veiled under his humanity while on earth, the Kingdom of God stands veiled under the appearance of a merely human institution, the Church. Only by faith are the faithful able to see the divine nature of the Church, which will be veiled until the glory of Christ is made manifest to the entire world at the end of time.

In the *Lord's Prayer*, "thy kingdom come" makes two requests of Christ: to assist us in building the Kingdom of God on earth and hastening his Second Coming at the end of time.

*From the Didache Bible*

The eternal Father, by a free and hidden plan of His own wisdom and goodness, created the whole world. His plan was to raise men to a participation of the divine life. Fallen in Adam, God the Father did not leave men to themselves, but ceaselessly offered helps to salvation, in view of Christ, the Redeemer "who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature". All the elect, before time began, the Father "foreknew and pre-destined to become conformed to the image of His Son, that he should be the firstborn among many brethren". He planned to assemble in the holy Church all those who would believe in Christ. Already from the beginning of the world the foreshadowing of the Church took place. It was prepared in a remarkable way throughout the history of the people of Israel and by means of the Old Covenant. In the present era of time the Church was constituted and, by the outpouring of the Spirit, was made manifest. At the end of time it will gloriously achieve completion, when, as is read in the Fathers, all the just, from Adam and "from Abel, the just one, to the last of the elect," will be gathered together with the Father in the universal Church.

The Son, therefore, came, sent by the Father. It was in Him, before the foundation of the world, that the Father chose us and predestined us to become adopted sons, for in Him it pleased the Father to re-establish all things. To carry out the will of the Father, Christ inaugurated the Kingdom of heaven on earth and revealed to us the mystery of that kingdom. By His obedience He brought about redemption. The Church, or, in other words, the kingdom of Christ now present in mystery, grows visibly through the power of God in the world. This inauguration and this growth are both symbolized by the blood and water which flowed from the open side of a crucified Jesus, and are foretold in the words of the Lord referring to His death on the Cross: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all things to myself". As often as the sacrifice of the cross in which Christ our Passover was sacrificed, is celebrated on the altar, the work of our redemption is carried on, and, in the sacrament of the eucharistic bread, the unity of all believers who form one body in Christ is both expressed and brought about. All men are called to this union with Christ, who is the light of the world, from whom we go forth, through whom we live, and toward whom our whole life strains.

*From the Dogmatic Constitution on the Church: Lumen Gentium*

**760** Christians of the first centuries said, "The world was created for the sake of the Church." God created the world for the sake of communion with his divine life, a communion brought about by the "convocation" of men in Christ, and this "convocation" is the Church. The Church is the goal of all things,<sup>154</sup> and God permitted such painful upheavals as the angels' fall and man's sin only as occasions and means for displaying all the power of his arm and the whole measure of the love he wanted to give the world:

*Just as God's will is creation and is called "the world," so his intention is the salvation of men, and it is called "the Church"* (St Clement of Alexandria)

*From the Catechism of the Catholic Church*