

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

19 July 2026

readings

Next Week

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12

Ps 118:57, 72, 76-77, 127-130

Rom 8:28-30

Mt 13:44-52

in a nutshell

Wheat among the weeds. The world in which we live is a mixture of wheat and weeds. Wonderful acts of heroism and self-sacrifice occur alongside shocking acts of violence and abuse of power. In the midst of a world tainted by sin we are called to live the values of the kingdom of God. This can be difficult, but the Spirit will help us in our weakness and God, the just and merciful judge, will reward us.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially, Helen O'Kane, Chris Nolet, Marilyn, John Laan, Harry Heering, Pat Henshaw, Fr Pat Purcell
For those who have died recently: and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

Holy Land Crafts Sales this weekend

More information inside

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

See, I have God for my help.
The Lord sustains my soul.
I will sacrifice to you with willing heart,
and praise your name, O Lord, for it is good.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, you are good and forgiving.

O Lord, you are good and forgiving,
full of love to all who call.
Give heed, O Lord, to my prayer
and attend to the sound of my voice. (R.)

All the nations shall come to adore you
and glorify your name, O Lord:
for you are great and do marvellous deeds,
you who alone are God. (R.)

But you, God of mercy and compassion,
slow to anger, O Lord,
abounding in love and truth,
turn and take pity on me. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I stand at the door and knock, says the Lord. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door to me, I will enter his house and dine with him, and he with 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—6:00pm

Thursday—9:00am

Friday—9:00am

Rosary prayed before morning Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday—11:30am-12:30pm

Tuesday—5:10pm-5:40pm

Friday—8:10am-8:40am

Exposition

Tuesday 5:00pm

Friday at 8:00am

Weddings

Please contact the office

Baptisms

Please see Father after Mass

Parish Primary School

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Child Safety

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility. Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

Safeguarding Committee

Fr Michel
Janine Meades
Alan Somers
Sue Van der Linden
Karla Zmegac

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

Please note collections are not taken up during masses.

To contribute to the financial viability of the Parish: Place cash donations and envelopes in the labelled boxes in the narthex or use Tap and Go terminals, or by scanning the QR code



Parish Meetings: 29th July

Finance, Safeguarding & Parish Council
Members please add the date to your diary.

Do you need a Helping Hand?

Ring the St Vinnies Call Centre 1800 305 330
Monday - Friday 10am to 3pm or Alan Somers
0419 134 300

Bulletin notices: by 12:00 noon Thursday
please muntevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:
<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Regular Gardening/Working Bee on first and third Saturdays of the month at 8:00 – 10:00 am. Thank you to the volunteers who turn up to assist with the maintenance of the grounds around the church.

Parish Notices

Holy Land Crafts Sales this weekend

Holy Land Crafts AU, have a selection of authentic handmade olive wood carvings and traditional crafts from the Holy Land for sale. For generations, olive wood carving has been part of daily life in Bethlehem — careful handwork shaped by faith, patience, and heritage. Every piece we offer carries a story of craftsmanship, culture, and Christian tradition from the birthplace of Christ. For more information visit: <https://holylandcraftsau.com/>

Adoration of the Eucharist

Prayer of Blessed Charles de Foucauld: Oh Jesus present in the Blessed Sacrament in our churches, You give us solace and refuge; You give us faith, hope and love. You build for us an inner retreat, and an ardent repose. Help us to seek You and find You.

Prayer prior to examination of conscience: Come, Holy Spirit, into my soul. Show me my sins, both the wrong that I did and the good I failed to do. Give me the grace to be sorry for my sins out of love for God, and so through Confession my soul might be healed and strengthened to do good. Amen.

Adoration, spend time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Tuesday at 5:00pm & Friday 8:00am. Yarra Junction: Thursday at 6:00pm. Confessions available during Adoration.

Stewardship Corner

"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom." - MATTHEW 13:24, 37-38

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!

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To sign up go to <https://formed.org/signup>

1. Enter your email address
2. A screen which will ask you to confirm your email and add your name. Phone is optional.
3. Click "sign up"
4. Lastly: you need to find the parish. Search by post code "3796"
5. It will ask for a password. You don't need one but if you don't it will send an authentication code to your email each log in.

The Parish Prayer Group

Meets Monday at 9:15 am come on in and discover peace in the presence of our Lord in the Eucharist!

PRO-LIFE ALERT – 365Life Cards—“Every card can save a life”

Twice a year on packing day, these cards are distributed to our champions across Australia, to raise awareness and help mothers in need. Each card links to a website with pregnancy help resources. Each card can save a life.

Your opportunity to help: **Saturday 8th of August, anytime between 9am – 3pm** at **St Mary’s Catholic Church Mt Evelyn**

Contact: James Nolet, jnolet@iinet.net.au, 0407 406 384

Or speak with Maureen Cooke

More Info: <https://familyvoice.org.au/voiceforchange>

This will be a “pre-packing day”. We will be preparing about 1,000 packages with labels, donation flyers and return envelopes. Kids welcome.

St Carlo Acutis Exhibition

The Legion of Mary is hosting the Eucharistic Miracles of St Carlo Acutis Exhibition July 16-28, 10:00am-3:00pm at 456 Queensberry Street, North Melbourne. Canonised by Pope Leo XIV in September 2025, St Carlo Acutis inspired millions around the world through his deep love for Jesus in the Eucharist and his creative use of technology to share the faith.

Safeguarding Compliance for Volunteer –Emails Sent This Week

Our aim is to have full compliance by the end of June. A reminder that all volunteers need:

- a Working With Children Check or VIT registration, and the Parish should be linked to this via the appropriate website
- To have signed the Code of Conduct
- To have completed the on-line training

Thank you to those of you who have completed the process. Emails have been sent to those who need to sign the code of conduct and complete the training. Please check your SPAM folder.

When you complete the training and sign the Code of Conduct please forward a copy of the certificate to the office.

This Week’s Joke

A family of three generations are having breakfast together when the youngest grandson looks over at his 20-year-old newlywed wife and asks her, “Will you pass the honey, honey?” She giggles and passes the honey.

His father, not to be outdone, looks over at his beautiful wife and asks, “Will you pass the sugar, sugar?”

She laughs, “You’re still a charmer,” and passes the sugar.

The 80-year-old grandfather looks up, makes eye contact with his wife of 60 years and asks, “Will you pass the tea... bag?”

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Readings Reflection

Of Wheat and Weeds

God is always teaching His people, we hear in today’s First Reading.

And what does He want us to know? That He has care for all of us, that though He is a God of justice, even those who defy and disbelieve Him may hope for His mercy if they turn to Him in repentance.

This divine teaching continues in the three parables that Jesus tells in the Gospel today. Each describes the emergence of the kingdom of God from the seeds sown by His works and preaching. The kingdom’s growth is hidden—like the working of yeast in bread; it’s improbable, unexpected—as in the way the tall mustard tree grows from the smallest of seeds.

Again this week’s readings sound a note of questioning: Why does God permit the evil to grow alongside the good? Why does He permit some to reject the Word of His kingdom?

Because, as we sing in today’s Psalm, God is slow to anger and abounding in kindness. He is just, Jesus assures us—evildoers and those who cause others to sin will be thrown into the fiery furnace at the end of the age. But by His patience, God is teaching us—that above all He desires repentance, and the gathering of all nations to worship Him and to glorify His name.

Even though we don’t know how to pray as we ought, the Spirit will intercede for us, Paul promises in today’s Epistle. But first we must turn and call upon Him, we must commit ourselves to letting the good seed of His Word bear fruit in our lives.

So we should not be deceived or lose heart when we see weeds among the wheat, truth and holiness mixed with error, injustice and sin.

For now, He makes His sun rise on the good and the bad (see Matthew 5:45). But the harvest draws near. Let’s work that we might be numbered among the righteous children—who will shine like the sun in the kingdom of the Father.

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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