

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

3 May 2026

readings

Next Week
6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Ps 65:1-7, 16, 20
1 Pet 3:15-18
Jn 14:15-21

in a nutshell

I am the way. In every age there are people who claim to know the way to a full and happy life. Often their ideas flourish for a while and then fade. But there is one way to the fullness of life that has stood the test of time—and that way is Jesus. If we follow Jesus, the Way, we will come to the fullness of life and truth, and communicate this life to others.

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, Jim & Pat Henshaw, Fr Pat Purcell
For those who have died recently:
and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal
This Weekend

*Please see inside for more
information*

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs. (R.)

For the word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love. (R.)

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the
Lord; no one comes to the Father, except
through me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches,
says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I
in him, bears fruit in plenty, alleluia.

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

Acting Principal: Ronnie Pritchard

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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: 17th June

Parish Council 8:00pm

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 mountevelyn@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

May Mass Counts

Each year the parish is asked to complete mass counts for four weekend in May. This annual count is important for pastoral planning activities across the archdiocese and parish and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.

Project Compassion- THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to the parish community of **Mount Evelyn and Upper Yarra Valley** for your generous support of Project Compassion 2026.

Your support is helping to bring hope, uphold dignity and create lasting change to communities facing poverty and injustice around the world. Together, your community raised an incredible **\$744.90** helping to bring clean water, education, nutritious food, healthcare and support for those living with disability - showing what's possible when we come together as a Church to live out the Gospel message of love and justice.

Thank you for uniting with us this Lent to build a more just and compassionate world.

Safeguarding Compliance for Volunteers—UPDATE

At the most recent Safeguarding Meeting on April 21, discussion was around the volunteer groups within the parish and members of each group. Over the coming weeks you may receive an email or a phone call outlining what action by you is needed to continue your work in the role you have within the parish.

If you undertake any volunteer role within the parish you are required to:

- Have undergone a Working With Children (WWC) Check
- Signed the Code of Conduct
- Undertaken the online training session.

Therefore, if you are a lector, singing in the choir, playing the organ, arranging the flowers, cleaning the church, assisting with the garden, serving morning tea, etc. the above must be undertaken for compliance to the Archdiocese Safeguarding Policy.

Your role as a volunteer is very much appreciated by the parish and your continued assistance is welcome.

Adoration of the Eucharist

Adoration: He who is all-knowing knew of nothing more than He could give than the Eucharist. He who is all-powerful could not do any more than He does in the Sacrament, and He who is all loving had nothing more that He could give. The Eucharist is a Divine storehouse filled with every virtue. (St. Augustine)

Confession: The greatest grace the Church can offer: Reconciliation, the restoration of the Divine friendship, the forgiveness of our sins. (Bishop Robert Barron)

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 stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

April Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report
Total income: \$6072.22

CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal - This Weekend

This year, the Appeal aims to give hope and support to people experiencing homelessness. Our faith calls us to welcome the stranger and care for those most in need. Your compassion ensures individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives.

Your generosity helps open the door to safety, dignity and hope.

Please donate to the CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. You can donate Using the appeal envelope available in our parish, Online - www.catholiccarevic.org.au Phone - (03) 9967 2515 Scan the QR Code All gifts of \$2 and above are tax deductible.



"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me." (Matthew 25:35)

Middle East Emergency Appeal – Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care. To learn more or give today, visit www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal

And a joke to finish!

Ever since Austin was a child, he had a fear someone or something was lurking under his bed at night. So, he finally went to a psychiatrist and told him about his problem. "Every time I go to bed I think there's somebody under it," Austin explained. "I'm scared. I think I'm going crazy." The psychiatrist listened carefully, then said, "Just put yourself in my hands for one year. Come and talk to me three times a week and we should be able to get rid of those fears." "How much do you charge?" asked Austin. "One hundred and eighty dollars per visit," replied the psychiatrist. "I'll sleep on it and if needed I will come back to you," said Austin. Six months later the psychiatrist bumped into Austin on the street. "Why didn't you come to see me about those fears you were having?" inquired the psychiatrist. "Well, one hundred and eighty dollars a visit three times a week for a year is a huge amount of money! So I went to the local pub and a bartender cured me for \$20," Austin explained. "I was so happy to have saved all that money that I bought a new SUV." "Is that so!" said the slightly annoyed psychiatrist. "How, may I ask, did a bartender cure you?" "He told me to cut the legs off the bed. No one can fit under there now!"

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Readings Reflection

[Building His House](#)

By His death, Resurrection and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house.

His Father's house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ's body.

As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today's Epistle, Jesus is the "stone" destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God's dwelling on earth (see Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16).

Each of us is called to be a living stone in God's building (see 1 Corinthians 3:9, 16). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be "holy priests" offering up "spiritual sacrifices"—all our prayer, work, and intentions—to God.

This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt.

God's covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see Exodus 19:6). By our faith in Christ's new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies (see 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Romans 12:1).

In today's First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up, as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the "ministry of the Word."

The Lord's Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today's Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled, but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father.

His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see Acts 19:20), and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see 1 Peter 1:23).

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I go to prepare a place for you. (Jn 14.2)

If we are to become aware of the mysteries of God, we need to see; we need that lingering gaze that becomes a touching. We need to set foot on the “ladder” of the body in order to find there the path to which faith invites us. We might express this more clearly with regard to our contemporary problems: the so-called objective piety, which wants a kind of ministerial participation in the liturgy, is not enough.... The liturgy itself can be celebrated properly only if it is prepared for, and accompanied by, that meditative “tarrying” in which the heart begins to see and to understand, to involve the senses, too, in its seeing, for “it is only with the heart that you see properly”, as Saint-Exupéry has his Little Prince say—that Little Prince whom we can take as a symbol for the childlikeness by which we find our way back out of the clever foolishness of the adult world and into man’s true nature, which is beyond mere reason. Doubting Thomas, who needs to be able to see and touch before he can believe, puts his hand into the Lord’s open side and, in touching, recognizes what is beyond touch and yet really does touch it. He beholds the invisible and yet really sees it: “My Lord and my God” (Jn 20:28). Saint Bonaventure has translated this event from the “once” of that time into the lives of all of us: “The wound of the body reveals the spiritual wound.... Let us look through the visible wound to the invisible wound of love.” We are all like Thomas, unbelieving; but, like him, all of us can touch the exposed Heart of Jesus and in doing so touch and behold the Logos himself. Thus, with our hands and our eyes fixed upon this Heart, we are able to make our confession of faith: “My Lord and my God.”...

Suffering presupposes the ability to suffer; it presupposes the action of the emotions. Among the Fathers of the Church, it was doubtless Origen who understood most profoundly the concept of the suffering God and stated most explicitly that it could not be restricted to the suffering humanity of Jesus, but affected also the Christian image of God. The suffering of the Father consists in letting the Son suffer, and the Spirit shares in the suffering, for, as Saint Paul says, the Spirit groans within us and bears in us and for us the suffering of longing for full redemption (Rom 8:26–27). The theme of the suffering God has become a more or less unfashionable one today—and not without reason, given the rejection of a one-sidedly rationalistic theology and of a portrait of Jesus and a concept of God in which the love of God has degenerated into the triteness of a God who is merely “nice”. Against such a background, Christianity has become a philanthropic organization for world improvement and the Eucharist has been reduced to the status of a family meal. But the theme of the suffering God can thrive only when it is anchored in love for God and in a prayerful recourse to his love. According to the Encyclical *Haurietis Aquas*, the passions of Jesus, which are depicted as united and uniting in the Heart, are a justification and a reason for the fact that even in the relationship between God and man the heart—that is, the capacity for feeling, the emotional aspect of love—must be included. Incarnational spirituality must be a spirituality of the passions, a heart-to-heart spirituality. Precisely in that way is it an Easter spirituality, for the mystery of Easter is, by its very nature, a mystery of suffering, a mystery of the heart.

Pope Benedict XVI, *Co-Workers of the Truth: Meditations for Every Day of the Year*