

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

4 October 2026

readings

Next Week

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 25:6-10

Ps 22

Phil 4:12-14, 19-20

Mt 22:1-4

in a nutshell

The fruits of the kingdom. The tenants in today's Gospel had received much from the landowner who had established the vineyard. It was only fair that he should receive a share of the fruits of the crop. Likewise, we have received much from Christ whose grace produces in us the fruits of truth, goodness, purity, love, honour and virtue. We pay our dues to Christ when we share these fruits with others.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially, Chris Nolet, Marilyn, John Laan, Harry Heerings, Pat Henshaw, Fr Pat Purcell

For those who have died recently: and those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

The office will be closed the weeks of 5 & 12 October.

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The vineyard of the Lord is the House of Israel.

You brought a vine out of Egypt; to plant it you drove out the nations. It stretched out its branches to the sea, to the Great River it stretched out its shoots. (R.)

Then why have you broken down its walls? It is plucked by all who pass by. It is ravaged by the boar of the forest, devoured by the beasts of the field. (R.)

God of hosts, turn again, we implore, look down from heaven and see. Visit this vine and protect it, the vine your right hand has planted. (R.)

And we shall never forsake you again: give us life that we may call upon your name. God of hosts, bring us back; let your face shine on us and we shall be saved. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

I call you friends, says the Lord, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks him.

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.

Please note children using the toilet should be accompanied by a parent.

Safeguarding Committee

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

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

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: 28 October

7:00pm—Finance

7:30 pm—Safeguarding

8:00pm—Parish Counsel

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

Sacramental Program 2027

For Children, not attending the Parish School, wanting to receive the Sacraments, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, instructions are available through our Parish.

Contact Anne at annevan.tilburg@gmail.com Lessons will begin first Sunday in March after 10:30 Mass for Confirmation and the second Tuesday of March at 5pm for First Communion.

Upcoming Office Closure

Janine will be taking annual leave during the weeks beginning October 5 & 12. so the office will be unattended.

Fr Michel will be on leave in the weeks beginning October 12 & 19 so there will be no weekday masses or Adoration. Weekend masses will be as usual.

All Saints Day Party

There will be a party to celebrate All Saints Day on Sunday 1st November, after the 10.30am Mass.

Children are invited to dress as their favourite Saint or wear white as a reminder that we are all called to be Saints.

If you would like to contribute to the party food, please contact Rachael O'Shea on 0437123802 for details.

Adoration of the Eucharist

"He was without a heartbeat for sixty-one minutes. I believe with all my heart that Archbishop Fulton Sheen was walking with us through it. I believe he was making a Holy Hour." Bonnie Engstrom tells the story of her son's miraculous healing through the intercession of Blessed Fulton Sheen.

The more fluent we have become in the act of explaining ourselves, the less certain we seem about changing ourselves. The Sacrament of Confession is radical, precisely because it requires us to stand inside the moral wreckage of our own actions and admit, "I am the one accountable." (Dr. D. P. Curtin)

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 that the builders rejected has become the corner stone..." - Matthew 21:42

Jesus was rejected by the religious and political leaders of his day, as well as ordinary citizens, but he was still obedient to God, the Father. Similarly, living a stewardship lifestyle may cause you to be "rejected" by others, but we, too are called to be obedient. Saying grace before a meal in a restaurant may attract some strange looks from some. But to others it is a sign that God is alive and well!

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month.

Saturday vigil mass is dedicated for this intention. If you know parents who have lost a baby through miscarriage, stillbirth, ectopic pregnancy or infant death, please invite them to this Mass and remember them and their children in your prayers this month.

"Let us pray that all parents who mourn the loss of a son or a daughter find support in their community and may receive peace of the heart from the Spirit of Consolation." (Pope Francis Prayer Intention for November 2024)

March for the Babies 2026 - Saturday 10th October

Meet at 1pm at Treasury Gardens. Please wear pink and/or blue. Babies' lives depend on you! Vote pro-life. Book your free tickets at marchforthebabies.com (Note: no bus this year.)

FORMED: A Faith at Home Resource—Have you signed Up?

This resource is FREE for parishioners. FORMED provides the very best Catholic content from more than 60 organizations to help parishes, families and individuals explore their faith anywhere

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.

Caritas Australia: Nepal Floods Appeal

Communities in northern Nepal are facing a humanitarian crisis after devastating flash floods swept through the Rasuwa District on 26 August. Over 1,000 people have lost their lives, many remain missing, and thousands of families have been affected. Homes, roads, bridges, schools and essential infrastructure have been destroyed, leaving vulnerable communities in urgent need of support.

Caritas Australia is working with Caritas Nepal and local partners to provide lifesaving assistance, including emergency shelter, food, safe drinking water, healthcare and protection support for affected families.

Together, we can provide urgent relief and hope to families rebuilding their lives in Nepal. To donate to the Caritas Australia Nepal Floods Appeal, visit www.caritas.org.au/nepal or call 1800 024 413.



Pray with Pope Leo XIV: One Million Children Praying the Rosary

From 1-7 October, Aid to the Church in Need invites you to join with Pope Leo XIV and Catholics worldwide for the One Million Children Praying the Rosary prayer campaign, for peace and unity in the world.

Families, parishioners, prayer groups, and schools are all encouraged to register to take part!

For free Rosary resources and to register, please scan the QR code or visit: www.acninternational.org/millionchildrenpraying

"When one million children pray the Rosary, the world will change." - Saint Padre Pio

This week's giggle...

As daylight saving starts this weekend...

My wife says daylight saving means we can enjoy longer evenings. Apparently "enjoy" means I can now see all the jobs in the garden that require my attention after work.

I love daylight saving. For one glorious day, being late is the government's fault.

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Readings Reflection

[Living on the Vine](#)

In today's Gospel Jesus returns to the Old Testament symbol of the vineyard to teach about Israel, the Church, and the kingdom of God.

And the symbolism of today's First Reading and Psalm is readily understood.

God is the owner and the house of Israel is the vineyard. A cherished vine, Israel was plucked from Egypt and transplanted in a fertile land specially spaded and prepared by God, hedged about by the city walls of Jerusalem, watched over by the towering Temple. But the vineyard produced no good grapes for the wine, a symbol for the holy lives God wanted for His people. So God allowed His vineyard to be overrun by foreign invaders, as Isaiah foresees in the First Reading.

Jesus picks up the story where Isaiah leaves off, even using Isaiah's words to describe the vineyard's wine press, hedge, and watchtower. Israel's religious leaders, the tenants in His parable, have learned nothing from Isaiah or Israel's past. Instead of producing good fruits, they've killed the owner's servants, the prophets sent to gather the harvest of faithful souls.

In a dark foreshadowing of His own crucifixion outside Jerusalem, Jesus says the tenants' final outrage will be to seize the owner's son, and to kill him outside the vineyard walls.

For this, the vineyard, which Jesus calls the kingdom of God, will be taken away and given to new tenants—the leaders of the Church, who will produce its fruit.

We are each a vine in the Lord's vineyard, grafted onto the true vine of Christ (see John 15:1–8), called to bear fruits of the righteousness in Him (see Philippians 1:11) and to be the "first fruits" of a new creation (see James 1:18).

We need to take care that we don't let ourselves be overgrown with the thorns and briars of worldly anxiety. As today's Epistle advises, we need to fill our hearts and minds with noble intentions and virtuous deeds, rejoicing always that the Lord is near.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
stpaulcenter.com

Thank you to all who helped to make the Festa a great success!

The parish and the Italian Festa Committee would like to thank the following people and organizations that have contributed to making the Festa a great success both this year and in previous years.

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Winner of the Big Raffle

*** DOMENIC FIORELLO ***

Generosity inspired by faith!

All that we have received from God—life itself as well as material goods—does not belong to us but is given to us for our use. Generosity in giving must always be enlightened and inspired by faith: then we will truly be more blessed in giving than in receiving.

Pope St. John Paul II