

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Fourth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

30 April 2023

Readings

Next Week

Acts 6:1-7
Ps 32:1-2, 4-5, 18-19
1 Pet 2:4-9
Jn 14:1-12

in a nutshell

They know his voice. At times it can be hard to recognise the voice of Jesus as there are too many who claim to speak his name. A useful guide is to look at people's actions. We can listen to those whose lives reveal the qualities of Jesus: love, compassion, justice, self-sacrifice. They are the good shepherds in our midst.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Dorothy Heering
For those who have died recently and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Good Shepherd Sunday.
World Day of Prayer for vocations.
Please pray for vocations!

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want. Fresh and green are the pastures where he gives me repose. Near restful waters he leads me, to revive my drooping spirit. (R.)

He guides me along the right path; he is true to his name. If I should walk in the valley of darkness no evil would I fear.
You are there with your crook and your staff; with these you give me comfort. (R.)

You have prepared a banquet for me in the sight of my foes. My head you have anointed with oil; my cup is overflowing. (R.)

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow me all the days of my life. In the Lord's own house shall I dwell for ever and ever. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the good shepherd, says the Lord;
I know my sheep, and mine know me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Good Shepherd has risen, who laid down his life for his sheep and willingly died for his flock, 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—6:30pm (EST)
5:00pm (EDST)
Sunday—10:30am & 5:00pm

Weekday Mass & Rosary

Tuesday—9:00am
Thursday—9:00am
Friday—9:00am

Rosary prayed before morning Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday—11:30am-12:30pm
Friday—8:10am-8:40am

Exposition

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.

Remember children should be accompanied by an adult family member to the toilet.

Safeguarding Committee

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

Car Parking –Weekend Masses

In the interests of safety please park in the official carparks rather than on the grassy areas around the picnic tables. Keep this area for people to gather and chat after mass.

Car Parking –WEEKDAY Masses

Please use available car parks for Mass rather than the front of the church. Please Leave the front for the truly disabled.

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 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>

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, May 2

Finance Committee	7:00pm
Parish Safeguarding	7:30pm
Parish Council	8:00pm

Parish Notices

Good Shepherd Sunday

Today is the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pope Francis tells us:

There can be no greater joy than to risk one's life for the Lord! I would like to say this especially to you, the young. Do not be deaf to the Lord's call. If he calls you to follow this path, do not pull your oars into the boat, but trust him.

Let us pray for the young people in our community, and in our families and circle of friends. May our prayers help them to be open to the Lord's call to consecrated life or priesthood.

A Vocation View

On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, pray for yourself. Pray to know if God is calling YOU to be a Priest, Sister or Brother. Pray!

Corpus Christi College & Catholic Theological College Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal.

Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church. Your tax-deductible donation will support the costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians. <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

Month's Mind Mass— Nicolina Di Fiore

The 9:00 am Mass on Friday 5 May will be offered for Nicolina Di Fiore.

Stewardship Corner

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptised, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'" Acts 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

Wishing to contribute? Direct debit details: St Mary's Church BSB 083-347 account number 648531736 Ref **THK and your surname**.

Adoration of the Eucharist

Wouldn't it indeed be a failure of respect to neglect the Son of God who awaits us? He is there, really present. The same Christ who healed the lepers, stilled the tempest and promised to the good thief a place in His kingdom. We find there our Saviour, in the fullness of His almighty power and the ineffable mercy of His love. (Bl. Columba Marmion)

Reconciliation is not merely the result of our own efforts; it is a gift that flows from the crucified Lord, a peace that radiates from the heart of Jesus, a grace that must be sought. (Pope Francis)

Adoration: Friday morning 8:00am. Yarra Junction Thursday 6:00pm (first Thursday Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

Project Compassion—Last week to return boxes

If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit caritas.org.au/project-compassion and donate online.

Regular Gardening/Working Bee—May 5

Do you have a love of gardening, working outside? The parish needs your expertise and enthusiasm to maintain our grounds. You are invited to put some time aside between 4-6pm on the first and/or third Fridays of the month at one of our regular working bees. BYO PPE, gloves, tools/equipment.

Building Community—Morning Tea after 10.30am Sunday Mass
Stay and chat over a cuppa! Consider joining the roster to assist in serving. If you are unable to serve but would like to contribute, donations of packaged biscuits would be appreciated. Contact Rachael 0437123802 Morning tea after 9:00am Mass first Tuesday of the month.

Pro-Life News

In 2016 in Victoria, 33 out of the 310 babies aborted after 20 weeks gestation were born alive. "A child that survives an attempted termination of pregnancy should be entitled to the same level of medical care and treatment as any newborn child," said Senator Alex Antic. Hear him discuss the resurrected bill to protect children with George Christensen and Ralph Babet.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3TCAwxfy90> or <https://www.youtube.com/@christianvoiceaustralia2023/videos>

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Communities in Africa, Asia or the Pacific are seeking Australians from a variety of professions and trades to share their skills and knowledge with those who have few other chances for training. Build enduring global relationships while assisting sustainable, self-reliant, community development. On our website you can explore 35 positions and also see news including stories from those currently supported in Timor-Leste, Samoa, American Samoa and Thailand. Please enquire further about potential assignments for you or someone you know: RING: 02 9560 5333 or 0422 472 567. WEB: www.palms.org.au

'Pondering Grief' Saturday 20 May 2023, 10 am – 3.30 pm

This day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie a counsellor of loss, grief and bereavement for over 35 years. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost: \$80 including 'Pondering Grief' book (BYO lunch).

Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

Special Cardinal George Pell Tribute Magazine

You can purchase a copy from the Mustardseed Bookshop at <https://mustardseed.org.au/shop/unconquered-heart-cardinal-george-pell/>

Something to Make You Smile

A woman was taking an afternoon nap. When she woke up, she told her husband, "I just dreamed that you gave me a pearl necklace. What do you think it means?"

"You'll know tonight," he said.

That evening, the man came home with a small package and gave it to his wife. Delighted, she opened it to find a book entitled "The Meaning of Dreams."

Did Eve ever have a date with Adam?

Nope — just an apple.

What kind of man was Barry before he married Ruth?

Absolutely Ruth-less.

Readings Reflection

[What Are We To Do?](#)

Easter's empty tomb is a call to conversion.

By this tomb, we should know for certain that God has made Jesus both Lord and Messiah, as Peter preaches in today's First Reading.

He is the "Lord," the divine Son that David foresaw at God's right hand (see Psalms 3; 110:1; 132:10–11; and Acts 2:34). And He is the Messiah that God had promised to shepherd the scattered flock of the house of Israel (see Ezekiel 34:11–14, 23; 37:24).

As we hear in today's Gospel, Jesus is that Good Shepherd, sent to a people who were like sheep without a shepherd (see Mark 6:34; Numbers 27:16–17). He calls not only to the children of Israel, but to all those far off from Him—to whomever the Lord wishes to hear His voice.

The call of the Good Shepherd leads to the restful waters of Baptism, to the anointing oil of Confirmation, and to the table and overflowing cup of the Eucharist, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Again on this Sunday in Easter, we hear His voice calling us His own. He should awaken in us the response of those who heard Peter's preaching. "What are we to do?" they cried.

We have been baptized. But each of us goes astray like sheep, as we hear in today's Epistle. We still need daily to repent, to seek forgiveness of our sins, to separate ourselves further from this corrupt generation.

We are called to follow in the footsteps of the Shepherd of our souls. By His suffering He bore our sins in His body to free us from sin. But His suffering is also an example for us. From Him we should learn patience in our afflictions, to hand ourselves over to the will of God.

Jesus has gone ahead, driven us through the dark valley of evil and death. His Cross has become the narrow gate through which we must pass to reach His empty tomb—the verdant pastures of life abundant.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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There is one mediator between God and Man, Christ Jesus

[Note: Sunday is World Day of Prayer for Vocations]

“Holy Orders is the sacrament through which the mission entrusted by Christ to his apostles continues to be exercised in the Church until the end of time: thus it is the sacrament of apostolic ministry” (CCC 1536).

“[I]t confers a gift of the Holy Spirit that permits the exercise of a ‘sacred power’ ...which can come only from Christ himself” (CCC 1538). After ordination, a priest has the power to turn bread and wine into the Body and Blood of Christ. Such a supernatural power can come only from a supernatural source.

Bishops are the successors to the apostles, in an “ ‘unbroken succession going back to the beginning’ ” (CCC 1555); for the apostles “ ‘passed on to their auxiliaries the gift of the Spirit which is transmitted down to our day through episcopal consecration’ ” (CCC 1556). “ ‘Episcopal consecration confers ... also the offices of teaching and ruling’ ” (CCC 1558).

“Apostolic succession” is a historical fact. Scripture shows that Christ chose apostles and commissioned them to continue his work with his authority and that they in turn ordained successors. Apostolic succession is the link that connects the Church today to the Christ who walked the earth two thousand years ago. Many converts from Protestantism, both great (such as Cardinal Newman) and small (such as the present writer), found their way into the Church through confronting this simple historical fact.

Christ did not tell the apostles how to choose successors, and the “politics” of choosing bishops has varied through Church history. “In our day, the lawful ordination of a bishop requires a special intervention of the Bishop of Rome” [the pope], “because he is the supreme visible bond of the communion of the particular Churches in the one Church” (CCC 1559).

Priests are “ ‘co-workers of the episcopal order for the proper fulfillment of the apostolic mission’ ” (CCC 1562). “Priests can exercise their ministry only in dependence on the bishop and in communion with him” [and, indeed, make a] “promise of obedience ... to the bishop at the moment of ordination” (CCC 1567). Priests, in turn, as “presbyters”, share in the priestly office of the bishop.

The priesthood exists for the Eucharist. It is in the Eucharist that “ ‘they exercise in a supreme degree their sacred office; there, acting in the person of Christ ... and in the sacrifice of the Mass they make present again ... the unique sacrifice of ... Christ offering himself....’ From this unique sacrifice their whole priestly ministry draws its strength [cf. PO 2]” (CCC 1566). When the priest pronounces Christ’s words “This is my Body” and “This is my Blood”, it is Christ who speaks and acts. Only Christ has such miraculous power.

That is why the saintly Curé of Ars said, “ ‘The priest continues the work of redemption on earth.... If we really understood the priest on earth, we would die not of fright but of love’ ” (CCC 1589). Saints have seen angels bowing before priests—not because the priests were especially holy as human beings but because the power Christ gave them in the Eucharist infinitely exceeds the greatest powers of the greatest angel.

The title “Father” should show that love of which the Curé of Ars speaks. It is a reminder that the relationship between priest and people is familial, since it expresses the relationship between God and his people, which is also familial and “fatherly”. “Father” was the word Christ used the most for God, and we cannot be better taught than by him.

A priest is a mediator between God and man. “Everything that the priesthood of the Old Covenant prefigured finds its fulfillment in Christ Jesus, the ‘one mediator between God and men’ ” (CCC 1544).

Israel was God’s “chosen people”—chosen not for their own sake but for service to the whole world. As Israel was God’s collective prophet to the whole world, Israel was also the collective priest for the whole world. “The chosen people was constituted by God as ‘a kingdom of priests and a holy nation’ ” (CCC 1539). And “within the people of Israel, God chose one of the twelve tribes, that of Levi, and set it apart for liturgical service.... The priests are ‘appointed to act on behalf of men in relation to God, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins’ ” (CCC 1539).

Even earlier there was also the priesthood of Melchizedek (Gen 14:18). “The Christian tradition considers Melchizedek, ‘priest of God Most High,’ as a prefiguration of the priesthood of Christ, the unique ‘high priest after the order of Melchizedek’; ... ‘by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified’, that is, by the unique sacrifice of the cross” (CCC 1544).

Christ fulfilled the Old Covenant priesthood on the Cross and extended that work through all time by the ordained priesthood of his Catholic Church, which God designed, like Israel, not for herself but for the whole world (“catholic” means “universal”). The Catholic priesthood today is the extension of Christ. It is not a third step, so to speak, after the Old Covenant priests and then Christ. Priests are Christ’s own hands and lips. “ ‘Christ is the source of all priesthood: the priest of the old law was a figure of Christ, and the priest of the new law acts in the person of Christ’ ” (CCC 1548).

What Christ did on the Cross was the most important thing he came to earth to do: to save us from sin and reconcile us to the Father. This was his “priestly” work; and this incomparably important work—the work of salvation—he now performs through the ordained priesthood of his Church, for her priests are the ones he appointed as successors to the apostles to communicate his salvation through his sacraments. Thus the fundamental purpose of the Sacrament of Holy Orders is the salvation of the world.

“The redemptive sacrifice of Christ is unique, accomplished once for all” (see Heb 10:10); “yet it is made present in the Eucharistic sacrifice of the Church. The same is true of the one priesthood of Christ; it is made present through the ministerial priesthood without diminishing the uniqueness of Christ’s priesthood: ‘Only Christ is the true priest, the others being only his ministers’ ” (CCC 1545).

Dr Peter Kreeft, *Catholic Christianity: A Complete Catechism of Catholic Beliefs Based on the Catechism of the Catholic Church*