

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Second Sunday of Lent (Year B)

25 February 2024

Readings

Next Week

Ex 20:1-17
Ps 18:8-11
1 Cor 1:22-25
Jn 2:13-25

in a nutshell

Listen to Him. Jesus revealed his oneness with sinful humanity by his baptism in the river Jordan. On the mount of transfiguration he revealed his oneness with God who proclaims, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' It takes faith to listen to Jesus, who teaches that the path of life leads along the way of the cross. But, as Abraham learned, if we put our faith in God our reward will be great.

we pray for

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

of special note

Stations of the Cross is celebrated every Friday during lent.

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face. It is your face, O Lord, that I seek; hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted.'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord is the death of his faithful. (R.)

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make:
I will call on the Lord's name. (R.)

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!
From the shining cloud, the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to 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—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
Sue Van der Linden
Karla Zmegac

Car Parking –WEEKDAY Masses

Please use available car parks for Mass rather than the front of the church leaving 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: mountevelyn@cam.org.au

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

Regular Gardening/Working Bee—1st & 3rd Friday

Thank you to the volunteers who turn up to assist with the maintenance of the grounds around the church. 4pm onwards

Next—Friday February 16

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, 20 February

Finance Committee 7:00pm

Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm

Parish Council 8:00pm

DONATIONS TO THE PARISH



Parish Notices

Happy Birthday Fr Michel

This Sunday Fr Michel celebrates his 60th Birthday. There will be coffee and cake after 10:30 Mass for Parishioners to celebrate with him.

New Tap and Go Terminals

Further to our new method of collecting contributions to the Parish and Presbytery, we have two new Tap and Go machines: one for the parish account and one for the presbytery account. These are placed beside the respective collection boxes in the narthex. These machines allow you to choose the amount you are giving. A reminder that as collections are no longer taken up during Mass donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex either before or after Mass.

Stations of the Cross During Lent

We are praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. Please come and pray this traditional devotion following the path of our Lord to Calvary. Jesus said to St Faustina: There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My sorrowful Passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood; the contemplation of My painful wounds is of great profit to you, and it brings Me great joy.
Mount Evelyn: 7:30pm; Yarra Junction: 6:00pm.

2024 Lent Challenge – Free Access

Start your journey. This Lent, join Scott Hahn and John Bergsma as they lead us out of exile and on *the journey home*. **Begins Ash Wednesday, February 14th visit:** <https://stpaulcenter.com/exodus/> to sign up. Free access to the entire site for the duration of Lent.

Project Compassion—Second Sunday of Lent

Ronita is 22. She lives with her husband and two children in a barangay (local district) in Quezon City, which is situated in Metro Manila in the Philippines. Ronita left school when she became pregnant as a teenager. This could have had a life-long impact on her ability to find work and provide for her family but, thankfully, she heard about the Alternative Learning System (ALS) program run by the Faithful Companions of Jesus (FCJ), Caritas Australia's local partners in the Philippines. Through the FCJ, Ronita was able to re-enrol in her studies and continue learning in a safe and flexible environment – even with the arrival of her second child. After completing her ALS classes, Ronita went on to earn her Grade 12 Senior High School Diploma. With her new diploma, Ronita has now secured a job at a call centre and is looking to a brighter future for her whole family. "I have now graduated senior school and I am so proud of myself," she said. "I feel hopeful for the future... Now it's not impossible for me to achieve my dream... Thank you."

Please donate to Project Compassion.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your parish, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Parish Sacramental Program 2024 Enrolments

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

Adoration of the Eucharist

Adoration: There is a mystery, the greatest of mysteries— not that my adored Lord is truly present in the Blessed Sacrament, his word has said it, and that word is truth itself. The mystery is that souls of his own creation, whom he gave his life to save, who are endowed with his choicest gifts, should remain blind, insensible and lukewarm when in the presence of Love that exceeds all wonders! (St. Elizabeth Ann Seton)

Confession: Go to Confession. Do not be afraid. Just go.

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

Stewardship Corner

“‘Here I am!’ he answered.”- Genesis 22:11

It is easy to say, “Here I am, Lord,” when we are kneeling in church. But how easy is it to say “Here I am, Lord,” when a neighbour needs our help, or when we are invited to join a parish ministry, or when we are asked to provide financial support? Often times we are called when it’s not convenient for us. Discipleship is not easy, most of the time it will make us uncomfortable and vulnerable.

2024 The Year of Prayer

Pope Francis has declared 2024 as the Year of Prayer, reminding us of the importance of this timeless spiritual practice. Majellan Media has launched a new podcast series on prayer titled [Prayer is Life](#) which coincides with the start of a Year of Prayer announced by Pope Francis. Prayer is Life is aimed at giving listeners a better understanding about prayer and what prayer can do for them.

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

NOTE: Morning tea after Tuesday 9:00am Mass

Something to Bring a Smile!

One morning one of the residents of a local nursing home didn't show up for breakfast so my wife and I went upstairs and knocked on his door to see if everything was okay. He said that he was running late and would be down shortly, so we went back to the dining area.

An hour later he still hadn't arrived, so my wife went back to his room but found him on the stairs. He was coming down the staircase but it was hard going for him. He had a death grip on the hand rail and seemed to have trouble getting his legs to work in unison. She told him she was going to call an ambulance but he told her no, he wasn't in any pain and just wanted to have his breakfast. So, she helped him down the stairs and he ate his breakfast. When he tried to return to his room, however, he was unable to get up the first step of the stairs, so an ambulance was called.

A couple of hours later we called the hospital to see how he was doing. The receptionist began to giggle but said he was fine. He simply had trouble walking because he had both of his legs in one side of his boxer shorts.

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Readings Reflection

[Bonds Loosed](#)

The Lenten season continues with another story of testing. Last Sunday, we heard the trial of Jesus in the desert. In this week's First Reading, we hear of how Abraham was put to the test.

The Church has always read this story as a sign of God's love for the world in giving His only-begotten son.

In today's Epistle, Paul uses exact words drawn from this story to describe how God, like Abraham, did not withhold His only Son, but handed Him over for us on the Cross (see Romans 8:32; Genesis 22:12,16).

In the Gospel today, too, we hear another echo. Jesus is called God's "beloved Son"—as Isaac is described as Abraham's beloved son.

These readings are given to us in Lent to reveal Christ's identity and to strengthen us in the face of our afflictions.

Jesus is shown to be the true son that Abraham rejoiced to see (see Matthew 1:1; John 8:56). In His transfiguration, He is revealed to be the "prophet like Moses" foretold by God—raised from among their own kinsmen, speaking with God's own authority (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 19).

Like Moses, He climbs the mountain with three named friends and beholds God's glory in a cloud (see Exodus 24:1, 9, 15). He is the one prophesied to come after Elijah's return (see Sirach 48:9–10; Malachi 3:1, 23–24).

And, as He discloses to the Apostles, He is the Son of Man sent to suffer and die for our sins (see Isaiah 53:3).

As we sing in today's Psalm, Jesus believed in the face of His afflictions, and God loosed Him from the bonds of death (see Psalm 116:3).

His rising should give us the courage to face our trials, to offer ourselves totally to the Father—as He did, as Abraham and Isaac did.

Freed from death by His death, we come to this Mass to offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving, and to renew our vows—as His servants and faithful ones.

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

Transfigured in Hope

Today, the Second Sunday of Lent, as we continue on the penitential journey, the liturgy invites us, after presenting the Gospel of Jesus' temptations in the desert last week, to reflect on the extraordinary event of the Transfiguration on the mountain. Considered together, these episodes anticipate the Paschal Mystery: Jesus' struggle with the tempter preludes the great final duel of the Passion, while the light of his transfigured Body anticipates the glory of the Resurrection. On the one hand, we see Jesus, fully man, sharing with us even temptation; on the other, we contemplate him as the Son of God who divinizes our humanity. Thus, we could say that these two Sundays serve as pillars on which to build the entire structure of Lent until Easter, and indeed, the entire structure of Christian life, which consists essentially in paschal dynamism: from death to life.

The mountain—Mount Tabor, like Sinai—is the place of nearness to God. Compared with daily life it is the lofty space in which to breathe the pure air of creation. It is the place of prayer in which to stand in the Lord's presence like Moses and Elijah, who appeared beside the transfigured Jesus and spoke to him of the "exodus" that awaited him in Jerusalem, that is, his Pasch. The Transfiguration is a prayer event: in praying, Jesus is immersed in God, closely united to him, adhering with his own human will to the loving will of the Father, and thus light invades him and appears visibly as the truth of his being: he is God, Light of Light. Even Jesus' raiment becomes dazzling white. This is reminiscent of the white garment worn by neophytes. Those who are reborn in Baptism are clothed in light, anticipating heavenly existence (cf. Rev 7:9, 13). This is the crucial point: the Transfiguration is an anticipation of the Resurrection, but this presupposes death. Jesus expresses his glory to the Apostles so that they may have the strength to face the scandal of the Cross and understand that it is necessary to pass through many tribulations in order to reach the Kingdom of God. The Father's voice, which resounds from on high, proclaims Jesus his beloved Son as he did at the Baptism in the Jordan, adding: "Listen to him" (Mt 17:5). To enter eternal life requires listening to Jesus, following him on the way of the Cross, carrying in our heart like him the hope of the Resurrection. "Spe salvi", saved in hope. Today we can say: "Transfigured in hope".

Turning now in prayer to Mary, let us recognize in her the human creature transfigured within by Christ's grace and entrust ourselves to her guidance, to walk joyfully on our path through Lent.

Pope Benedict XVI, Angelus, 17 February 2008