

Saint Mary's Catholic Church

Mount Evelyn



Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

27 October 2024

Readings

Next Week

31st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 6:2-6

Ps 17: 2-4, 47, 51

Heb 7: 23-28

Mk 12: 28-34

in a nutshell

I want to see! In today's Gospel only the blind man, Bartimaeus, can see who Jesus really is—the Messiah, the Son of David. To the others in the crowd he is only Jesus, the good man from Nazareth. At times it can be hard for us to see Christ in the midst of the sights and sounds of our world. May the Lord open our eyes to recognise him in the breaking of the bread and to see his footprints in our lives. Then, with Bartimaeus, may we joyfully follow him along the road.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Harry & Dorothy Heering, Jim & Pat Henshaw

For those who have died recently, and all those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

If you haven't done so already, Please fill out a census card and return to Father after Mass.

Thank you to all who have returned one!

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice;
turn to the Lord and his strength;
constantly seek his face.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord has done great things for us;
we are filled with joy.

When the Lord delivered Zion from bondage,
It seemed like a dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter,
on our lips there were songs. (R.)

The heathens themselves said: 'What marvels
the Lord worked for them!'
What marvels the Lord worked for us!
Indeed we were glad. (R.)

Deliver us, O Lord, from our bondage
as streams in dry land.
Those who are sowing in tears
will sing when they reap. (R.)

They go out, they go out, full of tears,
carrying seed for the sowing:
they come back, they come back, full of song,
carrying their sheaves. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

Our Saviour Jesus Christ has done away with
death, and brought us life through his gospel.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Christ loved us and gave himself up for us,
as a fragrant offering to God.

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—6:00pm

Thursday—9:00am

Friday—9:00am

Rosary prayed before morning Mass

Reconciliation

Saturday—11:30am-12:30pm

Friday—8:10am-8:40am

Exposition

Tuesday 5:00pm

Friday 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

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH



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 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.
September 21

Parish Meetings: Tuesday, October 22

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

Parish Notices

Parish Census

Please use BLOCK LETTERS and don't forget SURNAME. It is important that the parish receives a card from all members of our community to update the data base and remove people who are no longer part of the parish. THEREFORE IF YOU ARE A REGULAR ATTENDEE AT MASS PLEASE ENSURE YOU RETURN A CENSUS CARD WITH ALL AREAS FILLED IN.

SVDP—Piety Stall

Now in stock the 2025 Columban Art Calendar which includes beautiful artwork, liturgical information and feast days at \$11.00 each. We also have a stock of Christmas Cards in packs of 5.

All Saints Day – Friday 1 November

Please note the whole school will be in attendance at the regular morning Mass.

All Soul's Day Mass

There will be a mass at 11am on Saturday 2 November followed as usual by confessions at 11:30am.

Celebrate All Saint Day with us!

Children of all ages invited- Lollies, Games & Prizes! Dress as your favourite Saint or wear white to remind us that we are all called to be Saints!

Where: St. Mary's Catholic Church, Mount Evelyn School Hall

When: Sunday 3rd November Time: 10.30am Mass followed at 12noon- 2pm Party Light lunch, drinks and party food provided. Please inform of any allergies.

Contact: Rachael 0437123802

Children must be accompanied by an adult for duration of the party.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The primary and fundamental element in adoration is an interior act of mind and will; the mind perceiving that God's perfection is infinite, the will bidding us to extol and worship this perfection.

Confession, like all other sacraments, is a gift through which God has made His saving love and mercy real and present to us. In his desire to set all people free and draw them into the authentic peace that is communion with God, Christ entrusted his ministry of reconciliation to the apostles. (Catholic 101: go to Confession)

Adoration: Tuesday 5:00pm, Friday 8:00am. Yarra Junction Thursday 6:00pm (first Thursday Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

Stewardship Corner

"And Jesus said to him, 'Go your way; your faith has made you well.' And immediately he received his sight and followed him on the way." (MARK 10:52)

Faith is believing in something even though you may not be able to physically see it. Many people think that miracles don't happen anymore. This is hard, but try to focus on the positive and not the negative things in your life. When you focus on your blessings instead of your hardships, miracles will seem common. You will see God's active presence in your daily life. You will begin to develop an attitude of gratitude.

Supporting the Parish

There are a number of ways to contribute to the financial viability of the Parish:

- Cash donations and envelopes in the labelled boxes in the narthex
- Tap and Go terminals
- Via the QR code in the bulletin
- Direct Debit BSB 083347 **Church:** 648531736, **Presbytery:** 649237379

Petition against the government's "Rainbow Toolkit"

The Victorian government is rolling out "Rainbow Toolkits" for Victorian libraries which would require librarians to ask children as young as five years old about their "preferred pronouns". In addition, more books on gender diversity will be added to library collections and drag queen story time will be promoted and "gender language" will be avoided, i.e. no boy/girl, he/she. A petition to oppose this is in the foyer.

World Mission Sunday Appeal

We would like to thank you for your generosity supporting the Church in Mongolia and House of Mercy.

Thanks to your kindness, people like Chuluunbaatar will have access to the support they need to help them get back on their feet. Your gift will also support a variety of Church programs around the world.

To learn more about the impact your support is making, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work. Here, you can also sign up to our regular newsletter to keep up to date with the latest news. If you have not yet had the opportunity to give, please do so at catholicmission.org.au/mongolia. Your action will make a profound change on people's lives.

Donations across both parishes: \$567.35

2024 Knox Public Lecture 7th November 7.30 pm

"Connecting with Hope, Reconnecting with the Christian Vision of the Person"

Presented by Rev. Assoc. Prof. Jamie Calder SJ MAPS

Booking: Scan the QR code or go to trybooking.com/CVXGD

Enquiries: phone: 9412 3333

email: vi.panganiban@ctc.edu.au web: ctc.edu.au

Something to bring a smile!

For all those young people who are about to sit exams, hopefully the following jokes will provide some comic relief.

I got caught cheating on my physics exam. Furious, my professor said to me, "I hope you understand the gravity of the situation." If I had known that, I wouldn't be in this situation in the first place.

I missed a question on my biology exam today. The question was "what are commonly found in cells?" I guess "prisoners" wasn't the right answer.

Teacher: "I hope I didn't see you looking at Tim's exam paper."

Pupil: "I hope you didn't see me either!"

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Readings Reflection

[Seeing the Son of David](#)

Today's Gospel turns on an irony—it is a blind man, Bartimaeus, who becomes the first person outside of the Apostles to recognize Jesus as the Messiah. And his healing is the last miracle Jesus performs before entering the holy city of Jerusalem for His last week on earth.

The scene on the road to Jerusalem evokes the joyful procession prophesied by Jeremiah in today's First Reading. In Jesus this prophecy is fulfilled. God, through the Messiah, is delivering His people from exile, bringing them back from the ends of the earth, with the blind and lame in their midst.

Jesus, as Bartimaeus proclaims, is the long-awaited Son promised to David (see 2 Samuel 7:12–16; Isaiah 11:9; Jeremiah 23:5). Upon His triumphal arrival in Jerusalem, all will see that the everlasting kingdom of David has come (see Mark 11:9–10).

As we hear in today's Epistle, the Son of David was expected to be the Son of God (see Psalm 2:7). He was to be a priest-king like Melchizedek (see Psalm 110:4), who offered bread and wine to God Most High at the dawn of salvation history (see Genesis 14:18–20).

Bartimaeus is a symbol of his people, the captive Zion of whom we sing in today's Psalm. His God has done great things for him. All his life has been sown in tears and weeping. Now, he reaps a new life.

Bartimaeus, too, should be a sign for us. How often Christ passes us by—in the person of the poor, in the distressing guise of a troublesome family member or burdensome associate (see Matthew 25:31–46)—and yet we don't see Him.

Christ still calls to us through His Church, as Jesus sent His Apostles to call Bartimaeus. Yet how often are we found to be listening instead to the voices of the crowd, not hearing the words of His Church.

Today He asks us what He asks Bartimaeus: "What do you want me to do for you?" Rejoicing, let us ask the same thing of Him—what can we do for all that He has done for us?

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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Saying the Rosary is saying “I love You, I love You, I love you.”

[October is the month of the Rosary]

From the earliest days, the Church asked its faithful to recite the one hundred and fifty Psalms of David. This custom still prevails among priests, who recite some of these Psalms every day. But it was not easy for anyone to memorize the one hundred and fifty Psalms. Then, too, before the invention of printing, it was difficult to procure a book. That is why certain important books like the Bible had to be chained like telephone books; otherwise people would have run off with them. Incidentally, this gave rise to the stupid lie that the Church would not allow anyone to read the Bible, because it was chained. The fact is, it was chained so people could read it. The telephone book is chained, too, but it is more consulted than any book in modern civilization!

The people who could not read the one hundred and fifty Psalms wanted to do something to make up for it. So they substituted one hundred and fifty Hail Marys. They broke up these one hundred and fifty, in the manner of the [Eastern] Acathist, into fifteen decades, or series of ten. Each part was to be said while meditating on a different aspect of the Life of Our Lord. To keep the decades separate, each one of them began with the Our Father and ended with the Doxology of Praise to the Trinity. St. Dominic, who died in 1221, received from the Blessed Mother the command to preach and to popularize this devotion for the good of souls, for conquest over evil, and for the prosperity of Holy Mother Church and thus gave us the Rosary in its present classical form.

Practically all the prayers of the Rosary, as well as the details of the Life of Our Saviour on which one meditates while saying it, are to be found in the Scriptures. The first part of the Hail Mary is nothing but the words of the Angel to Mary; the next part, the words of Elizabeth to Mary on the occasion of her visit. The only exception is the last part of the Hail Mary, namely, “Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death. Amen.” This was not introduced until the latter part of the Middle Ages. Since it seizes upon the two decisive moments of life: “Now, and at the hour of our death,” it suggests the spontaneous outcry of people in a great calamity. The Black Death, which ravaged all Europe and wiped out one-third of its population, prompted the faithful to cry out to the Mother of Our Lord to protect them, at a time when the present moment and death were almost one.

In keeping with the spirit of adding something to this prayer when evil is intensified, I find it interesting that, when the Blessed Mother appeared at Fatima in 1917 because of the great decline in morals and the advent of godlessness, she asked that, after the “Glory be to the Father, Son and Holy Spirit,” we add, “O my Jesus forgive us our sins, save us from the fire of Hell, lead all souls to Heaven, especially those who are most in need of Thy mercy.”

It is objected that there is much repetition in the Rosary because the Lord’s Prayer and the Hail Mary are said so often; therefore it is monotonous. That reminds me of a woman who came to see me one evening after instructions. She said, “I would never become a Catholic. You say the same words in the Rosary over and over again, and anyone who repeats the same words is never sincere. I would never believe anyone who repeated his words, and neither would God.” I asked her who the man was with her. She said he was her fiancé. I asked: “Does he love you?” “Certainly, he does.” “But how do you know?” “He told me.” “What did he say?” “He said: ‘I love you.’ ” “When did he tell you last?” “About an hour ago.” “Did he tell you before?” “Yes, last night.” “What did he say?” “‘I love you.’ ” “But never before?” “He tells me every night.” I said: “Do not believe him. He is repeating; he is not sincere.”

The beautiful truth is that there is no repetition in, “I love you.” Because there is a new moment of time, another point in space, the words do not mean the same as they did at another time or space. A mother says to her son: “You are a good boy.” She may have said it ten thousand times before, but each time it means something different; the whole personality goes out to it anew, as a new historical circumstance summons forth a new outburst of affection. Love is never monotonous in the uniformity of its expression. The mind is infinitely variable in its language, but the heart is not. The heart of a man, in the face of the woman he loves, is too poor to translate the infinity of his affection into a different word. So the heart takes one expression, “I love you,” and in saying it over and over again, it never repeats. It is the only real news in the universe.

That is what we do when we say the Rosary, we are saying to God, the Trinity, to the Incarnate Saviour, to the Blessed Mother: “I love You, I love You, I love you.” Each time it means something different because, at each decade, our mind is moving to a new demonstration of the Saviour’s love: for example, from the mystery of His Love which willed to become one of us in His Incarnation, to the other mystery of love when He suffered for us, and on to the other mystery of His Love where He intercedes for us before the Heavenly Father. And who shall forget that Our Lord Himself in the moment of His greatest agony repeated, three times within an hour, the same prayer?

All the idle moments of one’s life can be sanctified, thanks to the Rosary. As we walk the streets, we pray with the Rosary hidden in our hand or in our pocket; driving an automobile, the little knobs under most steering wheels can serve as counters for the decades. While waiting to be served at a lunchroom, or waiting for a train, or in a store; or while playing dummy at bridge; or when conversation or a lecture lags — all these moments can be sanctified and made to serve inner peace, thanks to a prayer that enables one to pray at all times and under all circumstances. If you wish to convert anyone to the fullness of the knowledge of Our Lord and of His Mystical Body, then teach him the Rosary. One of two things will happen. Either he will stop saying the Rosary — or he will get the gift of faith.

*Venerable Archbishop Fulton Sheen, from the book The World’s First Love
From the website catholicgentleman.net*