

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Sunday of the Resurrection

31 March 2024

Readings

Next Week

Acts 4:32-35
Ps 117:2-4, 15-18, 22-24
1Jn 5:1-6
Jn 20:19-31

in a nutshell

Christ is risen. Alleluia! The empty tomb, and the neatly folded burial clothes, were signs that led the Beloved Disciple to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In the witness of the apostles, and the faithfulness, courage and love of our fellow Christians, we too have powerful signs that Christ is risen and lives among us. Observing them, our faith cries out: 'Alleluia!'

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Margaret Marshall, Margaret Broderick, Fida Rees, Pauline Bennett, Frankie Pettinella

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

of special note

The Lord Is Risen!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

I have risen, and I am with you still, alleluia.
You have laid your hand upon me, alleluia.
Too wonderful for me, this knowledge, alleluia, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) This is the day the Lord has made;
let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good,
for his love has no end.
Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.' (R.)

The Lord's right hand has triumphed;
his right hand raised me up.
I shall not die, I shall live
and recount his deeds. (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected
has become the corner stone.
This is the work of the Lord,
a marvel in our eyes. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Christ has become our paschal sacrifice;
let us feast with joy in the Lord.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Christ our Passover has been sacrificed,
alleluia; therefore let us keep the feast with
the unleavened bread of purity and truth,
alleluia, alleluia.

The Parish of Sacred Heart

Parish Priest

REV. MICHEL G CORRIVEAU

Parish Secretary

Janine Meades

Parish Office Hours

Thursday
9:00am-4:00pm

Weekly Schedule

Sunday Mass

Warburton: Saturday—4:30pm (EST)
7:00pm (EDST)
Yarra Junction: Sunday—8:30am

Weekday Mass

Wednesday—9:00am Yarra Junction
First Friday—11:30am Warburton

Reconciliation

Thursday 6:00pm-6:45pm
Thursdays at Yarra Junction
First Thursday at Warburton

Exposition

Thursday at 6:00pm
Thursdays at Yarra Junction
First Thursday at Warburton

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 to the toilets.

Safeguarding Committee

Fr Michel
Janine Meades
Michael Fahey
Paul Latham
Mary Ryan
Enzo Torresan
Nino Troiani

Working With Children

There are a number of parishioners whose Working With Children Check has expired. Could you please check your cards and update if necessary.

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: Wednesday, TBA

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

Parish Notices

First Friday Mass at Sacred Heart Warburton at 11:30am on April 5

Daylight Saving

Just a reminder that daylight finishes next Sunday at 2:00am (3:00am daylight savings time). The Vigil Mass time reverts to the 'Winter' timetable (4:30pm) the following week (April 13/14).

Parish Council—March Report

At the latest meeting of the Parish Council discussion centered around the financial viability of the Parish and the need to consider the closure of Sacred Heart Church in Warburton. Feedback is welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Eucharist is reserved in churches to serve as the spiritual centre of a parish community, indeed the centre of the whole Church and the whole of mankind. Since the Eucharist contains beneath the veil of the species, Christ, the invisible Head of the Church, the Redeemer of the world, the centre of all hearts, by whom all things are and by whom we exist. (Pope St. Paul VI)

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, spend time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 6:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration. Friday mornings 8:00am Mount Evelyn

Stewardship Corner

"Think of what is above, not of what is on earth." - COLOSSIANS 3:2
On this day we thank God for His Son, Jesus, who died, rose and opened the gates of heaven for us. We celebrate and sing "Alleluia." "Let's try to keep the joy of this Easter season in our hearts throughout the year! Pray daily and listen for how God is calling each of us to joyfully use our gifts to fulfill His salvation plan.

Thanksgiving/stewardship

Not part of the Stewardship program? Have you considered contributing to assist in the upkeep of the Parish through a formal stewardship pledge? Contact the office to become part of this either by direct debit or envelopes.

Project Compassion—Easter Sunday

Happy Easter from all at Caritas Australia!

Thank you for your continued support through Project Compassion. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow, for all future generations. Thank you for supporting Caritas Australia's Project Compassion 2024 Lenten appeal.

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. **Please return envelopes/boxes next weekend.**

St Mary's Prayer Group

The Prayer Group meet every Friday in the church from 2-3 p.m. Come and join us! "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God" (St. John Damascene). All Welcome!

Mission: Transform Lives - theirs...and yours

Have you been considering whether an overseas professional placement with Palms is for you? Wanting to share your skills with communities in the Pacific, Asia or Africa to help develop self-reliance and sustainable solutions to poverty? Come to Palms' Discovery information session at Sacred Heart, 2 Mora Ave Oakleigh on 22 April at 5:30pm. Meet our director Soraya and former Palms participants to find out more about Assignments Aboard. 02 9560 5333 palms@palms.org.au <https://palms.org.au/current-opportunities/>

Walking the Land in Autumn

This experience on 6 April is an opportunity to walk the land along the Darebin Creek and parklands in Alphington, enjoying their wonder in autumn and being enriched by the spirituality of the earth. The day will invite you into a deeper sense of connection to the abiding mystery of the land to which we belong. The process of the day will include personal reflection and creative time. Cost of \$60 includes journaling and art material. (BYO Lunch)

Book in using this link: <https://www.heartoflife.melbourne/events/walking-the-land-in-autumn/>

Something to Bring a Smile!

A priest, a deacon and the parish secretary take a shortcut through a vacant lot on their way to a meeting to discuss the upcoming Easter services when they come across an old oil lamp. The priest picks it up and rubs it with his handkerchief. To their amazement, a genie appears in a puff of smoke and offers them all one wish each.

The parish secretary cries out, "I desperately need a holiday. I want to be on an island paradise on a deck chair soaking up the sun's rays."

The genie waves his hand and she disappears in a puff of smoke.

The deacon bellows, "I want to be at the Vatican, marvelling at all the artwork in the Sistine Chapel and never have to go to another meeting as long as I live."

He too disappears in a puff of smoke.

Scowling, the parish priest glares at the genie, "I want those two back in time for the meeting in 10 minutes."

What did one Easter egg say to the other? "Know any good yokes?"

Where does the Easter Bunny live? Nobunny knows.

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Readings Reflection

New Morning

The tomb was empty. In the early morning darkness of that first Easter, there was only confusion for Mary Magdalene and the other disciples. But as the daylight spread, they saw the dawning of a new creation.

At first they didn't understand the Scripture, today's Gospel tells us. We don't know which precise Scripture texts they were supposed to understand. Perhaps it was the sign of Jonah, who rose from the belly of the great fish after three days (see Jonah 1:17). Or maybe Hosea's prophecy of Israel's restoration from exile (see Hosea 6:2). Perhaps it was the psalmist who rejoiced that God had not abandoned him to the netherworld (see Psalm 16:9-10).

Whichever Scripture it was, as the disciples bent down into the tomb, they saw and they believed. What did they see? Burial shrouds in an empty tomb. The stone removed from the tomb. Seven times in nine verses we hear that word—"tomb."

What did they believe? That God had done what Jesus said He would do—raised Him up on the third day (see Mark 9:31; 10:34).

What they saw and believed they bore witness to, as today's First Reading tells us. Peter's speech is a summary of the gospels—from Jesus' baptism in the Jordan to His hanging on a tree (see Deuteronomy 21:22-23), to His rising from the dead.

We are children of the apostles, born into the new world of their witness. Our lives are now "hidden with Christ in God," as today's Epistle says. Like them, we gather in the morning on the first day of the week—to celebrate the Eucharist, the feast of the empty tomb.

We rejoice that the stones have been rolled away from our tombs, too. Each of us can shout, as we do in today's Psalm: "I shall not die, but live." They saw and believed. And we await the day they promised would come—when we, too, "will appear with Him in glory."

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Divine Mercy Sunday—St Mary's

2:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Recitation of the Holy Rosary

3:00pm Divine Mercy Prayer—Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:30pm St Faustina's Praises of the Mercy of God

3:45pm St Faustina's Prayer for Priests

4:00pm Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

4:30pm Benediction & The Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image

5:00pm Holy Mass

Confessions from 2:45pm-4:15pm

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

The Humble Instrument

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her Diary, the Pope call her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely on St. Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully toward others. We also turn to her in prayer and request her intercession to our merciful Savior on our behalf.

[The Divine Mercy](#)