

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

## Yarra Junction & Warburton



## Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)

### 16 March 2025

### readings

#### Next Week

#### 3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 3: 1-8, 13-15

Ps 102: 1-4, 6-8, 11

1 Cor 10: 1-6, 10-12

Lk 13: 1-9

### in a nutshell

*Strengthening our Faith.* In today's Gospel Jesus takes three of his disciples aside and reveals himself to them in his glory as the Son of God. His aim is to strengthen their faith in him as they make the difficult journey to Calvary. Jesus does something similar for us in the Sunday Eucharist. He invites us to step aside from our daily chores to pray, to listen to his word and be nourished by him. Strengthened, we go out from Mass ready to take up our journey along the way of the cross.

### we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially Pope Francis, Fr Pat Purcell, Margaret Marshall, Margaret Broderick, Fida Rees, For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

### of special note

Parish Stewardship Campaign begins this week.

*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.

#### Psalm Response

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;  
whom shall I fear?  
The Lord is the stronghold of my life  
before whom shall I shrink?

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;  
have mercy and answer.  
Of you my heart has spoken:  
'Seek his face.'

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,  
hide not your face.  
Dismiss not your servant in anger;  
you have been my help.

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness  
in the land of the living.  
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.  
Hope in the Lord!

#### Gospel acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!  
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.  
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

#### Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

### 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  
Enzo Torresan  
Nino Troiani

**Bulletin notices by 12:00 noon Thursday please**

[mountevelyn@cam.org.au](mailto:mountevelyn@cam.org.au)

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

**Parish Meetings: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday  
26 February**

Support the Parish using the QR Code below.



## Parish Notices

### Parish Stewardship Program

Dear Parishioners, This weekend, we begin the Offertory Giving Program, which will take place over the next four weeks. The call to generosity is God's invitation for us to deepen our faith and is a vital part of our identity as Christians. You are encouraged to prayerfully engage with this time of reflection and discernment. We look forward to growing deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process. God bless, Fr Michel.

### Flowers for Easter

Next week there will be collection towards the cost of flowers for Easter.

### Project Compassion

**Toefuata'iga** - (*Toy-foo-ah-tah-ing-ah*) a primary school student from Samoa faced severe water shortages at her school. Thanks to Caritas Australia and the generosity of supporters like you, her primary school now has a 10,000 L water tank. Teachers and students now have access to clean drinking water at their school and are able to focus on education.

Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes, online at: [caritas.org.au/project-compassion](http://caritas.org.au/project-compassion) or by calling: 1800 024 413

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Christ the Lord was tempted and suffered for us. Come let us adore him.

Confession: God's commandments are not merely a list of things that aren't supposed to be done. We forget that the commandments given to us by God through the prophets and through Christ are a part of a covenant, that they all point towards our relationship with God.

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

"I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession." - Genesis 15:7

Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses, and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

### Your financial support can be made via:

- Cash using the stewardship envelopes—call the office for information on how to become a contributor
- Direct Debit BSB 083347 **Sacred Heart Church**: 670642723, Presbytery: 649237379
- Use the QR Code on this page
- The website <https://www.melbournecatholic.org/s/upperyarra> and choose where you are donating: church, presbytery, maintenance.

### St Mary's Prayer Group

Meets Monday at 9:15 am and Fridays at 2pm. For more information please call Maria at 0409 793 001 or just come on in and discover peace in the presence of our Lord in the Eucharist!

### **Stations of the Cross During Lent—6:00pm Fridays at St Mary's**

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. NOTE: There will not be Stations at Yarra Junction.

### **Walk with Mary 2025**

On Sunday, 23 March, there will be at St Patrick's Cathedral prayers commencing at 2pm followed by Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter Comensoli followed by a street procession. For more information visit [thecombinedsocietiesofmary.com](http://thecombinedsocietiesofmary.com) or call Mrs Joy Hunt 9509 2207.

### **Fraternity of St Joseph Young Men's Group (Lilydale)**

Young men and dads (18-50) are invited to a monthly gathering at St Patrick's for a time of prayer and fellowship. Commencing at 6:30pm with a Holy Hour (Eucharistic Adoration) in the Church; followed by a time of socialising and recreation in the Community Centre, from 7:30pm-9:00pm. Food and drinks provided, plus the opportunity to show your skills with the dartboard and table-tennis table! First Friday of the month.

### **Lenten Series – The Seven Last Words (Discussion Group)**

The St. Paul Centre (Dr. Scott Hahn) is offering a free Lenten Video Series. We will have a Lenten Discussion group every Wednesday of Lent at 6pm in the St Mary's parish portable. We will discuss the videos from The Seven Last Words series. Though we will watch the video on Wednesdays, it would be best if you would have seen the video prior to our discussion. You can sign up for free at <https://stpaulcenter.com/>

### **Patrick Oration 2025**

Join us on the feast day of St Patrick, the patron saint of the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, for the annual Patrick Oration to be delivered by the Most Rev Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop of Melbourne. Monday 17 March 2025 7.30pm–8.30pm Watch the live broadcast on TV or online: On TV via C31 (digital channel 44) or Archdiocesan YouTube Channel ([www.youtube.com/archmelb](http://www.youtube.com/archmelb))

### **Something to bring a smile!**

An Irishman was flustered at not being able to find a parking space in a large shopping centre car park. He'd circled the centre three times without luck. "Lord," he finally prayed, "I can't stand this. If you find a space up for me, I swear I'll give up drinking me whiskey, and I promise to go to church every Sunday." Suddenly, the clouds parted and the sun shone on an empty parking spot. Without hesitation, the man said, "Never mind, I found one."

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## **Readings Reflection**

### [The Glory in Sight](#)

In today's Gospel, we go up to the mountain with Peter, John, and James. There we see Jesus "transfigured," speaking with Moses and Elijah about His "exodus."

The Greek word "exodus" means "departure." But the word is chosen deliberately here to stir our remembrance of the Israelites' flight from Egypt.

By His death and resurrection, Jesus will lead a new Exodus—liberating not only Israel but every race and people; not from bondage to Pharaoh, but from slavery to sin and death. He will lead all mankind, not to the territory promised to Abraham in today's First Reading, but to the heavenly commonwealth that Paul describes in today's Epistle.

Moses, the giver of God's law, and the great prophet Elijah, were the only Old Testament figures to hear the voice and see the glory of God atop a mountain (see Exodus 24:15–18; 1 Kings 19:8–18).

Today's scene closely resembles God's revelation to Moses, who also brought along three companions and whose face also shone brilliantly (see Exodus 24:1; 34:29). But when the divine cloud departs in today's Gospel, Moses and Elijah are gone. Only Jesus remains. He has revealed the glory of the Trinity—the voice of the Father, the glorified Son, and the Spirit in the shining cloud.

Jesus fulfills all that Moses and the prophets had come to teach and show us about God (see Luke 24:27). He is the "chosen One" promised by Isaiah (see Isaiah 42:1; Luke 23:35), the "prophet like me" that Moses had promised (see Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22–23; 7:37). Far and above that, He is the Son of God (see Psalm 2:7; Luke 3:21–23).

"Listen to Him," the Voice tells us from the cloud. If, like Abraham, we put our faith in His words, one day we too will be delivered into "the land of the living" that we sing of in today's Psalm. We will share in His resurrection, as Paul promises, our lowly bodies glorified like His.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)  
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# The Transfiguration of Humanity

The Transfiguration is the event that sets Jesus off to Jerusalem. Shortly after the Transfiguration, Jesus “set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:51). What is it about the Transfiguration that turns Jesus’ attention to Jerusalem? What is so pivotal about this amazing and seemingly bizarre event that makes it the hinge of the story, leading Jesus onto a road that will end on Calvary?

The disciples were still reeling from the shocking challenge that Jesus had given them the prior week. In response to Peter’s confession that Jesus was the “Christ of God” (Lk. 9:20), the Messiah, Jesus had said some shocking things about what it meant to follow Him: “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Lk. 9:23). The notion of carrying one’s cross meant only one thing in first-century Israel: Roman execution. The Roman penalty for rebellion was crucifixion, which entailed carrying the crossbeam to the place of one’s execution, usually by a main road or thoroughfare where many could witness what happens to those who rebel against Rome. To be challenged to “take up one’s cross” was disquieting to say the least. No wonder then that Jesus decided to take some of the disciples on a retreat.

About eight days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John up Mount Tabor to pray. At the top of the mountain, as they are praying, all heaven breaks loose. It starts with Jesus’ face, which begins to glow with glory. Not only His face, but “his raiment became dazzling white” as well (Lk. 9:29). Then Moses and Elijah appear. The three disciples then behold Jesus speaking with Moses and Elijah. What did Jesus discuss with Moses, the giver of the Torah, and Elijah, the great prophet? Luke alone discloses the content of their conversation. They “spoke of his departure [literally exodus in Greek], which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:31). Whom better to discuss the exodus with than Moses, the leader of Israel’s first exodus?

Seeing Jesus’ glory, not to mention Moses and Elijah, is enough to wake up Peter and his companions, who are probably exhausted from the climb up the mountain. Peter then makes what seems to be a very odd suggestion: “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah” (Lk. 9:33). Does Peter want to set up camp on the holy mount?

Luke has given us a clue to what Peter is thinking when he mentions that this event took place on the eighth day (Lk. 9:28). In the Jewish liturgical calendar, there is one feast that lasts eight days, the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:36). This feast commemorates the exodus and particularly the giving of the law on Sinai. On the eighth day of the feast, booths are set up to commemorate how the Israelites lived in tents during the exodus. It is possible that they went up the mountain to pray that day because it was the solemn high day of the Feast of Tabernacles. What better place to remember Sinai than on a mountain?

Indeed, the events of Sinai are not only remembered but also repeated during the Transfiguration. The glory cloud of the Lord descends upon the mount and the disciples who, like the Israelites of old, are afraid. “And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ ” (Lk. 9:35).

On Mount Sinai, Moses’ face was transfigured with the glory of God. Jesus’ face also shines with glory, but even more than Moses, Jesus’ whole appearance becomes “dazzling white” (Lk. 9:29). Jesus outshines Moses in reflecting the glory of the Lord. The connection with Moses’ transfiguration shows that Jesus’ transfiguration in glory is not simply a manifestation of His divinity, but rather a revelation of Jesus’ perfected and glorified humanity. Jesus reveals God the Father’s desire to transform humanity into the likeness of divine glory. This makes sense once we consider that when Moses radiated God’s glory it was not a sign that Moses was divine, but rather that he was granted the grace to share in God’s glory. The aim of the transfiguration is not simply to give a glimpse of Jesus’ divinity, but to give us a glimpse of true humanity, a humanity that reflects the image and likeness of God in glory.

The events of Sinai are transfigured by the descent of glory upon Jesus on Tabor. On the mount of Transfiguration—the new Sinai—a new Torah is revealed. The new Torah is not the word of God written on stone tablets, but the Word made flesh. The voice from the cloud announces the new law, which is a person: “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” (Lk. 9:35). On the new and greater Sinai, the Father reveals His Son. Jesus takes the place of the Torah, not that the Torah is abolished, but now that the sun has come it is time to blow out the candles. Jesus embodies the Torah; the best way to know and understand the will of the Father is to look at and listen to His Son. The command, “listen to him” (Lk. 9:35), echoes the poignant prophecy of Moses that one greater than he would come and give a new covenant and law, and Moses concluded the prophecy with the injunction that Israel listen to Him (cf. Deut. 18:15–18).<sup>1</sup> Jesus is that new and greater Moses.

The conversation among Moses, Jesus, and Elijah concerns Jesus’ exodus. The connection with Moses highlights how Jesus’ mission is to be seen as a new exodus. The place for the exodus is Jerusalem. Shortly after this conversation, Jesus “set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:51). The reason is revealed on Tabor: Jesus is journeying to Jerusalem to accomplish the new exodus. The mission of the Messiah comes into stark focus on the mount of Transfiguration. There would be no turning back.