

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

15 September 2024

Readings

Next Week

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 2:12, 17-20

Ps 53:3-6, 8

James 3:16-4:3

Mk 9:30-37

in a nutshell

Who do people say I am? In modern parlance, we could say that Jesus is seeking feedback from his disciples about himself, especially how he was perceived, when he asked the question. If we were to ask Jesus, 'how would you describe today's Christians?', what feedback do you think he might give? How do you think a non-believer might describe the Christian community?

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,

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

of special note

Italian Festa at Mount Evelyn is next week Sunday 22 September after the 10:30am Mass.

All are welcome!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you, that your prophets be found true. Hear the prayers of your servant, and of your people Israel.

Psalm Response

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

I love the Lord for he has heard the cry of my appeal; for he turned his ear to me in the day when I called him. (R.)

They surrounded me, the snares of death, with anguish of the tomb; they caught me, sorrow and distress. I called on the Lord's name. O Lord my God, deliver me! (R.)

How gracious is the Lord, and just; our God has compassion. The Lord protects the simple hearts; I was helpless so he saved me. (R.)

He has kept my soul from death, my eyes from tears and my feet from stumbling. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

My only glory is the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, which crucifies the world to me and me to the world.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Chalice of blessing that we bless is a communion in the Blood of Christ; and the bread that we break is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

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

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

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

Parish Meetings: 6:00p.m. Wednesday, 9 October

Support the Parish using the QR Code below.



Parish Notices

Mass Time Change - St Mary's Mount Evelyn, 6pm beginning 1 Oct.

There will be Adoration with exposition at 5pm. This Holy Hour will be in honour of the Most Holy Face of Jesus. During the 1840's in Tours, France, a Carmelite nun, Sr. Marie of St. Peter, received a series of revelations from Our Lord about a powerful devotion He wished to be established worldwide — the devotion to His Holy Face. This devotion is a devotion to Our Lord in reparation for the many blasphemies and outrages He endures and for the triumph of the Catholic Church over her enemies. Shrove Tuesday (the day before Ash Wednesday) is the historic feast of the Holy Face of Jesus.

Sunday 15 September—Social Services Sunday

On this day we give thanks for the dedicated work of the thousands of staff and volunteers who stand with and serve the poor, disadvantaged and marginalised. We acknowledge with gratitude all of Catholic Social Services Victoria's 40 member organisations, their 7,000+ staff and 15,000+ volunteers and the important work that they do to serve over 300,000 people. At this challenging time of a cost of living and housing affordability crisis, the Gospel message of love, care and welcome is needed more than ever. We can all play a role in building a more just and compassionate society.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

The Church and the world have a great need for Eucharistic worship. Jesus awaits us in this sacrament of love. Let us not refuse the time to go to meet him in adoration, in contemplation full of faith, and open to making amends for the serious offences and crimes of the world. Let our adoration never cease. (St. Pope John Paul II)

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

"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me." Mark 8:34

Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for my own life, but for the lives of others as well. We realize that our gifts are not intended for ourselves, rather they are meant to be shared with others. "Taking up my cross" means doing things when someone else needs me and not when it's convenient for me.

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.melbcatholic.org/s/upperyarra> and choose where you are donating: church, presbytery, maintenance.

August Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Thanksgiving income: \$1746

Total Expenditure: \$2083.31

Sacramental Program 2025

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 Lessons will begin Sunday 2nd March after 10:30 Mass for First Communions and Tuesday 4th of March at 5pm for Confirmation. Please note lessons are held at St Mary's.

'Mass for All Nations' Sunday 29 September

'God walks with His people.' Celebrate the 110th World Day of Migrants and Refugees with migrant communities from all over Melbourne at St Patrick's Cathedral. 2pm: Procession and Rosary in various languages 3pm: Mass celebrated by Archbishop Peter A Comensoli and migrant chaplains of the Archdiocese. All most welcome.

Catholic Theological College

Sign up for one or more short, online presentations. Engaging Your Faith: October 2024 Theology, Scripture, Meditation, Spirituality, Science & Faith. Choose what interests you from \$25 per session. For more information and to register: ctc.edu.au/engaging-your-faith/

Get on the BUS OF LIFE! – GOING AHEAD!!!

The annual March For The Babies (marchforthebabies.com) is on Saturday the 12th of October at 1 pm in the Melbourne CBD. A bus for travelling to and from the event will be available. To book a seat, please see the form in the narthex, or contact James (0407 406 384, jnolet@iinet.net.au). Help fill the remaining seats! Lollies for children! Bus will depart from St Patrick's in Lilydale. Toilet break at Ringwood. Another toilet is available at the destination bus stop in the city.

St Thérèse of Lisieux Exhibition— October

Hosted at St Patrick's Cathedral, the Discalced Carmelites warmly invite you to an exhibition on the life of St Thérèse of Lisieux, a remarkable young woman who, despite passing at the age of 24, left us with her 'little way' to holiness. All are welcome!

Something to bring a smile...

Little Mike's parents are concerned about the artwork he is bringing home from school as he only uses dark pastels, brown and black. They wonder if this could indicate a mental health problem. They take him to a psychologist. The psychologist wants to see Mike at work, so he gives him a sheet of paper and a brand new box of crayons. "Yippeee!" says Mike. "A whole set of crayons. All we have at school is black and brown."

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Readings Reflection

[Following the Messiah](#)

In today's Gospel, we reach a pivotal moment in our walk with the Lord. After weeks of listening to His words and witnessing His deeds, along with the disciples we're asked to decide who Jesus truly is.

Peter answers for them, and for us, too, when he declares: "You are the Messiah." Many expected the Messiah to be a miracle worker who would vanquish Israel's enemies and restore the kingdom of David (see John 6:15).

Jesus today reveals a different portrait. He calls Himself the Son of Man, evoking the royal figure Daniel saw in his heavenly visions (see Daniel 7:13–14). But Jesus' kingship is not to be of this world (see John 18:36). And the path to His throne, as He reveals, is by way of suffering and death.

Jesus identifies the Messiah with the suffering servant that Isaiah foretells in today's First Reading. The words of Isaiah's servant are Jesus' words—as He gives Himself to be shamed and beaten, trusting that God will be His help. We hear our Lord's voice again in today's Psalm, as He gives thanks that God has freed Him from the cords of death.

As Jesus tells us today, to believe that He is the Messiah is to follow His way of self-denial—losing our lives to save them in order to rise with Him to new life. Our faith, we hear again in today's Epistle, must express itself in works of love (see Galatians 5:6).

Notice that Jesus questions the Apostles today "along the way." They are on the way to Jerusalem, where the Lord will lay down His life. We, too, are on a journey with the Lord.

We must take up our cross, giving to others and enduring all our trials for His sake and the sake of the Gospel.

Our lives must be an offering of thanksgiving for the new life He has given us until that day when we reach our destination and walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

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The Exaltation of the Cross

[The Feast Day is celebrated Saturday, 14 September]

Since Christ is risen, why do we venerate his crucified image?

I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of compassion and supplication, so that, when they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him. (Zec 12:10)

Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor 1:22-24)

Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? (Gal 3:1)

A crucifix is a depiction of Christ on the Cross. We venerate the crucifix as a reminder of Christ's Passion and Death, by which we have been redeemed by God

Christ suffered and died on the Cross for our salvation; he also told us to take up our crosses daily and follow him. His crucified image serves as a powerful reminder of what he endured out of his divine love for our sake and of the true cost of our own discipleship: the willingness to endure every pain, hardship, and humiliation for the sake of attaining eternal life and being with him forever. The crucified Christ reveals to us the power of redemptive suffering.

St. Paul called the crucified Christ "the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Cor 1:24-25). He told the Corinthians that we 'preach Christ crucified' (1 Cor 1:23). It is through his taking on human flesh and his voluntarily experiencing the suffering and humiliation of his Passion and Death that the glory and power of God is ultimately revealed in his Resurrection.

As a prayer in the Byzantine liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration says:

On the mount you were transfigured, and your disciples, as much as they could bear, beheld your glory, O Christ God; so that when they should see you crucified, they would know your Passion to be willing, and would preach to the world that you, in truth, are the Effulgence of the Father.

From the Didache Bible

571 The Paschal mystery of Christ's cross and Resurrection stands at the center of the Good News that the apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world. God's saving plan was accomplished "once for all" (Heb 9:26) by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.

617 The Council of Trent emphasizes the unique character of Christ's sacrifice as "the source of eternal salvation" (Heb 5:9) and teaches that "his most holy Passion on the wood of the cross merited justification for us" (Council of Trent). And the Church venerates his cross as it sings: "Hail, O Cross, our only hope" (LH, Lent, Holy Week, Evening Prayer).

618 The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the "one mediator between God and men." (1 Tim 2:5) But because in his incarnate divine person he has in some way united himself to every man, "the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery" is offered to all men (GS 22 § 5). He calls his disciples to "take up [their] cross and follow [him]" (Mt 16:24), for "Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in his steps" (1 Pet 2:21). In fact Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries. This is achieved supremely in the case of his mother, who was associated more intimately than any other person in the mystery of his redemptive suffering.

1067 "The wonderful works of God among the people of the Old Testament were but a prelude to the work of Christ the Lord in redeeming mankind and giving perfect glory to God. He accomplished this work principally by the Paschal mystery of his blessed Passion, Resurrection from the dead, and glorious Ascension, whereby 'dying he destroyed our death, rising he restored our life.' For it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the cross that there came forth 'the wondrous sacrament of the whole Church' " (SC 5 § 2). For this reason, the Church celebrates in the liturgy above all the Paschal mystery by which Christ accomplished the work of our salvation.

2132 The Christian veneration of images is not contrary to the first commandment which proscribes idols. Indeed, "the honor rendered to an image passes to its prototype," and "whoever venerates an image venerates the person portrayed in it" (St. Basil). The honor paid to sacred images is a "respectful veneration," not the adoration due to God alone:

Religious worship is not directed to images in themselves, considered as mere things, but under their distinctive aspect as images leading us on to God incarnate. The movement toward the image does not terminate in it as image, but tends toward that whose image it is (St. Thomas Aquinas).

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church