

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

1 September 2024

Readings

Next Week

23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 35:4-7

Ps 145:7-10

James 2:1-5

Mk 7:31-37

in a nutshell

Clinging to human traditions. We can sometimes do something good for an evil motive. For instance, we may help others, not to relieve their difficulties but to put them in our debt. Acts that flow from evil intentions are always evil even if they masquerade as good. If the seed of God is planted deep within us the intentions that arise from our hearts will be good and loving. Our motives for worshipping God and helping others will be pure.

we pray for

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

of special note

Tuesdays Mass time change for St Mary Mount Evelyn.

More Information Inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I cry to you all the day long. O Lord, you are good and forgiving, full of mercy to all who call to you.

Psalm Response

(R.) The just will live in the presence of the Lord.

Lord, who shall dwell on your holy mountain?
He who walks without fault;
he who acts with justice
and speaks the truth from his heart. (R.)

He who does no wrong to his brother,
who casts no slur on his neighbour,
who holds the godless in disdain,
but honours those who fear the Lord. (R.)

He who keeps his pledge, come what may;
who takes no interest on a loan
and accepts no bribes against the innocent.
Such a man will stand firm for ever. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

The Father gave us birth by his message of truth,
that we might be as the first fruits of his creation.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

How great is the goodness, Lord, that you keep
for those who fear you.

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, 28 August

Support the Parish using the QR Code below.



Parish Notices

Mass Time Change - St Mary's Mount Evelyn

Thanks to the positive feedback the Tuesday Mass will move from the morning to the evening. Beginning on 1 October, Tuesday Mass will now be at 6pm. This will be preceded by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament at 5pm.

The Archbishop's Campaign—Collection This Weekend

Loose cash collected on both weekends across both parishes totalled \$632.15. Any donations given using envelopes are required to be sent for counting at the Archdiocese offices. If you are still considering making a donation either a one-off or ongoing, use the available envelopes and mail personally to the address on the envelope or visit their website via the QR Code on the leaflets. A link on the Parish website is also available.

Child Protection Week (1–7 Sept) And Safeguarding Sunday (8 Sept)

Child Protection Week is a national campaign held each year to raise awareness of child abuse prevention in our communities. In 2024, the overarching message, "Every child in every community needs a fair go," will be complemented by the theme, "Every conversation matters."

Conversations are powerful tools in our parishes for keeping children and young people safe and well. These dialogues help us understand issues, craft solutions, value community knowledge, and build children's understanding and social connections. In the Catholic Church, Child Protection Week is highlighted through Safeguarding Sunday, which this year falls on 8 September.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Contemplate Christ in the Most Holy Eucharist and lovingly adore Him. While in the Church join in with joyful devotion; do not chat about trifles, but pray to the Lord attentively. May the Lord grant you the grace to do his will so that he may be served and honoured by you, and that, together, after this life we may come to see him, love him and praise him for ever. (St. Louis IX of France, in a letter to his son.)

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

"Be doers of the word and not hearers only..." James 1:22

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship – living a grateful and generous life. The hard part is doing it! How do your words and actions reflect God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God daily? Do you use your talent to help those in need without expecting anything in return? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

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.

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.

Pro-Life News

Babies Born Alive Update

A sad day unfolded in parliament on 20th of August when the Born-Alive Protection Bill failed with 18 votes for and 32 against.

How did they vote? See here (includes Ralph Babet's impassioned plea): <https://dailydeclaration.org.au/2024/08/21/majority-of-senate-vote-to-deny-medical-care-to-dying-babies-born-alive-after-a-failed-abortion/>

40 Days For Life: World Day against Abortion, Saturday 7th September, 10.30am (9am for Low Mass) at St. Philip's Catholic Church Hall, 60 Junction Road, Blackburn North. Hear from Mark Sutherland who has published a book about his grandfather's legal battle with Marie Stopes in the UK. Bookings: <https://www.trybooking.com/CUGWI>

Pro-Life group

The aim is to raise awareness, join together to save babies and the vulnerable, and provide information and resources. If you have any ideas for actions or are interested in being part of the group, please contact James Nolet (0407 406 384, jnolet@iinet.net.au).

Online Information Session on The Permanent Diaconate

The permanent diaconate is open to single and married men, aged between 30 and 60 years, who want to serve God and the Church as ordained ministers. The information session is open to everyone interested in knowing more about the permanent diaconate.

Online Diaconate information meeting Tuesday, 24 September / 19:30 – 21:00 via ZOOM

Attendance will be by invitation. Express your interest by emailing Deacon Kevin Pattison Kevin.Pattison@cam.org.au

In the week before the session the ZOOM link will be sent to those who have expressed interest.

Something to bring a smile...

A businessman finds himself in serious financial trouble. His business has gone under, so he decides to ask God for help. He begins to pray like never before. "God, please help me. I've lost my business and if I don't get some money soon, I'm going to lose my house too. Please let me win this Saturday's Lotto. It's worth twenty million dollars." Saturday night arrives and no one wins the major prize, so the man prays even harder. "God, please let me win the Lotto. I've lost my business and my house and now I'm about to lose my car." The following Saturday night comes and goes and still the man is luckless. This time he gets on his knees and prays. "My God, why have you forsaken me? I've lost my business, my house and now my car. My children are starving. I don't ask You for help, and I have always been a good servant of yours. I go to Mass and help my neighbours. Please let me win next Saturday's Lotto just this one time so I can get my life back in order. This I beg of You." Suddenly, there is a blinding flash of light as the heavens open up. The man is overwhelmed by the voice of God himself. "Hey, mister, work with Me on this. For My sake and yours, you can start by buying a ticket."

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Readings Reflection

Pure Religion

Today's Gospel casts Jesus in a prophetic light as one having authority to interpret God's law.

Jesus' quotation from Isaiah today is ironic (see Isaiah 29:13). In observing the law, the Pharisees honor God by ensuring that nothing unclean passes their lips. In this, however, they've turned the law inside out, making it a matter of simply performing certain external actions.

The gift of the law, which we hear God giving to Israel in today's First Reading, is fulfilled in Jesus' Gospel, which shows us the law's true meaning and purpose (see Matthew 5:17).

The law, fulfilled in the Gospel, is meant to form our hearts, to make us pure, able to live in the Lord's presence. The law was given that we might live and enter into the inheritance promised to us—the kingdom of God, eternal life.

Israel, by its observance of the law, was meant to be an example to surrounding nations. As James tells us in today's Epistle, the Gospel was given to us that we might have new birth by the Word of truth. By living the Word we've received, we're to be examples of God's wisdom to those around us, the "first fruits" of a new humanity.

This means we must be "doers" of the Word, not merely hearers of it. As we sing in today's Psalm and hear again in today's Epistle, we must work for justice, taking care of our brothers and sisters and living by the truth God has placed in our hearts.

The Word given to us is a perfect gift. We should not add to it through vain and needless devotions. Nor should we subtract from it by picking and choosing which of His laws to honor.

"Hear me," Jesus says in today's Gospel. Today, we're called to examine our relationship to God's law.

Is the practice of our religion a pure listening to Jesus, a humble welcoming of the Word planted in us and able to save our souls? Or are we only paying lip service?

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Formation of Conscience

How can we form a good conscience?

I always take pains to have a clear conscience toward God and toward men. (Acts 24:16)

We have renounced disgraceful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to tamper with God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we would commend ourselves to every man's conscience in the sight of God. (2 Cor 4:2)

To the pure all things are pure, but to the corrupt and unbelieving nothing is pure; their very minds and consciences are corrupted. (1Ti 1:15)

Every person is morally obligated to form his or her own conscience and then to follow it. Forming a reliable and accurate conscience is a lifelong effort that includes education in the teaching and moral principles of the Church. It requires the sound use of reason and the fostering of interior virtue through faith and prayer.

While a person is obliged to follow the dictates of his or her conscience, a badly formed conscience can lead to error. An individual, therefore, must ensure that his or her conscience is well formed so its dictates will be good and true. It must be informed and enlightened in order to lead a person on the correct path rather than to guide him or her into making poor choices.

The conscience is properly formed by attuning it to the truth. In faith we seek the will of God; by reason we apply our faith to every given situation. We must learn not only the moral law taught by the Church but also its guiding principles. We are enlightened by the Word of God in Sacred Scripture, particularly in the Gospels, the Commandments, the Sermon on the Mount, and the Beatitudes. We also align our consciences to the will of God through humble prayer, contemplation of the Passion of Christ, through the gifts of the Holy Spirit, and through frequent and thorough examinations of conscience. We must always look to the authoritative teachings of the Church for guidance in making moral decisions.

With a well-formed and certain conscience, we experience freedom as we rise above the ambiguities surrounding many of today's moral questions, allowing us to see them as God perceives them rather than as the world perceives them. We also experience peace within our hearts, knowing that what our faith teaches us is the right path so that we can eschew all other options, which only lead to confusion and sin.

From the Didache Bible

1777 Moral conscience, present at the heart of the person, enjoins him at the appropriate moment to do good and to avoid evil. It also judges particular choices, approving those that are good and denouncing those that are evil. It bears witness to the authority of truth in reference to the supreme Good to which the human person is drawn, and it welcomes the commandments. When he listens to his conscience, the prudent man can hear God speaking.

1778 Conscience is a judgment of reason whereby the human person recognizes the moral quality of a concrete act that he is going to perform, is in the process of performing, or has already completed. In all he says and does, man is obliged to follow faithfully what he knows to be just and right. It is by the judgment of his conscience that man perceives and recognizes the prescriptions of the divine law...

1781 Conscience enables one to assume responsibility for the acts performed. If man commits evil, the just judgment of conscience can remain within him as the witness to the universal truth of the good, at the same time as the evil of his particular choice. The verdict of the judgment of conscience remains a pledge of hope and mercy. In attesting to the fault committed, it calls to mind the forgiveness that must be asked, the good that must still be practiced, and the virtue that must be constantly cultivated with the grace of God:

We shall ... reassure our hearts before him whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. (1 Jn 3:19-20)

1783 Conscience must be informed and moral judgment enlightened. A well-formed conscience is upright and truthful. It formulates its judgments according to reason, in conformity with the true good willed by the wisdom of the Creator. The education of conscience is indispensable for human beings who are subjected to negative influences and tempted by sin to prefer their own judgment and to reject authoritative teachings.

1784 The education of the conscience is a lifelong task. From the earliest years, it awakens the child to the knowledge and practice of the interior law recognized by conscience. Prudent education teaches virtue; it prevents or cures fear, selfishness and pride, resentment arising from guilt, and feelings of complacency, born of human weakness and faults. The education of the conscience guarantees freedom and engenders peace of heart.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church