

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

6 July 2025

readings

Next Week

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deut 30:10-14

Ps 68:14, 17, 30-31, 33-34, 36-37

Col 1:15-20

Lk 10:25-37

in a nutshell

Peace to This House. The book of the prophet Isaiah concludes with the promise that God will send peace flowing like a river on all nations. Today's Gospel reminds us that missionaries are always needed to bring peace to others. May the peace of Christ dwell in our hearts. May the people we meet experience through us the peace referred to in the Jewish greeting, 'Shalom! Peace be with you!'

we pray for

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

of special note

The St. Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal Collection will be on Sunday 20 July

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Your merciful love, O God, we have received in the midst of your temple. Your praise, O God, like your name, reaches the ends of the earth; your right hand is filled with saving justice.

Psalm Response

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.

Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds!

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men.

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might.

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul.
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

May the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, and
the fullness of his message live within you.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed the
man who seeks refuge in 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

St Thomas A Becket, Yarra Junction

Sunday Mass

Sunday—8:30am

Weekday Mass

Wednesday—9:00am

First Friday—11:30am

Reconciliation

Thursday 6:10pm- 6:40pm

Mount Evelyn: Saturday

11:30am-12:30pm

Exposition

Thursday at 6:00pm

Weddings

Please contact the office

Baptisms

Please see Father after Mass

Parish Primary School

St Josephs

Principal: Nick Boyhan

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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
moutevelyn@cam.org.au

Parish Meetings:

6:00 p.m. Wednesday 18 June

SUPPORTING YOUR PARISH

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/upperyarravalley> and choose where you are donating: church, presbytery, maintenance.



Parish Notices

Are you available to help in the Parish?

Volunteers are needed to clean the church once every 8 weeks and do the flowers once in 4 weeks. If we have more volunteers we don't have to do it so often. Contact Nancy 0409 956 119. Please note that anybody volunteering will need to have a current Working With Children Check.

Special Collection Weekend—Peter's Pence

Thank you for your generosity with donations totalling \$175.30

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Jesus, our Saviour, is the healer of the rift between God and the human race. Jesus' whole ministry, therefore, is one of reconciliation, of restoring humanity to right praise, to orthodoxy, to harmony and adoration. (Bishop Robert Barron)

Those who follow and believe in the Catholic Faith need to receive the Sacrament of Penance at least once a year. In many cases, though, Catholics benefit from going to confession regularly. This important Sacrament allows you to remember that God is on your side and is always there when you need Him. It is also a beautiful opportunity to strengthen your connection with God and receive His graces through the Sacrament. (Catholic World Mission)
Adoration, spend time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 6:00pm. Confessions available during Adoration. Friday mornings 8:00am Mount Evelyn

Stewardship Corner

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the labourers are few...'"
Luke 10:2

As Catholics we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given "charisms" otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God's Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say "yes" to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

June Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$1969.2

Total Expenditure: \$1401.89

St Mary's Parish Prayer Group—Change of Time

Monday at 9:15 am and Fridays at 9:45 a.m. For more information please call Maria at 0409 793 001 or just come and discover peace in the presence of our Lord in the Eucharist!

NAIDOC Week (6th-13th July)

"I have been called to spread the Word of God to grow people in faith with love to bring them into the Kingdom. Jesus showed us how to do this when he was on earth. Now we follow his example. Matthew 13:23
Aboriginal Catholic Ministry Victoria warmly invites you to NAIDOC Week Mass on Sunday 13 July 2025, 11.00am at St Francis' Church, 326 Lonsdale St, Melbourne

Jubilee Year—Pilgrims of Hope

On Christmas Eve 2024, Pope Francis symbolically opened the Holy Door at St Peter's Basilica, marking the start of the 2025 Jubilee Year. Jubilee years happen every 25 years and are times of reconciliation and renewal. The theme of this Jubilee is Pilgrims of Hope. If you are unable to travel to Rome during the Jubilee Year, you are invited on a local journey of reconciliation and renewal by participating in the 2025 Jubilee at one or more of the many Pilgrim Places across the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, where plenary indulgences may be obtained as part of this very special time. Pilgrim Places across the Archdiocese of Melbourne will offer extended hours, additional Masses, Reconciliation, and Adoration. Pilgrims will receive a commemorative postcard, monthly reflections, and a Pilgrim Passport (available for a small donation) to be stamped at each location. Local Pilgrim Places will welcome visitors from February 2025 to 6 January 2026. Besides the Cathedral as a Pilgrim Place, Sacred Heart Church, Croydon is the closest to us. A not too distant pilgrimage location, which offers various experiences for pilgrims this Jubilee Year, including Masses, Reconciliation and adoration.

Visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pilgrim-place-sacred-heart-croydon> for more information about Sacred Heart Croydon.

Baby Booties 2025

Every day in Australia, unborn babies lose their lives to abortion. ACL invite you to join Baby Booties 2025 by knitting, praying, and taking part in a campaign that makes the invisible visible, and gives voice to the voiceless. Send booties by July 31st. Register here: <https://aclobby.typeform.com/to/To4gHuqn>

Pro-life News – STATEMENT FOR LIFE

Across Australia, abortion is legal for any reason, right up till birth—and you pay for it through your taxes. Over 80,000 babies lose their lives each year to abortion-on-demand. Worse, babies born alive after failed abortions can legally be left to die alone. CitizenGO is rallying the troops behind the Statement for Life. This is our chance to unite pro-life Australians, build strength in numbers, and push for real political change. Send a message to politicians that they can't miss: betray life, and face the consequences come election time. Add your name now: <https://citizengo.org/en-au/node/15608>

This Week's Joke

A man has a racehorse that had never won a race. Finally, the owner loses patience and warns the horse, "Either you win this afternoon or you'll be pulling a milk cart tomorrow morning." That afternoon, the horse is lined up with the other horses in the starting gate. As the stalls open, the rest of the field races off, but the owner sees his horse fast asleep on the track. Angrily he runs over, yelling, "Why are you sleeping?" The horse wearily lifts its head and replies, "I have to get up at three in the morning."

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Readings Reflection

Harvest Time

Jesus has a vision in this week's Gospel: Satan falling like lightning from the sky, the enemy vanquished by the missionary preaching of His Church.

Sent out by Jesus to begin gathering the nations into the harvest of divine judgment (see Isaiah 27:12–13; Joel 4:13), the seventy are a sign of the continuing mission of the Church.

Carrying out the work of the seventy, the Church proclaims the coming of God's kingdom. She offers His blessings of peace and mercy to every household on earth, "every town and place He intended to visit."

Our Lord's tone is solemn today, for in the preaching of the Church "the kingdom of God is at hand," the time of decision has come for every person. Those who do not receive His messengers will be doomed like Sodom.

But those who believe will find peace and mercy, protection and nourishment in the bosom of the Church, the Mother Zion we celebrate in this week's beautiful First Reading, the "Israel of God" Paul blesses in this week's Epistle.

The Church is a new family of faith (see Galatians 6:10) in which we receive a new name that will endure forever (see Isaiah 66:22), a name written in heaven.

In this week's Psalm, we sing of God's "tremendous deeds among men" throughout salvation history. But of all the works of God, none has been greater than what He has wrought by the Cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. Changing the sea into dry land was but an anticipation and preparation for our passing over, for what Paul calls the "new creation." And as the Exodus generation was protected in a wilderness of serpents and scorpions (see Deuteronomy 8:15), He has given His Church power now over "the full force of the enemy." Nothing will harm us as we make our way through the wilderness of this world, awaiting the Master of the harvest, awaiting the day when all on earth will shout joyfully to the Lord and sing praise to the glory of His name.

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The kingdom of God is very near to you

What do we mean by the “Kingdom of God”?

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.” (Mk 1:14-15)

The Kingdom of God refers not only to Heaven but also to the era of peace, joy, and justice ushered in by Christ and carried on as a “work in progress” by the members of his faithful, the Church. In a very real way, the Kingdom of God is the Church herself.

The proclamation of the Kingdom of God was the central theme of Christ’s teaching. Through parables, he gave his disciples images of various aspects of the kingdom and how his followers were to live in it. His teaching makes it clear the kingdom he established is not an earthly kingdom but rather an intimate communion between God and his people. “In the word, in the works, and in the presence of Christ, this kingdom was clearly open to the view of men” (Lumen Gentium 5). This intimate communion is realised through Baptism and membership in his body, the Church.

When describing how his kingdom would affect the world, Christ stressed that his faithful must act as a leaven in the world, transforming it and sanctifying it from within as a tiny amount of yeast leavens a large measure of flour. Like a mustard seed, the Church began small but grew to be the largest of trees, spreading throughout the entire world. Christ established the kingdom, but it will never be completely fulfilled here on earth. Thus, it remains our sacred obligation to help build the Kingdom of God in our world.

The Church continues the mission of Christ by calling people to repentance and proclaiming the kingdom’s existence. Just as Christ’s divinity was veiled under his humanity while on earth, the Kingdom of God stands veiled under the appearance of a merely human institution, the Church. Only by faith are the faithful able to see the divine nature of the Church, which will be veiled until the glory of Christ is made manifest to the entire world at the end of time.

In the *Lord’s Prayer*, “thy kingdom come” makes two requests of Christ: to assist us in building the Kingdom of God on earth and hastening his Second Coming at the end of time.

From the Didache Bible

541 “Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the gospel of God, and saying: ‘The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand: repent, and believe in the gospel.’ ” “To carry out the will of the Father Christ inaugurated the kingdom of heaven on earth.” Now the Father’s will is “to raise up men to share in his own divine life.” He does this by gathering men around his Son Jesus Christ. This gathering is the Church, “on earth the seed and beginning of that kingdom.”

542 Christ stands at the heart of this gathering of men into the “family of God.” By his word, through signs that manifest the reign of God, and by sending out his disciples, Jesus calls all people to come together around him. But above all in the great Paschal mystery—his death on the cross and his Resurrection—he would accomplish the coming of his kingdom. “And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all men to myself.” Into this union with Christ all men are called.

543 *Everyone* is called to enter the kingdom. First announced to the children of Israel, this messianic kingdom is intended to accept men of all nations. To enter it, one must first accept Jesus’ word...

545 Jesus invites *sinners* to the table of the kingdom: “I came not to call the righteous, but sinners.” He invites them to that conversion without which one cannot enter the kingdom, but shows them in word and deed his Father’s boundless mercy for them and the vast “joy in heaven over one sinner who repents.” The supreme proof of his love will be the sacrifice of his own life “for the forgiveness of sins.”

546 Jesus’ invitation to enter his kingdom comes in the form of *parables*, a characteristic feature of his teaching. Through his parables he invites people to the feast of the kingdom, but he also asks for a radical choice: to gain the kingdom, one must give everything. Words are not enough; deeds are required. The parables are like mirrors for man: will he be hard soil or good earth for the word? What use has he made of the talents he has received? Jesus and the presence of the kingdom in this world are secretly at the heart of the parables. One must enter the kingdom, that is, become a disciple of Christ, in order to “know the secrets of the kingdom of heaven.” For those who stay “outside,” everything remains enigmatic.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church