

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

7 July 2024

Readings

Next Week

15th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 7:12-15

Ps 84:9-14

Eph 1:3-14

Mk 6:7-13

in a nutshell

They would not accept him. The word of God is often proclaimed by those whom the world considers insignificant. The prophet Ezekiel enjoyed no particular status amongst the exiles in Babylon. St Paul battled with human weakness throughout his life. Jesus came from lowly Nazareth. But through each of them the word of God was proclaimed with power. May prejudice never close your ears from hearing the truth.

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

of special note

Stewardship envelopes are available in the foyer.

More Information Inside!

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.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Our eyes are fixed on the Lord, pleading for his mercy.

To you have I lifted up my eyes, you who dwell in the heavens: my eyes, like the eyes of slaves on the hand of their lords.

Like the eyes of a servant on the hand of his mistress, so our eyes are on the Lord our God till he shows us his mercy.

Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy. We are filled with contempt. Indeed all too full is our soul with the scorn of the rich, with the proud man's disdain. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The Spirit of the Lord is upon me; he sent me to bring Good News to the poor.
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

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

moutevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

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

Parish Meetings: Wednesday, July 10

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

Support the Parish using the QR Code below.



Parish Notices

Fr Michel—Holidays

Fr Michel will be taking two weeks of annual leave during the weeks beginning 15th & 22nd July. Weekend masses remain the same with Fr Michel celebrating.

Safeguarding Update

The safety of children and vulnerable people is everyone's responsibility. Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community. Updated policies have been produced by the Archdiocese and links to these are available on the Parish website. A reminder that anyone volunteering in the Parish needs a current Working With Children Check (WWCC); whether you are reading, playing the organ, singing as part of the choir, doing the flowers, cleaning the church, serving morning teas etc. this is a requirement. It is expected that you read and sign the Code Of Conduct. It is suggested that you visit the website to read this or hard copies will be available in the Sacristy. A single Declaration signature page will also be available. Completing the online training is also a requirement and should be completed over the next month or two if you have not already done so. Janine is available to assist on a Thursday if you would like to make an appointment. Both the signing of the Code of Conduct and completion of online training should be done every 3 years. **Remember children and young people should be accompanied by an adult family member to the toilet.** For more information visit the Safeguarding page on the parish website.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Why does He remain during the night, even in those tabernacles where He is abandoned and forgotten? Jesus chose to do so; to love with a love that knows no measure and does not shrink from excess. This was the purpose for which He instituted the Holy Eucharist. To God alone be honour and glory. Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, and the power, and the glory, and the majesty. We thank you, Lord Jesus, and praise your glorious name. (Jose G. Trevino)

Catholics benefit from going to Confession regularly, to experience the love and forgiveness of Christ. The Sacrament allows us to strengthen our relationship with God. (Catholic World Mission)

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

"As the Lord spoke to me, the spirit entered me and set me on my feet, and I heard the one who was speaking say to me, 'Son of man, I am sending you...'" Ezekiel 2:2-3

God has a plan for each of us. He calls us to do something for Him. But, He doesn't leave us on our own to figure it out. He gives us the resources we need to do His work. Are you listening for God's call? When you hear it, do you get on your feet and do the work He asks of you? Do not be afraid. God doesn't call the equipped, he equips the called. Answer His call.

June Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$1805

Total Expenditure: \$1715.04

Special Collection Peter's Pence

Donations totalled \$120.30. Thank you to all who contributed.

Stewardship Envelopes

Have you picked up your envelopes for the next 6 months? These are available in the narthex.

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.

Pro-Life News

This year, make a bold stand for life by participating in the Baby Booties Campaign (run by the ACL). Every year, hundreds of babies are born alive during failed abortions in Australia, only to be denied basic medical care and left to die.... Knit, Crochet or Buy Baby Booties to Help Us Create a Powerful National Visual Protest. Whether you knit tiny booties yourself or purchase them, each one represents a precious life lost and becomes a powerful symbol honouring their humanity. You can POST BOOTIES NOW to Australian Christian Lobby, GPO Box 1424, Canberra, ACT 2601. <https://www.acl.org.au/baby-booties-2024/>

Something to bring a smile...

What was Moses' wife, Zippora, known as when she'd throw dinner parties?

"The hostess with the Moses."

What do you call a Bible character who just pulled into church? A parking Lot.

Which nursery song would Jesus have heard the most?

"Mary Had a Little Lamb."

How do you know that atoms are Catholic?

They have mass.

What did Daniel tell his real estate agent?

"I'd prefer a house with no den."

Which Bible character was the best musician?

Samson, he brought the house down.

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Readings Reflection

Son of Mary

As we've walked with the Apostles in the Gospels in recent weeks, we've witnessed Jesus command the wind and sea, and order a little girl to arise from the dead.

But He seems to meet His match in His hometown of Nazareth. Today's Gospel is blunt: "He was not able to perform any mighty deed there."

Why not? Because of the people's lack of faith. They acknowledged the wisdom of His words, the power of His works. But they refused to recognize Him as a prophet come among them, a messenger sent by God.

All they could see was how much "this man" was like them—a carpenter, the son of their neighbor, Mary, with brothers and sisters.

Of course, Mary was ever-virgin and had no other children. The Gospel refers to Jesus' brothers as Paul refers to all Israelites as his brothers, the children of Abraham (see Romans 9:3, 7).

That's the point in today's Gospel, too. Like the prophet Ezekiel in today's First Reading, Jesus was sent by God to the rebellious house of Israel, where He found His own brothers and sisters obstinate of heart and in revolt against God.

The servant is not above the Master (see Matthew 10:24). As His disciples, we too face the mockery and contempt we hear of in today's Psalm. And isn't it often hardest to live our faith among those in our own families, those who think they really know us, who define us by the people we used to be—before we chose to walk with Jesus?

As Paul confides in today's Epistle, insults and hardships are God's way of teaching us to rely solely on His grace.

Jesus will work no mighty deeds in our lives unless we abandon ourselves to Him in faith. Blessed then are those who take no offense in Him (see Luke 7:23). Instead, we must look upon Him with the eyes of servants—knowing that the son of Mary is also the Lord enthroned in the heavens.

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The Old Law and The New Law

How does the New Law in Christ differ from the Old Law of Moses?

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them.” (Mt 5:17)

[Christ] is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred which redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant. (Heb 9:15)

The Old Law prepared for the New Law, which in turn perfects the Old Law.

After the Fall of Adam and Eve, God unfolded his plan of redemption gradually. An early part of this Revelation was the Old Law, the moral and liturgical precepts given to Moses and the Israelites. The Old Law is aptly summarised in the Ten Commandments, which encourage dispositions that guide humanity to live according to this love and proscribe behaviours that contravene love for God and neighbour. In this way, the Ten Commandments and the Old Law served to illuminate the consciences of humanity.

In this way the Old Law prepared the way for the coming of Christ and the establishment of the New Law embodied in the Gospel message of Christ. The images and prophecies within the Old Law prefigure elements in the New Law; where the Old Law underscored the dangers of sin and its consequences, the New Law freed us from the burden of sin by showing us the way of forgiveness, love, grace, and salvation. Where once God’s people were motivated more by fear of punishment under the Law of Moses, they could live now with their eyes on eternal happiness in the Kingdom of Heaven under the Law of Christ.

The New Law perfects the Old Law. It completes the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament and fulfils its Commandments by revealing the very root of all its moral prescriptions - the Law of Love - and seeking to convert the human heart by teaching the human person to seek perfection according to the example of Christ. All that the Old Law had done in preparation is now directed toward the ultimate goal of the Kingdom of Heaven. Without negating the Old Law in any way, the New Law summarised its moral prescriptions in a single New Commandment: that we love one another as Christ loves us.

Not only is the New Law a Law of Love but also it is a Law of Grace because of the divine gifts available to us through faith and the Sacraments of the Church; it is also a Law of Freedom because we can fulfil the letter and spirit of Divine Law by acting always out of Christian love in keeping with our identity as adopted sons and daughters of God.

From the Didache Bible

1950 The moral law is the work of divine Wisdom. Its biblical meaning can be defined as fatherly instruction, God’s pedagogy. It prescribes for man the ways, the rules of conduct that lead to the promised beatitude; it proscribes the ways of evil which turn him away from God and his love. It is at once firm in its precepts and, in its promises, worthy of love.

1952 There are different expressions of the moral law, all of them interrelated: eternal law—the source, in God, of all law; natural law; revealed law, comprising the Old Law and the New Law, or Law of the Gospel; finally, civil and ecclesiastical laws.

1953 The moral law finds its fullness and its unity in Christ. Jesus Christ is in person the way of perfection. He is the end of the law, for only he teaches and bestows the justice of God: “For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified” (Rom 10:4)

1965 The New Law or the Law of the Gospel is the perfection here on earth of the divine law, natural and revealed. It is the work of Christ and is expressed particularly in the Sermon on the Mount. It is also the work of the Holy Spirit and through him it becomes the interior law of charity: “I will establish a New Covenant with the house of Israel.... I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” (Heb 8:8, 10; cf Jer 31.31-34)

1966 The New Law is *the grace of the Holy Spirit* given to the faithful through faith in Christ. It works through charity; it uses the Sermon on the Mount to teach us what must be done and makes use of the sacraments to give us the grace to do it:

If anyone should meditate with devotion and perspicacity on the sermon our Lord gave on the mount, as we read in the Gospel of Saint Matthew, he will doubtless find there ... the perfect way of the Christian life.... This sermon contains ... all the precepts needed to shape one’s life. (St Augustine)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church