

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

2 March 2025

Readings

Next Week 1st Sunday of Lent

Deut 26:4-10

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13

in a nutshell

Take the plank from your own eye first. Let us not presume to pass judgement on other peoples' shortcomings without first subjecting our own conduct to honest security. Perhaps we expect higher standards of moral behaviour from others than we require from ourselves. Criticism of the sinner is not infrequently a subtle form of self-condemnation in which pride is joined to lack of charity.

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, especially David Bullard and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Wednesday is Ash Wednesday the beginning of Lent.

More information on back page.

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector. He brought me out to a place of freedom; he saved me because he delighted in me.

Psalm Response

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord to make music to your name, O Most High, to proclaim your love in the morning and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)

The just will flourish like the palm-tree and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

Planted in the house of the Lord they will flourish in the courts of our God, still bearing fruit when they are old, still full of sap, still green, to proclaim that the Lord is just. In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always, even to the end of the age, says 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

Principal: Nick Boyhan

Website:

www.sjyarrajunction.catholic.edu.au

Parish Office: 58 Clegg Rd, Mount Evelyn VIC 3796

Tel: (03) 9736 2850

Website: melbcatholic.org/s/upperyarvalley

Email: mountevelyn@cam.org.au

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: 6:00 p.m. Wednesday 26 February

Support the Parish using the QR Code below.



Parish Notices

As on all First Fridays of the month, there will be a Mass at Sacred Heart Church, Warburton at 11:30am on 7 March.

General Parish Meeting—February 26

Seven parishioners attended the meeting on Wednesday night to hear about the state of the parish and what is to happen going forward. Matters discussed took in; parish finance, Sacred Heart Church, the upcoming Stewardship Program and Safeguarding requirements. Participants were also given a chance to offer suggestions for what they would like to see happening in the parish.

Ash Wednesday Masses— 5th March

Mount Evelyn, 11:35am (Whole School Mass) & 7:30pm
Yarra Junction, 9:00am (Whole School Mass), Warburton, 6:00pm

Project Compassion Sunday

This Lent, we are called to Unite Against Poverty through Caritas Australia's Project Compassion. Your generous support this Lenten Season will enable Caritas Australia to provide life-changing support to vulnerable communities in need. Please donate today. You can support Project Compassion 2025 through the donation boxes, envelopes, online at: caritas.org.au/project-compassion Or by calling: 1800 024 413

Thank you for standing with us, as we Unite Against Poverty this Lent.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Archbishop Venerable Fulton Sheen wrote that the purpose of the Holy Hour—a sustained, uninterrupted hour of prayer in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament— is to encourage a deep personal encounter with Christ. "Looking at the Eucharistic Lord for an hour", he wrote, "transforms the heart in a mysterious way". The Holy Hour offers an opportunity to be in the silence and simplicity of the presence of God.

Confession, like all other sacraments, is a gift through which God has made his saving love and mercy real and present to us. In his desire to set all people free and draw them into the authentic peace that is communion with God, Christ entrusted his ministry of reconciliation to the apostles. (Catholic 101)

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

Parish Stewardship Program

Next weekend, we will commence our Offertory Giving Program in our parish community, which will run over the next four weeks. Please pray for our community as we enter into this time of discernment. Our offering is a powerful witness and a personal prayer. You are encouraged to engage prayerfully with the content presented and provided over this time and we look forward to growing and going deeper in our relationship with Christ through this process.

Stewardship Corner

"A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit." - LUKE 6:43

Are you using your gifts in the way God intended? Have you asked God how He would like you to use them? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

February Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$1914.10
Total Expenditure: \$2077.35

Readings Reflection

[Heart and Mouth](#)

In today's readings we hear Jesus speaking in Galilee as well as a Jewish sage named Sirach writing in Jerusalem more than a century earlier. The two of them touch upon a single truth: The words that come out of us make known the hidden thoughts within us. Speech reveals the secrets of the heart.

Sirach teaches that speaking is "the test of men" and their character. One who is upright will utter words that are truthful and encouraging to others. But one whose heart is cluttered with "refuse" will be exposed, since the "fruit" of his mouth speaks volumes about the "tree" that produces it. Sirach also compares the testing of our words to clay fired in a kiln—if properly prepared, a useful vessel emerges; but if the clay is not fully dried, it will break apart in the extreme heat.

In a similar way, Jesus insists that a person speaks "out of the abundance of the heart." He too compares our speech, whether good or bad, to what grows on a tree: "For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit."

Both readings urge us to make wholesome speech a habit. After all, much about who we are is brought to light through what we say. But there's an additional step: The Lord is asking us to look inward, to examine our hearts and fill them with the "good treasure" that God desires.

Why do purity of heart and speech matter so much? Because, as Jesus declares elsewhere: "by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned" (Matthew 12:37). They matter because they help to decide our final judgment, and this is where the Second Reading comes in. Paul reminds us that God will destroy death forever, and if we are to share in this victory and live forever with the Lord, then we must take all steps necessary to give our hearts and lips to what is good.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
stpaulcenter.com

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.

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

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.

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, starting Friday 7th March.

Free Lenten Series – The Seven Last Words

The St. Paul Centre (Dr. Scott Hahn) is offering a free Lenten Video Series. This Lent, gather at the foot of the Cross as we contemplate Christ's greatest sermon: His "Seven Last Words." What to expect: Weekly 30-minute video reflections led by Scott Hahn; Contemplative musical accompaniment by Floriani; Practical tips from St. Paul Centre theologians. To register, go to <https://stpaulcenter.com/> and just enter your email. A great way to keep focused during the weeks of Lent.

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!

Something to bring a smile!

A teddy bear was working on a building site. He went for a tea break and when he returned 15 minutes later, he noticed his pick had been stolen. The angry bear reported the theft to the site manager who grinned and said, "I forgot to tell you. Today's the day the teddy bears have their pick nicked."

sourced from www.majellan.media

The Lenten Season begins on 5 March 2025

109. *The Lenten season has a twofold character:*

- 1) *it recalls baptism or prepares for it*
- 2) *it stresses a penitential spirit.*

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. In the liturgy itself and in the liturgy-centred instructions, these baptismal and penitential themes should be more pronounced. Hence:

- a) *Wider use is to be made of baptismal features proper to the Lenten liturgy...*
- b) *The same approach holds for the penitential elements...*

110. *During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social...In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed everywhere on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits.*

Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, Vatican II

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

- (a) **Prayer** -for example, Mass attendance; family prayer; a visit to a church or chapel; reading the Bible; making the Stations of the Cross; praying the Rosary; or in other ways.
- (b) **Self-Denial** - for example, not eating meat; not eating sweets or dessert; giving up entertainment to spend time with the family; limiting food and drink so as to give to the poor of one's own country or elsewhere; or in other ways. Project Compassion is a major means of expressing our self-denial in Australia.
- (c) **Helping Others** - for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick, elderly, lonely or over-burdened; or in other ways.

1. All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252).
2. The Season of Lent is a time of penance. During this season the faithful are exhorted to devote themselves in a special manner to prayer, to engage in works of piety and charity, and to deny themselves.
3. Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 5 March 2025 and Trinity Sunday, 15 June 2025 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.
4. The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.