

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

30 July 2023

Readings

Next Week

Dan 7:9-10, 13-14

Ps 96:1-2, 5-6

2 Pet 1:16-19

Mt 17:1-9

in a nutshell

Finding the treasure. A treasure is not something we earn but something we find. We can spend our whole lives wishing and hoping that some treasure will come our way. We can forget that we already possess a wonderful treasure in our loved ones and in the gift of life itself. And the greatest treasure is the kingdom of heaven which Jesus freely offers to us. May we have the wisdom to seek our treasure in God, and not in the glittering goods of a passing world.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Fida Rees, Margaret Moore, Pauline Bennett, Peter Nathan
For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

The Cerini Walk
Sunday, 13 August at 11am

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

God is in his holy place, God who unites those who dwell in his house; he himself gives might and strength to his people.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Lord, I love your commands.

My part, I have resolved, O Lord,
is to obey your word.
The law from your mouth means more to me
than silver and gold.

Let your love be ready to console me
by your promise to your servant.
Let your love come to me and I shall live
for your law is my delight.

That is why I love your commands
more than finest gold.
That is why I rule my life by your precepts:
I hate false ways.

Your will is wonderful indeed;
therefore I obey it.
The unfolding of your word gives light
and teaches the simple.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth;
you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
and never forget all his benefits.

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
Mary Ryan
Enzo Torresan
Nino Troiani

Working With Children

There are a number of parishioners whose Working With Children Check has expired. Could you please check your cards and update if necessary.

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: Wednesday,

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

Parish Notices

The Cerini Walk

In 1966 Fr Cerini walked 35 children between Warburton and Yarra Junction to protest at the inability of the children to catch the school bus. As a result of the publicity in the Melbourne newspapers the children were allowed to use the bus. Inspired by Fr Cerini, the Warburton Advancement League has arranged another walk on Sunday the 13th of August to raise awareness of the homeless in the Yarra Valley. The walk leaves the Millgrove CFA at 11am and finishes at the Cerini Centre in Warburton. Please join the walk to help ensure its success. There is more information at cerinicentre.com.

SVDP Winter Appeal.

Thank you all for your generous support. The collection came to \$245. Now for the sad news. Upper Yarra Conference has ceased due to lack of new members. We are now operating under Mt Evelyn Conference but still looking after those in need in Upper Yarra regions, so we would be grateful if you could continue to support SVDP through the poor box and donation of unperishable food. Thank you.

Stewardship Corner

"We know that all things work for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose." - Romans 8:28

Do you really trust God? Do you really believe that God will provide all that you need? Faith is a challenge for everyone at times. Putting our trust in God, in everything we do, in good times and in bad, means that God's plan for our lives may be quite different than what we planned. When one door closes, another one opens. Trust in God, His plan is always better.

Contributions can be made via the website, by direct debit to: Sacred Heart Church BSB 083-347 account number 670642723 Ref **THK and your surname** or call the office and arrange with Janine to get envelopes or set up regular direct debit/credit card payments.

We have a NEW parish website!

With recent upgrades to Archdiocese of Melbourne platforms we have a new website melbcatholic.org/s/upperyarraalley. Go have a look!

Adoration of the Eucharist

In this world I cannot see the Most High Son of God with my own eyes, except for His Most Holy Body and Blood. Let us love God and adore Him and offer Him praises. (St. Francis of Assisi)

Confession: Because we have never seen God and because we cannot begin to image his infinite greatness, goodness and holiness as they really exist in Him, we can never really appreciate the seriousness of offending Him. We as Christians must take evil seriously in order to take God and his Christ seriously and recognise our accountability before Him. (Fr. Antony Jones)

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

Solemnity of the Assumption—Tuesday 15 August

This day is a holy day of obligation which means everyone is required to attend Mass on this day.

11:30am — Parish Mass with all school attending

6:00pm Warburton and 7:30pm Mount Evelyn

World Youth Day—Lisbon Portugal

Just because you're not going to World Youth Day (WYD) doesn't mean you can't go on a little pilgrimage of your own right here in Melbourne. A number of sacred shrines around Melbourne provide the opportunity to spiritually refresh ourselves and pray for Melbourne's WYD pilgrims.

From various national shrines to St Patrick's Cathedral, why not make some time to visit some of Melbourne's beautiful religious sites. Keeping our pilgrims in prayer will be especially important as they head off to experience the Church as they've never experienced it before, and to encounter the Lord in a new and profound way.

<https://melbournecatholic.org/news/shrines-to-visit-in-melbourne-for-stay-at-home-pilgrims-this-wyd>

The theme for this World Youth Day is 'Mary arose and went with haste' (Luke 1:30), recalling Mary's responsiveness to God and her journey to share the Good News of Christ's coming with her cousin Elizabeth.

As our pilgrims go on their own remarkable journey—encountering the Lord, engaging with the faith and returning home transformed by this new experience—we might consider praying with Our Lady in the Rosary. As we do, let's pray that our pilgrims will have Mary's generosity and openness to God's will, and that Christ will be born anew, not only in their hearts but also in our Archdiocese.

Something to make you smile!

Friends buy you lunch. Best friends eat your lunch

You think I'm crazy? You should see me with my best friend.

You call me your best friend, but where were you when my selfie only had four likes?

You don't have to be crazy to be my friend. But it helps.

We'll be friends till we're old and senile ... Then we'll be new friends.

Real friendship is when your friend comes over to your house and you both just take a nap.

Readings Reflection

[Treasures of the Kingdom](#)

What is your new life in Christ worth to you?

Do you love His words more than gold and silver, as we sing in today's Psalm? Would you, like the characters in the Gospel today, sell all that you have in order to possess the kingdom He promises to us? If God were to grant any wish, would you follow Solomon's example in today's First Reading—asking not for a long life or riches, but for wisdom to know God's ways and to desire His will?

The background for today's Gospel, as it has been for the past several weeks, is the rejection of Jesus' preaching by Israel. The kingdom of heaven has come into their midst, yet many cannot see that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises, a gift of divine compassion given that they—and we—might live.

We too must ever discover the kingdom anew, to find it as a treasure—a pearl of great price. By comparison with the kingdom, we must count all else as rubbish (see Philippians 3:8). And we must be willing to give up all that we have—all our priorities and plans—in order to gain it.

Jesus' Gospel discloses what Paul, in today's Epistle, calls the purpose of God's plan (see Ephesians 1:4). That purpose is that Jesus would be the firstborn of many brothers.

His words give understanding to the simple, the childlike. As Solomon does today, we must humble ourselves before God, giving ourselves to His service. Let our prayer be for an understanding heart, one that desires only to do His will.

We are called to love God, to delight in His law, and to forsake every false way. And we are to conform ourselves daily ever more closely to the image of His Son.

If we do this, we can approach His altar as a pleasing sacrifice, confident that all things work for the good—that we whom He has justified will also one day be glorified.

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

Sanctifying the Present Moment

[One] remedy for the ills that come to us from thinking about time is what might be called the sanctification of the moment—or the Now. Our Lord laid down the rule for us in these words: “Do not fret, then, over tomorrow; leave tomorrow to fret over its own needs; for today, today’s troubles are enough.” (Matt. 6:34)

This means that each day has its own trials; we are not to borrow troubles from tomorrow, because that day, too, will have its cross. We are to leave the past to Divine Mercy and to trust the future, whatever its trials, to His Loving Providence.

Each minute of life has its peculiar duty—regardless of the appearance that minute may take. The Now-moment is the moment of salvation. Each complaint against it is a defeat; each act of resignation to it is a victory. The moment is always an indication to us of God’s will. The ways of pleasing Him are made clear to us in several ways: through His Commandments, by the events of His Incarnate Life in Jesus Christ Our Lord, in the Voice of His Mystical Body, the Church, in the duties of our state of life. And, in a more particular way, God’s will is manifested for us in the Now with all of its attendant circumstances, duties, and trials.

The present moment includes some things over which we have control, but it also carries with it difficulties we cannot avoid—such things as a business failure, a bad cold, rain on picnic days, an unwelcome visitor, a fallen cake, a buzzer that doesn’t work, a fly in the milk, and a boil on the nose the night of the dance. We do not always know why such things as sickness and setbacks happen to us, for our minds are far too puny to grasp God’s plan. Man is a little like a mouse in a piano, which cannot understand why it must be disturbed by someone playing Chopin and forcing it to move off the piano wires.

Those who love God do not protest, whatever He may ask of them, nor doubt His kindness when He sends them difficult hours. A sick man takes medicine without asking the physician to justify its bitter taste, because he trusts the doctor’s knowledge; so the soul which has sufficient faith accepts all the events of life as gifts from God, in the serene assurance that He knows best.

Nothing is more individually tailored to our spiritual needs than the Now-moment; for that reason it is an occasion of knowledge which can come to no one else. This moment is my school, my textbook, my lesson. Not even Our Lord disdained to learn from His specific Now; being God, He knew all, but there was still one kind of knowledge He could experience as a man. St. Paul describes it: “Son of God though He was, He learned obedience in the school of suffering.” (Heb. 5:8)

The University of the Moment has been built uniquely for each of us, and in comparison with the revelation God gives each in it, all other methods of learning are shallow and slow. This wisdom is distilled from intimate experience, is never forgotten; it becomes part of our character, our merit, our eternity. Those who sanctify the moment and offer it up in union with God’s will never become frustrated—never grumble or complain. They overcome all obstacles by making them occasions of prayer and channels of merit.

What were constrictions are thus made opportunities for growth. It is the modern pagan who is the victim of circumstance, and not its master. Such a man, having no practical knowledge of God, no trust in His Providence, no assurance of His Love, lacks the shock absorber of Faith and Hope and Love when difficult days come to him. His mind is caught within the pincers of a past he regrets or resents and a future he is afraid he cannot control. Being thus squeezed, his nature is in pain.

The one who accepts God’s will in all things escapes such frustration by piercing the disguise of outward events to penetrate to their real character as messengers of the God he loves. It is strange how differently we accept a misfortune—or even an insult—when we know who gave it to us. Demands that might seem outrageous from an acquaintance are met with happy compliance if it is a friend who asks our help. In like manner, we are able to adapt with a good grace to the demands of every Now when we recognize God’s will and purpose behind the illness and the shocks and disappointments of life.

The swaddling clothes of an Infant hid the Son of God in Bethlehem, and the appearance of bread and wine hides the Reality of Christ dying again on Calvary, in the Mass. This concealment of Himself that God effects with us is operative in His use of the Now to hide His Will beneath the aspect of very simple, everyday things. We live our lives in dependence on such casual, common benefits as air and water; so Our Lord is pleased to receive from us in return the thousands of unimportant actions and the trifling details that make up our lives—provided that we see, even in our sorrows, “The shade of His Hand outstretched caressingly.”

Venerable Fulton Sheen, from *Life is Worth Living*, cf. [Catholic Exchange](https://www.catholicexchange.com)