

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

11 February 2024

Readings

Next Week

Gen 9:8-15
Ps 24:4-9
1 Pet 3:18-22
Mk 1:12-15

in a nutshell

Jesus touched him. Jesus included the healing of lepers among the list of miracles which would authenticate his mission. He also communicated this power to his disciples (Mt 10:8). In today's Gospel, he not only heals a leper; he lays his hands upon him. It is a gesture of acceptance (and perhaps even solidarity) with a social outcast.

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, Pauline Bennett, Frankie Pettinella

For those who have died recently: Rita Flipo and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Stations of the Cross is celebrated every Friday during lent beginning this Friday, 17 February.

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God, a mighty stronghold to save me. For you are my rock, my stronghold! Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

Responsorial Psalm

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted.

O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide.

I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.'
And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just!

O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

God so loved the world that he gave his Only Begotten Son, so that all who believe in him may not perish, but may have eternal life.

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

moutevelyn@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

Finance Report

With the collapse of Catholic Combined Insurances last year, the parish has been waiting for the Archdiocese to finalise the current insurance arrangements. As a result 3 months of premiums were due last week (**\$5078**) which was more than half the money in the Church Account. The monthly premiums going forward will be **\$1679.45**. Currently the average weekly income from Stewardship envelopes is **\$1654.33**. You will note this falls short of the insurance instalment and allows for no other bills needing to be paid; council rates, electricity, & water, subscriptions to programs for finances and parishioner data base.

Please note St Mary's pays all costs for running the office and presbytery; wages, phone/internet, utilities and some liturgical needs e.g. communion hosts. Therefore **your contribution to the Parish through the Stewardship/thanksgiving envelopes is very important if the Parish is to flourish going forward.**

Ash Wednesday—14 February

Yarra Junction, 9:00am (Whole School Mass), Warburton, 6:00pm
Mount Evelyn, 11:40am (Whole School Mass) & 7:30pm

Stations of the Cross During Lent Begin Friday 16 February

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.

Yarra Junction: 6:00pm; Mount Evelyn: 7:30pm

Project Compassion Sunday - February 10 /11

Please take home a Project Compassion box or a set of donation envelopes to support Caritas Australia this Lenten season and help support vulnerable people around the world, now and for all future generations. With your support, Caritas Australia has been able to support vulnerable communities around the world to tackle poverty, food security, education, water and sanitation and disaster risk reduction to build a better future for all.

Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow for all future generations.

You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available, by visiting caritas.org.au/project-compassion or by calling 1800 024 413.

Parish Sacramental Program

For Children, not attending the Parish School, wanting to receive the Sacraments, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, instructions are available through our Parish.

Contact the parish office or annevan.tilburg@gmail.com Contact Anne . Please note classes are held at St Mary's.

Maintenance Expenses

Cost of repairs to security lighting and plumbing & the exorbitant water bill as a result of the leak totalled **\$7325** in 2023.

Donations towards covering these unexpected expenses are still welcome. Contributions can be made via direct debit using the bank details listed below (use the reference 'repairs') or by cash/cheque in an envelope marked repairs. Thanks to those who have contributed: **donations to date \$2085**

Sacred Heart Parish Church BSB# 083347 Account number 670642723

Church Flowers—Donations

Donations can be made at any time in envelopes marked 'Flowers' or 'Altar Society'.

Adoration of the Eucharist

The inspiration for the Holy Hour is the Gospel of Matthew. In the Garden of Gethsemane the night before his crucifixion, Jesus spoke to his disciples, saying "My soul is sorrowful to the point of death. Wait here and keep awake with me." (Matthew 26:38) He did not ask for an hour of activity, but for an hour of companionship. St. Margaret Mary Alacoque stated that she had a vision of Jesus, in which she was instructed to spend an hour every Thursday night to meditate on his sufferings.

Confession: Satan tempts us to deny responsibility for our sins, or even worse, presume that God is not offended by them. A sacramental confession frees us sinners from the hands of the devil and immerses us in the love of God. Confession can help us resist temptation and maintain a close relationship with God.

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

"Rising very early before dawn, he left and went off to a deserted place, where he prayed...He told them, 'Let us go on to the nearby villages that I may preach there also. For this purpose have I come.'"

- Mark 1:35, 38

In today's Gospel reading we see a perfect example of stewardship. Jesus gives His time to do all that God wishes - healing the sick and preaching. But before He begins, Jesus takes time to be alone with God in prayer. It is through prayer, spending time with God, that we are given the graces needed to do what He wishes us to do. Praying before acting is a great habit to develop.

2024 Lent Challenge – Free Access

Start your journey. This Lent, join Scott Hahn and John Bergsma as they lead us out of exile and on *the journey home*. **Begins Ash Wednesday, February 14th visit:** <https://stpaulcenter.com/exodus/> to sign up. Free access to the entire site for the duration of Lent.

St Mary's Prayer Group

The Prayer Group meet every Friday in the church from 2-3 p.m. Come and join us! "Prayer is the raising of one's mind and heart to God or the requesting of good things from God" (St. John Damascene). All Welcome!

Something to Bring a smile...

A tourist finds a bedraggled penguin on the beach at Phillip Island and asks a nearby policeman what to do. "I'd take it to Melbourne Zoo mate," said the policeman. Next day, to the policeman's astonishment, there's the tourist and the penguin waddling along the same beach at Phillip Island together. "Hey you," says the policeman, "I thought I told you to take the penguin to the zoo." "I did," says the tourist, "and he enjoyed it so much that I'm taking him to the pictures today."

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Readings Reflection

[Made Clean](#)

In the Old Testament, leprosy is depicted as punishment for disobedience of God's commands (see Numbers 12:12–15; 2 Kings 5:27; 15:5).

Considered "unclean"—unfit to worship or live with the Israelites, lepers are considered "stillborn," the living dead (see Numbers 12:12). Indeed, the requirements imposed on lepers in today's First Reading—rent garments, shaven head, covered beard—are signs of death, penance, and mourning (see Leviticus 10:6; Ezekiel 24:17).

So there's more to the story in today's Gospel than a miraculous healing.

When Elisha, invoking God's name, healed the leper, Naaman, it proved there was a prophet in Israel (see 2 Kings 5:8). Today's healing reveals Jesus as far more than a great prophet—He is God visiting His people (see Luke 7:16).

Only God can cure leprosy and cleanse from sin (see 2 Kings 5:7), and only God has the power to bring about what He wills (see Isaiah 55:11; Wisdom 12:18).

The Gospel scene has an almost sacramental quality about it.

Jesus stretches out His hand—as God, by His outstretched arm, performed mighty deeds to save the Israelites (see Exodus 14:6; Acts 4:30). His ritual sign is accompanied by a divine word ("Be made clean"). And, like God's word in creation ("Let there be"), Jesus' word "does" what He commands (see Psalm 33:9).

The same thing happens when we show ourselves to the priest in the sacrament of penance. On our knees like the leper, we confess our sins to the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm. And through the outstretched arm and divine word spoken by His priest, the Lord takes away the guilt of our sin.

Like the leper we should rejoice in the Lord and spread the good news of His mercy. We should testify to our healing by living changed lives. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we should do even the littlest things for the glory of God and that others may be saved.

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The Lenten Season begins on 14 February 2024

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, 14 February 2024 and Trinity Sunday, 26 May 2024 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.