

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction



Second Sunday of Easter (Divine Mercy) (Year A)

12 April 2026

readings

Next Week

3rd Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:14, 22-33

Ps 15:1-2, 5, 7-11

1 Pet 1:17-21

Lk 24:13-35

in a nutshell

I am sending you. When we gather for Eucharist each Sunday the risen Christ comes among us and offers us his gift of peace. Our celebration gives us joy and strengthens our faith. But we cannot stay inside the church with its doors locked. At the end of mass we are sent out, commissioned to bring the love and mercy of Christ to all who continue to bear in their bodies the wounds of crucifixion.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially Helen O'Kane, Fr Pat Purcell, Margaret Broderick, Fida Rees
For those who have died recently
And those whose anniversary occur at this time.

of special note

All parish volunteers will need to ensure their training and paperwork is up to date.

More Information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:

'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:

'His love has no end.'

I was thrust, thrust down and falling but the Lord was my helper.

The Lord is my strength and my song; he was my saviour.

There are shouts of joy and victory in the tents of the just.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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

Website:

www.siyarrajunction.catholic.edu.au

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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
mountevelyn@cam.org.au

Parish Meetings: May 20

6:00 p.m. Wednesday

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



Parish Notices

Funeral Details for Margaret Marshall

The funeral will take place at Heritage Pioneers Chapel, 1416 Healesville-Koo Wee Rup Rd, Woori Yallock on Friday, 17 April at 11:30am. Streaming service is available at the Heritage website: <https://heritagefunerals.com.au/upcoming-services/>

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration: To place ourselves before Jesus in the Eucharist, to take advantage of our moments of solitude and to fill them with His Presence, is to enliven our personal relationship with Christ, from whom our life derives its joy and it's meaning. (Pope St. John Paul II)

Confession: When you, the priest, are sitting there in the confessional, you have so many of those moments where the glory of the Lord is entirely revealed and you're just in awe, and then the next person comes in !! (Fr. Mussett)

Adoration, spend time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Yarra Junction: Thursday 6:00pm. Mount Evelyn: Tuesday 5:10pm, Friday 8:10am. Confessions available during Adoration.

Stewardship Corner

"Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.'" JOHN 20:19

Are you good at making people feel welcome? When you meet someone new, like a new neighbour, a new work colleague or a new parishioner, do you make them feel at home? When we make people feel welcome, we make them feel like they are included instead of being excluded. We are made for relationships – with God and each other. When you see yourself as a beloved son or daughter of God, you tend to see others the same way, too – just as God, Our Father, sees us.

Project Compassion—THANK YOU!

Caritas Australia sincerely thanks you for your generous support of Project Compassion this Lent.

If you still have your Project Compassion box or donation envelope at home, please return it next week at Mass. Every contribution, no matter the size, helps to bring hope and opportunity to people experiencing poverty and injustice.

Together, we are *Uniting Against Poverty* and walking alongside vulnerable communities as they build stronger, more sustainable futures.

Please donate today.

You can support Project Compassion 2026 through the donation boxes, envelopes. **Or online at:** www.projectcompassion.org.au/donate

Or by calling: 1800 024 413

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

Volunteers for Spiritual Direction needed

My name is Mary Ryan, I am studying at Heart of Life Spirituality Centre in Croydon, which is part of the University of Divinity. I am doing a Spiritual Direction course and need volunteers to help me perfect my skills as a Spiritual Director. This would entail an 1 hour session, once a month free of charge to have a conversation. Anyone interested in helping can contact me on 0437101274. Thank you.

March Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$1822 Total Expenditure:
\$2310.36

Safeguarding Compliance for Volunteers

If you undertake any volunteer role within the parish you are required to:

- Have undergone a Working With Children (WWC) Check
- Signed the Code of Conduct
- Undertaken the online training session.

If you are singing in the choir, playing the organ, arranging the flowers, cleaning the church, assisting with the garden etc. the above must be undertaken for compliance to the Archdiocese Safeguarding Policy.

Over the coming weeks you may receive an email or a phone call outlining what is needed to continue your work in the role you have within the parish. Your role as a volunteer is very much appreciated by the parish and your continued assistance is welcome.

20th Anniversary of the Dedication of the Divine Mercy Shrine

The Polish Catholic community warmly invites the faithful of the Archdiocese of Melbourne to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the dedication of the Divine Mercy Shrine at 343–337 Greens Road Keysborough. On Saturday 25 April 12:00pm–5pm

The Shrine was dedicated on 22 April 2006 by Archbishop Denis Hart and established as Australia's first Divine Mercy sanctuary. Inspired by the message entrusted to St. Faustina Kowalska and promoted by St John Paul II, the shrine has become a place of prayer and pilgrimage for people from across Australia and overseas.

...And now for a giggle...

A farmer and his wife went to a local fair. The farmer was fascinated by the airplanes and asked a pilot how much a ride would cost.

"Two hundred dollars for three minutes," replied the pilot.

"That's too much," said the farmer.

The pilot thought for a second and then said, "I'll make you a deal. If you and your wife ride for three minutes without uttering a sound, it will be free. But if you make a sound, you'll have to pay me \$500."

The farmer and his wife agreed and went for a wild ride with the pilot turning the plane upside down and twisting through the air. After they landed, the pilot said to the farmer, "I want to congratulate you for not making a sound. That was a great effort."

"Thanks" said the farmer, "But I gotta say, I almost lost it when my wife fell out."

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Readings Reflection

[His Mercy Endures](#)

We are children of Jesus' Resurrection from the dead. Through this wondrous sign of His great mercy, the Father of Jesus has given us new birth, as we hear in today's Epistle.

Today's First Reading sketches the "family life" of our first ancestors in the household of God (see 1 Peter 4:17). We see them doing what we still do—devoting themselves to the Apostles' teaching, meeting daily to pray and celebrate "the breaking of the bread."

The Apostles saw the Lord. He stood in their midst, He showed them His hands and sides. They heard His blessing and received His commission: to extend the Father's mercy to all peoples through the power and Spirit He conferred upon them.

We must walk by faith and not by sight—we must believe and love what we have not seen (see 2 Corinthians 5:7). Yet, the invisible realities are made present for us through the devotions the Apostles handed on.

Notice the experience of the risen Lord in today's Gospel is described in a way that evokes the Mass.

Both appearances take place on a Sunday. The Lord comes to be with His disciples. They rejoice, listen to His Word, and receive the gift of His forgiveness and peace. He offers His wounded body to them in remembrance of His Passion. And they know and worship Him as their Lord and their God.

Thomas' confession is a vow of faith in the new covenant. As promised long before, in the blood of Jesus we can now know the Lord as our God and be known as His people (see Hosea 2:20–25).

This confession is sung in the heavenly liturgy (see Revelation 4:11). And in every Mass on earth we renew our covenant and receive the blessings Jesus promised for those who have not seen but have believed.

In the Mass, God's mercy endures forever, as we sing in today's Psalm. This is the day the Lord has made—when the victory of Easter is again made wonderful in our eyes.

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

Divine Mercy Sunday

Celebrated at St Mary's

2:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament followed by Recitation of the Holy Rosary

3:00pm Divine Mercy Prayer—Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:30pm St Faustina's Praises of the Mercy of God

3:45pm St Faustina's Prayer for Priests

4:00pm Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

4:30pm Benediction & The Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image

5:00pm Holy Mass

Confessions from 2:45pm-4:15pm

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

The Humble Instrument

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her Diary, the Pope call her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely on St. Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully toward others. We also turn to her in prayer and request her intercession to our merciful Savior on our behalf.