

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction



Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

15 February 2026

readings

Next Week 1st Sunday of Lent

Gen 2:7-9, 3:1-7

Ps 50:3-6, 12-14, 17

Rom 5:12-19

Mt 4:1-11

in a nutshell

Follow God's Law. The vast wisdom of God is revealed in the law God has given to us, a law designed to lead us to the fullness of life and happiness. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us that law is not only about external behaviour. Our inner attitudes are also important. It is from within, from the attitudes of our hearts, that good or evil actions flow.

we pray for

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

of special note

Ash Wednesday Mass schedule is 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.

Psalms Response

(R.) Happy are they who follow the law of the Lord!

They are happy whose life is blameless,
who follow God's law!
They are happy those who do his will,
seeking him with all their hearts.

You have laid down your precepts
to be obeyed with care.
May my footsteps be firm
to obey your statutes.

Bless your servant and I shall live
and obey your word.
Open my eyes that I may consider
the wonders of your law.

Teach me the demands of your statutes
and I will keep them to the end.
Train me to observe your law,
to keep it with my heart. (R.)

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

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

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

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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: February 11
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/upperyarravalley> and choose where you are donating: church, presbytery, maintenance.



Parish Notices

Ash Wednesday Masses—18 February

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

Stations of the Cross During Lent 6pm from February 20 (Mount Evelyn)

We will be praying the Stations of the Cross at St Mary's every Friday during Lent beginning Friday 20 February. 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.* Mount Evelyn: 6:00 pm.

Lenten Bible Study (Images of Hope)

Come and join us for a Lenten Bible Study on Wednesdays in Lent beginning on 25 February at 7pm and will conclude on Wednesday, 25 March. The Bible Study is entitled "Images of Hope". We will consider events in our Lord's Passion which will enrich our Lent and increase our hope in our Lord's promises for this life and for the life to come. All are welcome to join us for a session or two or for all five! Specific bible passages will be posted shortly. These sessions will be held at St Mary's.

Sacramental Program 2026—Time to Register Now

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. Lessons will begin at St Mary's on Sunday 1st March after 10:30 Mass for Confirmation and Tuesday 3rd March at 5pm for First Communion.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Like the Father of the Prodigal Son, God is waiting for me with arms wide open. When I am given a fresh start, I want to thank Him. I want to be with Him. Sit quietly with Him. Kneel in adoration, sing for joy. (Archbishop Anthony Fisher O.P.)

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

"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." MATTHEW 5:20
The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

Prayer Group

Meets Monday at 9:15 am and Fridays at 9:45 a.m. at St Mary's. 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!

International Eucharistic Congress 2028

Parishes across Australia are invited to begin a renewed journey of prayer, formation and mission as the Church in Australia prepares to host the International Eucharistic Congress in 2028 (Eucharist28). Eucharist28 prayer cards are available in the foyer.

Holy Hour after 10.30am Mass on Sunday, 1 March

As an early national focus, parishes are especially encouraged to participate in the Nationwide Holy Hour on Sunday 1 March 2026, the Second Sunday of Lent. As Parishes are invited to offer an hour of Eucharistic Adoration following Mass, uniting with communities across Australia in prayer for renewal, as we reflect on the Gospel of the Transfiguration and place our lives and mission before the Eucharistic Lord. Parishioners are welcome to attend at St Mary's Mount Evelyn after 10:30 Mass.

Project Compassion Envelopes: How do I use them?

This Lent, as in 2025, there is a single Project Compassion donation envelope – rather than the pack of six weekly envelopes used in previous years. This change was made to reduce waste and support our shared commitment to caring for our common home. You can still give weekly by taking several envelopes at once or simply make your offering when you're ready. Thank you for Uniting Against Poverty with us this Lent. Envelopes and Boxes will be available next weekend.

Celebration of Venerable Mary Glowrey

A celebration of Venerable Mary of the Sacred Heart Glowrey will be held on Friday 13 March 2026, following Pope Leo XIV's recognition of her heroic virtues. All are welcome at the Mass of Thanksgiving at St Patrick's Cathedral at 5pm, and then for a presentation and reflections at Cathedral Hall, Fitzroy at 6pm.

More information: melbcath.org/maryglowrey

REGISTER FOR PRESENTATION: www.trybooking.com/DIWC RSVP: 10 March 2026

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre Melbourne

Mary MacKillop Spirituality Centre Melbourne provides a warm and welcoming space to explore and nurture your faith. Located on the outskirts of Melbourne's CBD, our Centre is within walking distance of major hospitals, public transport, and key sporting venues. Whether you're seeking peaceful apartment accommodation, attending retreats or reflection days, participating in our educational programs or visiting the museum, we invite you to join us and enrich your spiritual journey. For more information <https://mmsm.org.au/centres/melbourne/> or contact us on admin.mmhc@sosjspirit.org.au or 9926 9300.

Readings Reflection

[Affair of the Heart](#)

Jesus tells us in the Gospel this week that He has come not to abolish but to “fulfill” the Law of Moses and the teachings of the prophets.

His Gospel reveals the deeper meaning and purpose of the Ten Commandments and the moral Law of the Old Testament. But His Gospel also transcends the Law. He demands a morality far greater than that accomplished by the most pious of Jews, the scribes and Pharisees.

Outward observance of the Law is not enough. It is not enough that we do not murder, commit adultery, divorce, or lie.

The law of the New Covenant is a law that God writes on the heart (see Jeremiah 31:31–34). The heart is the seat of our motivations, the place from which our words and actions proceed (see Matthew 6:21; 15:18–20).

Jesus this week calls us to train our hearts, to master our passions and emotions. And Jesus demands the full obedience of our hearts (see Romans 6:17). He calls us to love God with all our hearts and to do His will from the heart (see Matthew 22:37; Ephesians 6:6).

God never demands more than what we are capable of doing. That is the message of this week's First Reading. It is up to us to choose life over death, to choose the waters of eternal life over the fires of ungodliness and sin.

By His life, death, and Resurrection, Jesus has shown us that it is possible to keep His commandments. In Baptism, He has given us His Spirit, that His Law might be fulfilled in us (Romans 8:4).

The wisdom of the Gospel surpasses all the wisdom of this age that is passing away, St. Paul tells us in the Epistle. The revelation of this wisdom fulfills God's plan from before all ages. Let us trust in this wisdom and live by His kingdom law.

As we do in this week's Psalm, let us pray that we grow in being better able to live His Gospel and to seek the Father with all our heart.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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The Lenten Season begins on Wednesday, 18 February 2026

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 overburdened; 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, 18 February 2026 and Trinity Sunday, 31 May 2026 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.