

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction



Eleventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year A)

14 June 2026

readings

Next Week

12th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jer 20:10-13

Ps 68:8-10, 14, 17, 33-35

Rom 5:12-15

Mt 10:26-33

in a nutshell

The harvest is rich. Aware of the vast numbers of people who are harassed and dejected Jesus called twelve apostles to share in his mission. They were to do the same works as Jesus, healing the sick and proclaiming the kingdom of heaven. Christ still needs helpers to share in his mission. At the end of each Mass Christ sends us out to love and serve God and one another.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially Pauline Bennett, Paul Latham, 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

Please keep in your prayers all parish children receiving a sacrament this year.

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

O Lord, hear my voice, for I have called to you;
be my help.
Do not abandon or forsake me, O God, my Saviour!

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) We are his people:
the sheep of his flock.

Cry with joy to the Lord, all the earth.
Serve the Lord with gladness.
Come before him, singing for joy. (R.)

Know that he, the Lord, is God.
He made us, we belong to him,
we are his people, the sheep of his flock. (R.)

Indeed, how good is the Lord,
eternal his merciful love.
He is faithful from age to age. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The kingdom of God is near;
repent and believe the Good News!
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

There is one thing I ask of the Lord, only this do I seek:
to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my 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

Principal: Nick Boyhan

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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: July 1
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/upperyarraalley> and choose where you are donating: church, presbytery, maintenance.



Parish Notices

First Communion Candidates

During parish Masses this weekend and next weekend, young people of our parish will be making their First Communion. Keep them and their families in your prayers.

Safeguarding Compliance for Volunteers

Our aim is to have full compliance by the end of June. A reminder that all volunteers need:

- a Working With Children Check or VIT registration, and the Parish should be linked to this via the appropriate website
- To have signed the Code of Conduct
- To have completed the on-line training

Thank you to those of you who have completed the process. Reminder emails will be sent in early June.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

For me, prayer is a surge of the heart; it is a simple look turned toward heaven, it is a cry of recognition and of love, embracing both trial and joy. Frequently, only silence can express my prayer. (St. Therese of Lisieux)

I am telling you that we are living in the first age in the history of the world that has denied guilt and sin. Sin is a reality in the world and we have to face it as we are all sinners. Everyone. As a matter of fact, we cannot begin to receive the Mercy of God until we recognise that we are sinners. (Archbishop Fulton Sheen, who's beautification occurs on September 24)

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

"As you go, make this proclamation: 'The kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" MATTHEW 10:7

Many of us take our lives for granted. We think we have plenty of time to "repent." Maybe we should live with a little more urgency in making things right with God. This is the difference in living our discipleship out of obligation versus out of love. Obligation implies we do the minimum required. Love implies we want a relationship. God wants us to be with Him in Heaven forever, but He also wants to be in relationship with us right now, while we are on earth. Start this second – invite the Lord into your heart.

May Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$1639

Total Expenditure: \$1837.25

Propagation of the Faith Appeal—Thank you

Thank you for your generous support of the Church in Malawi and the communities it serves.

Because of your kindness, children like Yamikani* will have greater access to education, nourishment, and the opportunity to build a hopeful future.

And if you chose to become a Mission Partner with a monthly gift - thank you so much for your ongoing commitment.

To learn more about the work of Catholic Mission in Malawi and around the world, please visit catholicmission.org.au/our-work.

Thank you again for your compassion, and please keep this impactful work in your prayers. *Name changed for privacy

Donated total: \$100

Catholic Theological College

Online Information Session: Explore Philosophy, Theology, and Ministry-related courses

Monday 15 June at 7pm (AEST) Register via our website: ctc.edu.au/information-session

Pray for Persecuted Christians in Nigeria

Christians in Nigeria continue to suffer greatly for their faith, yet many persevere with deep trust in Christ and devotion to Our Lady. *Aid to the Church in Need* invites you to join with John, a Catholic farmer in Nigeria, in praying a decade of the Rosary this week for persecuted Christians and all who suffer for their faith.

Watch John's moving testimony and download a free Red Rosary Prayer Card to unite your prayers with the suffering Church throughout the world.

Scan the QR code or visit www.rebrand.ly/RedRosary26

Need to Dispose of a Vehicle? - Support Lifeboat

Disposal of a car from a deceased estate, or when a family member has had to relinquish their licence or go into residential care, can be a challenging process - getting a roadworthy, taking photos to advertise on the internet, cleaning and polishing, taking calls (if they come), even garaging it until a prospective buyer turns up (if indeed they do!).

If you need to dispose of a vehicle either from a deceased estate or which is no longer required, please consider gifting it to the "Lifeboat Geelong Foundation", a registered charity with tax deductible status which for nine years has been providing pastoral and practical support to nearly 150 victims / survivors of church-related sexual abuse. Many of these suffer post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and have limited or no employment. A donated vehicle could vastly improve their quality of life. If you would like to explore the possibility of gifting a potentially suitable vehicle to "Lifeboat", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon (0421 777 360, or frkdillon@outlook.com.au)

Pope Leo's Encyclical on AI

It's been a big week in the Catholic Church—and the world of technology—as Pope Leo XIV [released his much anticipated first encyclical, *Magnifica humanitas*](#), on Monday evening. In a deeply considered and wide-ranging document, he draws on the Church's rich understanding of human dignity and the common good to make a compelling case for prioritising 'magnificent humanity' in our response to the many significant challenges posed by AI.

This Week's Joke

My dad passed away when we couldn't remember his blood type. As he took his last breath, he kept saying "be positive." I'll try but it's hard without him.

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Readings Reflection

[Kingdom of Priests](#)

The words God speaks to Israel in today's First Reading are intended for us as well.

The Church is the fulfillment of God's covenant promises to Israel—a kingdom of priests and a holy nation (see Deuteronomy 26:19; Isaiah 62:12).

In the Church, we have been gathered as the new "Israel of God" (see Galatians 6:16). He has made us His own people, the flock He tends, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Moses was Israel's first shepherd (see Exodus 3:1). With the Promised Land in view, he prayed that God would raise up a successor so that God's people would not be left as sheep without a shepherd (see Numbers 27:17).

These same words are used in today's Gospel to describe Jesus' pity for the crowds, who are "troubled and abandoned, like sheep without a shepherd."

Israel's shepherds—the Pharisees and scribes—had abandoned and misled the people through their hypocrisy and spiritual blindness (see Matthew 23:1–36; Jeremiah 50:6).

But God had long before promised that He Himself would come and save His sheep—searching over the whole earth where they had been scattered "for lack of a shepherd" (see Ezekiel 34:1–24).

Jesus is the new Moses and new David promised by the prophets, a divine shepherd-king sent to restore God's priestly kingdom (see John 10:11).

As Moses commissioned Joshua as his successor, so we see Jesus today giving the Twelve His powers and authority (see Matthew 9:35; 10:1). In God's plan, they are to seek out the lost sheep of Israel first and then bring all nations into the fold (see Acts 13:46; Romans 1:16).

Together we have been saved and reconciled to God, as we hear in today's Epistle. As He delivered Israel, He has also made us a kingdom of priests in the Church (see Revelation 1:6).

So we come in this Mass to serve Him with gladness, to praise His kindness, which endures forever.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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They shall look on him whom they have pierced

[NOTE: The Solemnity of the Sacred Heart of Jesus was Friday, 12 June]

It is well-known that the month of June is dedicated particularly to the Divine Heart, to the Sacred Heart of Jesus. We express to it our love and our adoration by means of the litany which in the single invocations speaks with particular depth of its theological contents.

I wish, therefore, at least briefly, to stop together with you before this Heart, which the Church, as a community of human hearts, addresses. I wish, at least briefly, to speak of this mystery, such a human one, in which God revealed himself with such simplicity and, at the same time, depth and strength.

Today let the texts of the Friday liturgy speak for us, beginning with the reading of the Gospel according to John. The Evangelist reports a fact with the precision of an eye witness.

“Since it was the day of Preparation, in order to prevent the bodies from remaining on the cross on the sabbath (for that sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away. So the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first, and of the other who had been crucified with him; but when they came to Jesus and saw that he was already dead, they did not break his legs. But one of the soldiers pierced his side with a spear, and at once there came out blood and water.” (Jn 19:31–34).

The Evangelist speaks only of the piercing of his side with a spear, and the coming out of blood and water. The language of the description is almost medical, anatomical. The soldier’s spear certainly penetrated the heart, to make sure that the Condemned Man was already dead. This heart—this human heart—has stopped working. Jesus has ceased to live. At the same time, however, this anatomical opening of Christ’s heart after his death—in spite of all the historical “severity” of the text—drives us to think also at the metaphorical level. The heart is not just an organ that conditions the biological vitality of man. The heart is a symbol. It speaks of the whole inner man. It speaks of the spiritual interior of man. And tradition at once re-read this meaning of John’s description. In a certain sense, moreover, the Evangelist himself gave an inducement to do so when, referring to the attestation of the eye witness that was he himself, he referred, at the same time, to this sentence of Holy Scripture:

“They shall look on him whom they have pierced.” (Jn 19:37; Zc 12:10).

So, actually, does the Church look; so does humanity look. And lo, in the One pierced by the soldier’s spear all the generations of Christians have learned and learn to read the mystery of the Heart of the Crucified Man who was and is the Son of God.

The mystery of the heart opens up through the wounds of the body; the great mystery of piety opens up, the deep feelings of mercy of our God open up (St Bernard).

Christ speaks in the Friday liturgy: “Learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart” (Mt 11:29).

Only once, perhaps, did the Lord Jesus refer to his own heart, in his own words. And he stressed this sole feature: “gentleness and lowliness”: as if he meant that it is only in this way that he wishes to conquer man; that by means of “gentleness and lowliness” he wishes to be the King of hearts. The whole mystery of his reign was expressed. In these words. Gentleness and lowliness cover, in a certain sense, all the “riches” of the Redeemer’s heart, of which St Paul wrote to the Ephesians. But also that “gentleness and lowliness” reveal him fully; and enable us to get to know him and accept him; they make him the object of supreme admiration.

The beautiful litany to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is composed of many similar words—more, exclamations of admiration for the riches of the Heart of Christ. Let us meditate on them carefully on that day.

Thus, at the end of this fundamental liturgical cycle of the Church—which began with the first Sunday of Advent and passed through the time of Christmas, then of Lent and of the Resurrection up to Pentecost, the Sunday of Holy Trinity, and Corpus Christi—the feast of the Divine Heart, of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, presents itself discreetly. All this cycle is enclosed definitively in it; in the Heart of the Man-God. From it, too, the whole life of the Church irradiates every year.

Pope St. John Paul II, Wednesday Audience, 20 June 1979