

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction



Second Sunday in Lent (Year A)

1 March 2026

readings

Next Week
3rd Sunday of Lent

Ex 17: 3-7
Ps 94:1-2, 6-9
Rom 5:1-2, 5-8
Jn 4:5-42

in a nutshell

Oases on the Journey. As followers of Jesus, we have nowhere to pitch our tents. We must journey with Jesus through the hardships of life to glory. There will be oases along the way—moments of consolation which will reveal the presence of God among us. We cannot remain in these moments for ever, but they give us refreshment. Remembering them will sustain us on our pilgrim way.

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

Stations of the Cross celebrated every Friday during Lent at 6pm at Mount Evelyn

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Psalm Response

(R.) Lord, let your mercy be on us,
as we place our trust in you.

The word of the Lord is faithful
and all his works to be trusted.
The Lord loves justice and right
and fills the earth with his love.

The Lord looks on those who revere him,
on those who hope in his love,
to rescue their souls from death,
to keep them alive in famine.

Our soul is waiting for the Lord.
The Lord is our help and our shield.
May your love be upon us, O Lord,
as we place all our hope in you. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased;
listen to him.

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

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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
moutevelyn@cam.org.au

Parish Meetings: April 8

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

Flower Box Donations

Thank you for your generous donations for flowers. Last year collection from the box came to \$450.90 which was used for flowers at Easter and Christmas and a few weekly ones too. A big Thank you to everyone who contributed.

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 (Mount Evelyn)

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. Bring your Bible! Bible passages we will study:

1. Binding of Isaac: Gen 22.1-19 (cf. Mt 26.36-46)
2. Ecce Homo: Jn 18.38-19.6 (cf. Is 52.13-53.12)
3. My God, My God: Mt 27.32-56 (cf. Ps 22)
4. There came out blood and water: Jn 19.17-37 (cf. Zech 12.10-13.1 & Gen 2.18-25)
5. Mary Magdalene (The Christian Life): Lk 7:36-8.2 & Jn 12:1-8 (cf. Lk 10:38-42 & Jn 20:11-18 & Mt 21.28-32)

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Jesus could have limited His Presence only to the celebration of the Mass, but no! He wanted to make a permanent dwelling among us. Night and day He awaits us and offers Himself to us at all times. He is there to draw us to Him and lead us to paradise with Him. Oh! Let us go visit Him often. (St. John Bosco)

This is the time of repentance for us to atone for our sins and seek salvation. Jesus wants to forgive our sins in the great Sacrament of Reconciliation.

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

"Go forth from the land of your kinsfolk and from your father's house to a land that I will show you." GENESIS 12:1

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet, God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live. Remember what St. Teresa of Calcutta said, "God does not call us to be successful, God calls us to be faithful."

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 1st March—St Mary's

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—2nd Sunday of Lent

Sisilia is a 13-year-old girl living in remote Tanzania, who had to walk long distances to collect water every day. Thanks to Project Compassion, Sisilia's school and village now have safe clean water close by and she can spend more time studying so she can fulfil her dream of one day becoming a pilot.

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*.

Walk with Mary Mass & Procession

Join the Combined Societies of Mary and Bishop Rene Ramirez RCJ for a special Mass, street procession and entrustment to Our Lady. Come and honour Our Lady on this special Sunday 15 March, 2.00pm–4.00pm in memory of her Annunciation. All welcome!

So often Our Lady has asked for processions. She does not do this because She is in need of special honour. She asks for this so that we may open our hearts to Her and receive all the graces God wants to give. But how God has confirmed his pleasure regarding processions. So often cities and even nations, even Christendom, have been delivered by simply honouring God in a public manner. Flyers available in the foyer and for all enquiries, email csmary.org@tpg.com.au or call (03) 9509 2207.

...And for a giggle...

Why did the robber take a bath? Because he wanted to make a clean getaway.

What did the cannibal serve with tea? Finger sandwiches.

The road to success has so many tempting parking spaces.

Never criticise someone until you have walked a mile in their shoes. That way when you criticise them, you'll be a mile away and you'll have their shoes.

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Readings Reflection

[Listen to Him](#)

Today's Gospel portrays Jesus as a new and greater Moses.

Moses also took three companions up a mountain and on the seventh day was overshadowed by the shining cloud of God's presence. He too spoke with God and his face and clothing were made radiant in the encounter (see Exodus 24, 34).

But in today's Lenten Liturgy, the Church wants us to look back past Moses. Indeed, we are asked to contemplate what today's Epistle calls God's "design . . . from before time began."

With His promises to Abram in today's First Reading, God formed the people through whom He would reveal Himself and bestow His blessings on all humanity.

He later elevated these promises to eternal covenants and changed Abram's name to Abraham, promising that he would be father of a host of nations (see Genesis 17:5). In remembrance of His covenant with Abraham, He raised up Moses (see Exodus 2:24; 3:8), and later swore an everlasting kingdom to David's sons (see Jeremiah 33:26).

In Jesus' transfiguration today, He is revealed as the One through whom God fulfills His divine plan from of old.

Not only a new Moses, Jesus is also the "beloved son" promised to Abraham and again to David (see Genesis 22:15–18; Psalm 2:7; Matthew 1:1).

Moses foretold a prophet like him to whom Israel would listen (see Deuteronomy 18:15, 18), and Isaiah foretold an anointed servant in whom God would be well pleased (see Isaiah 42:1). Jesus is this prophet and this servant, as the Voice on the mountain tells us today.

By faith we have been made children of the covenant with Abraham (see Galatians 3:7–9; Acts 3:25). He calls us, too, to a holy life, to follow His Son to the heavenly homeland He has promised. We know, as we sing in today's Psalm, that we who hope in Him will be delivered from death.

So like our father in faith, we go forth as the Lord directs us: "Listen to Him!"

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The Transfiguration of Humanity

The Transfiguration is the event that sets Jesus off to Jerusalem. Shortly after the Transfiguration, Jesus “set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:51). What is it about the Transfiguration that turns Jesus’ attention to Jerusalem? What is so pivotal about this amazing and seemingly bizarre event that makes it the hinge of the story, leading Jesus onto a road that will end on Calvary?

The disciples were still reeling from the shocking challenge that Jesus had given them the prior week. In response to Peter’s confession that Jesus was the “Christ of God” (Lk. 9:20), the Messiah, Jesus had said some shocking things about what it meant to follow Him: “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Lk. 9:23). The notion of carrying one’s cross meant only one thing in first-century Israel: Roman execution. The Roman penalty for rebellion was crucifixion, which entailed carrying the crossbeam to the place of one’s execution, usually by a main road or thoroughfare where many could witness what happens to those who rebel against Rome. To be challenged to “take up one’s cross” was disquieting to say the least. No wonder then that Jesus decided to take some of the disciples on a retreat.

About eight days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John up Mount Tabor to pray. At the top of the mountain, as they are praying, all heaven breaks loose. It starts with Jesus’ face, which begins to glow with glory. Not only His face, but “his raiment became dazzling white” as well (Lk. 9:29). Then Moses and Elijah appear. The three disciples then behold Jesus speaking with Moses and Elijah. What did Jesus discuss with Moses, the giver of the Torah, and Elijah, the great prophet? Luke alone discloses the content of their conversation. They “spoke of his departure [literally exodus in Greek], which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:31). Whom better to discuss the exodus with than Moses, the leader of Israel’s first exodus?

Seeing Jesus’ glory, not to mention Moses and Elijah, is enough to wake up Peter and his companions, who are probably exhausted from the climb up the mountain. Peter then makes what seems to be a very odd suggestion: “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah” (Lk. 9:33). Does Peter want to set up camp on the holy mount?

Luke has given us a clue to what Peter is thinking when he mentions that this event took place on the eighth day (Lk. 9:28). In the Jewish liturgical calendar, there is one feast that lasts eight days, the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:36). This feast commemorates the exodus and particularly the giving of the law on Sinai. On the eighth day of the feast, booths are set up to commemorate how the Israelites lived in tents during the exodus. It is possible that they went up the mountain to pray that day because it was the solemn high day of the Feast of Tabernacles. What better place to remember Sinai than on a mountain?

Indeed, the events of Sinai are not only remembered but also repeated during the Transfiguration. The glory cloud of the Lord descends upon the mount and the disciples who, like the Israelites of old, are afraid. “And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ ” (Lk. 9:35).

On Mount Sinai, Moses’ face was transfigured with the glory of God. Jesus’ face also shines with glory, but even more than Moses, Jesus’ whole appearance becomes “dazzling white” (Lk. 9:29). Jesus outshines Moses in reflecting the glory of the Lord. The connection with Moses’ transfiguration shows that Jesus’ transfiguration in glory is not simply a manifestation of His divinity, but rather a revelation of Jesus’ perfected and glorified humanity. Jesus reveals God the Father’s desire to transform humanity into the likeness of divine glory. This makes sense once we consider that when Moses radiated God’s glory it was not a sign that Moses was divine, but rather that he was granted the grace to share in God’s glory. The aim of the transfiguration is not simply to give a glimpse of Jesus’ divinity, but to give us a glimpse of true humanity, a humanity that reflects the image and likeness of God in glory.

The events of Sinai are transfigured by the descent of glory upon Jesus on Tabor. On the mount of Transfiguration—the new Sinai—a new Torah is revealed. The new Torah is not the word of God written on stone tablets, but the Word made flesh. The voice from the cloud announces the new law, which is a person: “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” (Lk. 9:35). On the new and greater Sinai, the Father reveals His Son. Jesus takes the place of the Torah, not that the Torah is abolished, but now that the sun has come it is time to blow out the candles. Jesus embodies the Torah; the best way to know and understand the will of the Father is to look at and listen to His Son. The command, “listen to him” (Lk. 9:35), echoes the poignant prophecy of Moses that one greater than he would come and give a new covenant and law, and Moses concluded the prophecy with the injunction that Israel listen to Him (cf. Deut. 18:15–18).¹ Jesus is that new and greater Moses.

The conversation among Moses, Jesus, and Elijah concerns Jesus’ exodus. The connection with Moses highlights how Jesus’ mission is to be seen as a new exodus. The place for the exodus is Jerusalem. Shortly after this conversation, Jesus “set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:51). The reason is revealed on Tabor: Jesus is journeying to Jerusalem to accomplish the new exodus. The mission of the Messiah comes into stark focus on the mount of Transfiguration. There would be no turning back.