

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction



Sixth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

10 May 2026

readings

Next Week

The Ascension of the Lord

Acts 1:1-11

Ps 46:2-3, 6-9

Eph 1:17-23

Mt 28:16-20

in a nutshell

Proclaim the Good News. The early Christian community could not remain as an enclosed, self-contained group in Jerusalem. It's members felt impelled by Christ to bring the Good News to Samaria and then to the ends of the earth. Christians in every age are called to be fully involved in the life and joys and pains of the world. At times this can be difficult but the Spirit of God is always with us to help us.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend, especially Kristine Desai, 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

Happy Mother's Day to all parish mothers!

Please see inside for a prayer for mothers.

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard;
proclaim to the ends of the earth:
The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Let all the earth cry out to God with joy.

Cry out with joy to God all the earth,
O sing to the glory of his name.
O render him glorious praise.
Say to God: 'How tremendous your deeds! (R.)

'Before you all the earth shall bow;
shall sing to you, sing to your name!'
Come and see the works of God,
tremendous his deeds among men. (R.)

He turned the sea into dry land,
they passed through the river dry-shod.
Let our joy then be in him;
he rules for ever by his might. (R.)

Come and hear, all who fear God.
I will tell what he did for my soul:
Blessed be God who did not reject my prayer
nor withhold his love from me. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
All who love me will keep my words,
and my Father will love them and we will
come to them.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

If you love me, keep my commandments, says
the Lord, and I will ask the Father and he will
send you another Paraclete, to abide with you
for ever, 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

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



Parish Notices

A Prayer in Gratitude for our Mothers

Good and Gentle God,

We pray in gratitude for our mothers and for all the women who have joined with you in the wonder of bringing forth new life. You who became human through a woman, grant to all mothers the courage they need to face the uncertain future that life with children always brings.

Give them the strength to live and to be loved in return, not perfectly, but humanly.

Give them the support of family and friends as they care for the physical and spiritual growth of their children.

Give them joy and delight in their children to sustain them through the trials of motherhood.

Most of all, give them the wisdom to turn to you for help when they need it most.

Author Unknown

Safeguarding Compliance for Volunteers—UPDATE

At the most recent Safeguarding Meeting on April 8, discussion was around the volunteer groups within the parish and members of each group. Over the coming weeks you may receive an email or a phone call outlining what action by you is needed to continue your work in the role you have within the parish. 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.

Therefore, 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.

Your role as a volunteer is very much appreciated by the parish and your continued assistance is welcome.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Eucharistic Adoration, where we pray in the presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament, is an important practice that can change your life. Adoration is a way for Christians to express their love and adoration for Jesus, to deepen their faith, and to receive grace and strength from his presence. (Fr. Jeffrey) God's will is to save us, and nothing pleases him more than our coming back to him with true repentance. Indeed, God's desire for our salvation is the primary and pre-eminent sign of his infinite goodness. (St. Maximus)

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 it is better to suffer for doing good, if that be God's will, than for doing evil." 1 PETER 3:17

The old line says "if you want to make God laugh, tell him your plans." Many of us are diligent in our planning and making sure things are progressing smoothly. Then disaster strikes, we don't get the result we anticipated or an unforeseen problem arises. Many times we may respond negatively and ask, "Why me? I did everything right!" Here's the thing – adversity humbles us and reminds us of our dependence on God and not on our own self-reliance. Rest assured, God has a better plan in store for you.

April Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$1660.75

Total Expenditure: \$2068.72

May Mass Counts

Each year the parish is asked to complete mass counts for four weekend in May. This annual count is important for pastoral planning activities across the archdiocese and parish and allows for comparisons to be made across the years.

Sacramental Preparation

The children of the parish are in the midst of sacramental preparation for First Communion, Confirmation and Reconciliation (First Confession). This weekend we welcome them and their families to our parish masses. We ask that you keep them in your prayers.

Thank you from CatholicCare Victoria

CatholicCare Victoria is deeply grateful for the support of our parish during last week's CatholicCare Victoria Sunday Appeal. The generosity of our parish community means that CatholicCare Victoria can continue their mission; to empower communities and building strength and resilience, to enable everyone to reach their full potential and live life to the full. Your compassion and generosity ensure individuals and families are supported with safe housing, practical assistance, and compassionate care as they rebuild their lives. Thank you for helping open the door to safety, dignity and hope. For more information about CatholicCare Victoria, please visit: www.catholiccarevic.org.au

St Thomas Á Becket Collection: \$113.70

Middle East Emergency Appeal – Aid to the Church in Need

Aid to the Church in Need is calling for urgent prayer and support for Christian communities affected by war in the Middle East. Your help will provide emergency food packages, support parishes sheltering displaced families, keep schools running, and supply vital medical and pastoral care.

To learn more or give today, please scan the QR code or visit

www.rebrand.ly/EmergencyAppeal

This weekend's giggle!

Because we love our mothers so much, here are some one-liners to make her smile, laugh and hopefully not cry!

For Mother's Day, I gave my mum a "World's Best Mum" mug. She looked at it, then at me, and said, "Finally, written proof you've been listening all these years."

My mum says raising me took patience, strength, and coffee. Mostly coffee. Actually, almost entirely coffee.

Mum always says she doesn't need expensive gifts — just love and appreciation. Which is great, because love and appreciation are exactly what my budget allows.

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Readings Reflection

[Alive in the Spirit](#)

Jesus will not leave us alone. He won't make us children of God in Baptism only to leave us "orphans," He assures us in today's Gospel (see Romans 8:14–17).

He asks the Father to give us His Spirit, to dwell with us and keep us united in the life He shares with the Father.

We see the promised gift of His Spirit being conferred in today's First Reading.

The scene from Acts apparently depicts a primitive Confirmation rite. Philip, one of the first deacons (see Acts 6:5), proclaims the Gospel in the non-Jewish city of Samaria. The Samaritans accept the Word of God (see Acts 17:11; 1 Thessalonians 2:13) and are baptized.

It remains for the Apostles to send their representatives, Peter and John, to pray and lay hands on the newly baptized—that they might receive the Holy Spirit. This is the origin of our sacrament of Confirmation (see Acts 19:5–6), by which the grace of Baptism is completed and believers are sealed with the Spirit promised by the Lord.

We remain in this grace so long as we love Christ and keep His commandments. And strengthened in the Spirit whom Jesus said would be our Advocate, we are called to bear witness to our salvation—to the tremendous deeds that God has done for us in the name of His Son.

In today's Psalm, we celebrate our liberation. As He changed the sea into dry land to free the captive Israelites, Christ suffered that He might lead us to God, as we hear in today's Epistle.

This is the reason for our hope—the hope that sustains us in the face of a world that cannot accept His truth, the hope that sustains us when we are maligned and defamed for His name's sake.

Put to death in the flesh, He was brought to life in the Spirit, Paul tells us today. And as He himself promises: "Because I live, you will live."

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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The Law of the Gospel is the grace of the Holy Spirit

How does the New Law in Christ differ from the Old Law of Moses?

“Do not think that I have come to abolish the law and the prophets; I have come not to abolish them but to fulfil them.” (Mt 5:17)

[Christ] is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred which redeems them from the transgressions under the first covenant. (Heb 9:15)

The Old Law prepared for the New Law, which in turn perfects the Old Law.

After the Fall of Adam and Eve, God unfolded his plan of redemption gradually. An early part of this Revelation was the Old Law, the moral and liturgical precepts given to Moses and the Israelites. The Old Law is aptly summarised in the Ten Commandments, which encourage dispositions that guide humanity to live according to this love and proscribe behaviours that contravene love for God and neighbour. In this way, the Ten Commandments and the Old Law served to illuminate the consciences of humanity.

In this way the Old Law prepared the way for the coming of Christ and the establishment of the New Law embodied in the Gospel message of Christ. The images and prophecies within the Old Law prefigure elements in the New Law; where the Old Law underscored the dangers of sin and its consequences, the New Law freed us from the burden of sin by showing us the way of forgiveness, love, grace, and salvation. Where once God’s people were motivated more by fear of punishment under the Law of Moses, they could live now with their eyes on eternal happiness in the Kingdom of Heaven under the Law of Christ.

The New Law perfects the Old Law. It completes the promises and prophecies of the Old Testament and fulfils its Commandments by revealing the very root of all its moral prescriptions - the Law of Love - and seeking to convert the human heart by teaching the human person to seek perfection according to the example of Christ. All that the Old Law had done in preparation is now directed toward the ultimate goal of the Kingdom of Heaven. Without negating the Old Law in any way, the New Law summarised its moral prescriptions in a single New Commandment: that we love one another as Christ loves us.

Not only is the New Law a Law of Love but also it is a Law of Grace because of the divine gifts available to us through faith and the Sacraments of the Church; it is also a Law of Freedom because we can fulfil the letter and spirit of Divine Law by acting always out of Christian love in keeping with our identity as adopted sons and daughters of God.

From the Didache Bible

1950 The moral law is the work of divine Wisdom. Its biblical meaning can be defined as fatherly instruction, God’s pedagogy. It prescribes for man the ways, the rules of conduct that lead to the promised beatitude; it proscribes the ways of evil which turn him away from God and his love. It is at once firm in its precepts and, in its promises, worthy of love.

1952 There are different expressions of the moral law, all of them interrelated: eternal law—the source, in God, of all law; natural law; revealed law, comprising the Old Law and the New Law, or Law of the Gospel; finally, civil and ecclesiastical laws.

1953 The moral law finds its fullness and its unity in Christ. Jesus Christ is in person the way of perfection. He is the end of the law, for only he teaches and bestows the justice of God: “For Christ is the end of the law, that every one who has faith may be justified” (Rom 10:4)

1965 The New Law or the Law of the Gospel is the perfection here on earth of the divine law, natural and revealed. It is the work of Christ and is expressed particularly in the Sermon on the Mount. It is also the work of the Holy Spirit and through him it becomes the interior law of charity: “I will establish a New Covenant with the house of Israel.... I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people.” (Heb 8:8, 10; cf Jer 31.31-34)

1966 The New Law is the *grace of the Holy Spirit* given to the faithful through faith in Christ. It works through charity; it uses the Sermon on the Mount to teach us what must be done and makes use of the sacraments to give us the grace to do it:

If anyone should meditate with devotion and perspicacity on the sermon our Lord gave on the mount, as we read in the Gospel of Saint Matthew, he will doubtless find there ... the perfect way of the Christian life.... This sermon contains ... all the precepts needed to shape one’s life. (St Augustine)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church