

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Fifth Sunday of Easter (Year A)

7 May 2023

Readings

Next Week

Acts 8:5-8, 14-17
Ps 65:1-7, 16
1 Pet 3:15-18
Jn 14: 15-21

in a nutshell

I am the Way. In every age there are people who claim to know the way to a full and happy life. Often their ideas flourish for a while and then fade. But there is one way to the fullness of life that has stood the test of time—and that way is Jesus. If we follow Jesus, the Way, we will come to the fullness of life and truth and communicate this life to others.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend.
For those who have died recently and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Parish General Meeting
24 May at 7pm
At Yarra Junction church

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,
for he has worked wonders;
in the sight of the nations
he has shown his deliverance, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

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

Ring out your joy to the Lord, O you just;
for praise is fitting for loyal hearts.
Give thanks to the Lord upon the harp,
with a ten-stringed lute sing him songs.

For 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.

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the
Lord; no one comes to the Father, except
through me.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

I am the true vine and you are the branches,
says the Lord. Whoever remains in me, and I
in him, bears fruit in plenty, 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

Sunday Mass
Warburton: Saturday—4:30pm (EST)
7:00pm (EDST)
Yarra Junction: Sunday—8:30am

Weekday Mass
Wednesday—9:00am Yarra Junction
First Friday—11:30am Warburton

Reconciliation
Thursday 6:00pm-6:45pm
Thursdays at Yarra Junction
First Thursday at Warburton

Exposition
Thursday at 6:00pm
Thursdays at Yarra Junction
First Thursday at Warburton

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
Mary Ryan
Enzo Torresan
Nino Troiani

Working With Children

There are a number of parishioners whose Working With Children Check has expired. Could you please check your cards and update if necessary.

Bulletin notices by 12:00 noon Thursday please

mountevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

Parish Meetings: Wednesday, 10 May

Finance Committee	7:00pm
Parish Safeguarding	7:30pm
Parish Council	8:00pm

Parish Notices

Parish Meeting — 24 May 7pm

This parish meeting is to discuss the financial state of the Parish and the Archdiocese program 'Take the Way of the Gospel'. All parishioners urged to attend. 7pm at Yarra Junction church.

Corpus Christi College & Catholic Theological College Good Shepherd Sunday Appeal.

Support the training of priests for tomorrow's Church. Your tax-deductible donation will support the costs of Corpus Christi College seminarians. <https://ctc.edu.au/community/good-shepherd-sunday-appeal/>

Mass Counts

May is census month for the Archdiocese of Melbourne so attendances at weekend masses will be counted each weekend.

Stewardship Corner

"The stone which the builders rejected has become the cornerstone." 1 PETER 2:7

Every person has been given gifts from the Holy Spirit. These are called "charisms" and they are used to build God's kingdom of earth. While many people are able to recognize their natural talents and abilities, they may be unsure of their charisms. If you know someone who is struggling for a direction in life, give them a little encouragement. Help them discern their charisms and how God is calling them to use them. Remember - no gift is too small or insignificant in God's salvation plan.

April Finance Report

Average weekly given: \$412.80
Total Thanksgiving income: \$2064
Total Expenditure: \$3491.26

Wishing to contribute? Direct debit details: Sacred Heart Church BSB 083-347 Account number 670642723. **Reference THK and surname** or call the office and arrange with Janine to get envelopes or set up regular direct debit/credit card payments or pick up a form and return at your earliest convenience.

Adoration of the Eucharist

Of all devotions, that of adoring Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is the greatest after the sacraments, the one dearest to God and the one most helpful to us. (St. Alphonsus Liguori)

In the spiritual life a man is sick on account of sin. For that reason he needs medicine so that he may be restored to health; and this grace is bestowed in the Sacrament of Penance. (St. Thomas Aquinas)

Adoration, spend time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 6:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration. Friday mornings 8:00am Mount Evelyn

Pro-Life News

In 2016 in Victoria, 33 out of the 310 babies aborted after 20 weeks gestation were born alive. "A child that survives an attempted termination of pregnancy should be entitled to the same level of medical care and treatment as any newborn child," said Senator Alex Antic. Hear him discuss the resurrected bill to protect children with George Christensen and Ralph Babet.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T3TCAwxfy90> or
<https://www.youtube.com/@christianvoiceaustralia2023/videos>

'Pondering Grief' Saturday 20 May 2023, 10 am – 3:30 pm

This day offers an invitation to reflect on and honour our inner life of change and transition. With creativity, space and gentle guiding support, this workshop will offer a sacred place for the breadth of human experiencing and spirit to guide individual exploration. Facilitated by Linda Espie a counsellor of loss, grief and bereavement for over 35 years. Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation. Cost: \$80 including 'Pondering Grief' book (BYO lunch).

Book and pay via website www.heartoflife.melbourne, email info@heartoflife.melbourne or tel 9890 1101.

Special Cardinal George Pell Tribute Magazine

You can purchase a copy from the Mustardseed Bookshop at <https://mustardseed.org.au/shop/unconquered-heart-cardinal-george-pell/>

St Patrick's Cathedral Mother's Day Concert

Sunday 14 May, 2023 3:00pm – 4:00pm

Australian operatic tenor Michael Petruccelli and internationally recognised pianist Coady Green will visit St Patrick's Cathedral on Mother's Day for a vocal recital guaranteed to warm the heart. A joyous family event and a perfect way to spend your Sunday afternoon! All welcome. Tickets: \$30 (adults) | \$25 (concession) at door or trybooking.com/BRYBS Children aged 15 years and under admitted free.

For all enquiries, email music@cam.org.au.

Something to Make You Smile

Today I started an argument with my wife while riding in an elevator.

I was wrong on so many levels.

What do you call a typo on a tombstone?

A Grave Mistake.

I used to work for a circus

I was a human cannonball until they fired me.

Readings Reflection

[Building His House](#)

By His death, Resurrection and Ascension, Jesus has gone ahead to prepare a place for us in His Father's house.

His Father's house is no longer a temple made by human hands. It is the spiritual house of the Church, built on the living stone of Christ's body.

As Peter interprets the Scriptures in today's Epistle, Jesus is the "stone" destined to be rejected by men but made the precious cornerstone of God's dwelling on earth (see Psalm 118:22; Isaiah 8:14; 28:16).

Each of us is called to be a living stone in God's building (see 1 Corinthians 3:9, 16). In this edifice of the Spirit, we are to be "holy priests" offering up "spiritual sacrifices"—all our prayer, work, and intentions—to God.

This is our lofty calling as Christians. This is why Christ led us out of the darkness of sin and death as Moses led the Israelites from bondage in Egypt.

God's covenant with Israel made them a royal and priestly people who were to announce His praises (see Exodus 19:6). By our faith in Christ's new covenant, we have been made heirs of this chosen race, called to glorify the Father in the temple of our bodies (see 1 Corinthians 6:19–20; Romans 12:1).

In today's First Reading, we see the spiritual house of the Church being built up, as the Apostles consecrate seven deacons so they can devote themselves more fully to the "ministry of the Word."

The Lord's Word is upright and all His works trustworthy, we sing in today's Psalm. So we can trust Jesus when He tells us never to be troubled, but to believe that His Word and works come from the Father.

His Word continues its work in the world through the Church. We see its beginnings today in Jerusalem. It is destined to spread with influence and power (see Acts 19:20), and to become the imperishable seed by which every heart is born anew (see 1 Peter 1:23).

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I go to prepare a place for you. (Jn 14.2)

If we are to become aware of the mysteries of God, we need to see; we need that lingering gaze that becomes a touching. We need to set foot on the “ladder” of the body in order to find there the path to which faith invites us. We might express this more clearly with regard to our contemporary problems: the so-called objective piety, which wants a kind of ministerial participation in the liturgy, is not enough.... The liturgy itself can be celebrated properly only if it is prepared for, and accompanied by, that meditative “tarrying” in which the heart begins to see and to understand, to involve the senses, too, in its seeing, for “it is only with the heart that you see properly”, as Saint-Exupéry has his Little Prince say—that Little Prince whom we can take as a symbol for the childlikeness by which we find our way back out of the clever foolishness of the adult world and into man’s true nature, which is beyond mere reason. Doubting Thomas, who needs to be able to see and touch before he can believe, puts his hand into the Lord’s open side and, in touching, recognizes what is beyond touch and yet really does touch it. He beholds the invisible and yet really sees it: “My Lord and my God” (Jn 20:28). Saint Bonaventure has translated this event from the “once” of that time into the lives of all of us: “The wound of the body reveals the spiritual wound.... Let us look through the visible wound to the invisible wound of love.” We are all like Thomas, unbelieving; but, like him, all of us can touch the exposed Heart of Jesus and in doing so touch and behold the Logos himself. Thus, with our hands and our eyes fixed upon this Heart, we are able to make our confession of faith: “My Lord and my God.”...

Suffering presupposes the ability to suffer; it presupposes the action of the emotions. Among the Fathers of the Church, it was doubtless Origen who understood most profoundly the concept of the suffering God and stated most explicitly that it could not be restricted to the suffering humanity of Jesus, but affected also the Christian image of God. The suffering of the Father consists in letting the Son suffer, and the Spirit shares in the suffering, for, as Saint Paul says, the Spirit groans within us and bears in us and for us the suffering of longing for full redemption (Rom 8:26–27). The theme of the suffering God has become a more or less unfashionable one today—and not without reason, given the rejection of a one-sidedly rationalistic theology and of a portrait of Jesus and a concept of God in which the love of God has degenerated into the triteness of a God who is merely “nice”. Against such a background, Christianity has become a philanthropic organization for world improvement and the Eucharist has been reduced to the status of a family meal. But the theme of the suffering God can thrive only when it is anchored in love for God and in a prayerful recourse to his love. According to the Encyclical *Haurietis Aquas*, the passions of Jesus, which are depicted as united and uniting in the Heart, are a justification and a reason for the fact that even in the relationship between God and man the heart—that is, the capacity for feeling, the emotional aspect of love—must be included. Incarnational spirituality must be a spirituality of the passions, a heart-to-heart spirituality. Precisely in that way is it an Easter spirituality, for the mystery of Easter is, by its very nature, a mystery of suffering, a mystery of the heart.

Pope Benedict XVI, *Co-Workers of the Truth: Meditations for Every Day of the Year*