

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

11 August 2024

Readings

Next Week

20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Prov 9:1-6
Ps 33:2-3, 10-15
Eph 5:15-20
Jn 6:51-58

in a nutshell

Whoever believes has eternal life. Throughout John's Gospel many people struggled to understand who Jesus was. Despite the signs he performed, they simply could not believe his claim that he has come from God. Certainly, this claim of Jesus is remarkable, even scandalous. We need the gift of faith to accept it. Our faith in Jesus, the Bread of Life, is expressed and deepened by our participation in the Eucharist.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend: Margaret Schacher, Margaret Marshall, Margaret Broderick, Fida Rees, For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Assumption Masses this week.
Archbishop's Campaign collection next week.

More Information Inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Look to your covenant, O Lord,
and forget not the life of your poor ones forever.
Arise, O God, and defend your cause,
and forget not the cries of those who seek you.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

I will bless the Lord at all times,
his praise always on my lips;
in the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me.
Together let us praise his name.
I sought the Lord and he answered me;
from all my terrors he set me free.

Look towards him and be radiant;
let your faces not be abashed.
This poor man called; the Lord heard him
and rescued him from all his distress.

The angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who revere him, you rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
He is happy who seeks refuge in him. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the living bread from heaven, says the Lord;
whoever eats this bread will live forever.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The bread that I will give, says the Lord,
is my flesh for the life of the world.

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

Principal: Nick Boyhan

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Tel: (03) 9736 2850

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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 please

moutevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

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

Parish Meetings: 6:00p.m. Wednesday, 28 August

Safeguarding: 1:00p.m. Wednesday 21 August

Support the Parish using the QR Code below.



Parish Notices

St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal

Thank You to all parishioners who so generously donated to our winter appeal which has raised \$1000.40 to date across both parishes.

We also thank all who have donated non perishable food which we use to give a hand up to people in need in our area. Donations are always welcomed.

Solemnity of the Assumption—Thursday 15 August

The Assumption is a holy day of obligation which means everyone is required to attend Mass on this day. The schedule of Masses for both parishes:

Wednesday, 14 Aug at Warburton, 6:00p

Thursday, 15 Aug at Mount Evelyn, 9:00a (Whole School)

Thursday, 15 Aug at Yarra Junction, 11:35a (Whole School)

Thursday, 15 Aug at Mount Evelyn, 6:00p

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

I put before you the one great thing to love on earth: The Blessed Sacrament. There you will find romance, glory, honour, fidelity and the true way of all your loves on earth, and more than that— an eternal endurance, which every man's heart desires. (J R R Tolkien)

Sacrament of Mercy: It is only by opening oneself to the light and only by sincerely confessing one's sins to God that one finds true peace and true joy. (Pope Benedict XVI)

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

Stewardship Corner

"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you!" 1 Kings 19:7
God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need God's help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we unite our sacrifice with Jesus' sacrifice to do the will of God, Our Father. We receive the strength and courage to be His missionary disciples.

JulyThanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$1289.50

Total Expenditure: \$1955.30

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

National Vocations Awareness Week : 4 —11 August

Please pray for our priests today in thanksgiving for their ministry and presence in our community. Please pray for the religious who do so much in pastoral care, education, health care and many other ministries. Pray also that the saints may inspire many vocations to consecrated life and priesthood, especially from our community.

The Archbishop's Campaign is underway

The 2024 Archbishop's Campaign is now underway, and we ask everyone to consider a pledge to support the vital ministries of our Archdiocese. These ministries are outlined in the Campaign brochure which you will find in your pew and in the foyer today. Gifts of \$2 or more are tax-deductible. Tax-deductible donations go to the Archbishop's Charitable Fund which supports the Corpus Christi College Building Fund, the Priests Retirement Foundation, John Pierce Centre, Melbourne Overseas Mission, University of Divinity Building Fund as well as Catholic community agencies and service organisations through annual grants. Non-tax-deductible donations go to the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne Religious Projects Fund and support seminarian formation and evangelisation ministries. Please review the campaign material and prayerfully consider pledging a recurring monthly gift to help us continue to strengthen the Christian faith and address the needs of God's people. Tear-off pledge cards are attached to the campaign envelopes in the church. You can also make a gift online at melbournecatholic.org/archbishopscampaign or via the QR codes on the campaign materials. I invite you to give generously to this important campaign.

Pro-Life News - Get on the BUS OF LIFE!

The annual March For The Babies (marchforthebabies.com) is on Saturday the 12th of October at 1 pm in the Melbourne CBD. A bus for travelling to and from the event will be available. To book a seat, please see the form in the narthex, or contact James on 0407 406 384 (text or phone call).

It has been suggested to start a Pro-Life group in the Parish if there is enough interest. Watch this space for more information.

Something to bring a smile...

After a round of golf, a man walked into the clubhouse and noticed his friend sitting in a corner wearing a neck brace and brooding over his beer. He sat down and asked his mate what happened. "Well, I was playing golf and I hit my ball into the rough," replied his friend with a grimace. "Then I met a lady who was looking for her ball too. Finding mine, I thought I'd give her a hand. There was a cow nearby and I noticed that every time the cow twitched its tail there was a flash of white. So, I went over to it and lifted its tail and sure enough there was the ball. I called out to the lady, 'Excuse me, does this look like yours?' And she hit me in the neck with her driver!"

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Readings Reflection

[Take and Eat](#)

Sometimes we feel like Elijah in today's First Reading. We want to lie down and die, keenly aware of our failures—that we seem to be getting no better at doing what God wants of us.

We can be tempted to despair, as the prophet was on his forty-day journey in the desert. We can be tempted to "murmur" against God, as the Israelites did during their forty years in the desert (see Exodus 16:2, 7, 8; 1 Corinthians 10:10).

The Gospel today uses the same word, "murmur," to describe the crowds, who reenact Israel's hardheartedness in the desert.

Jesus tells them that prophecies are being fulfilled in Him, that they are being taught by God. But they can't believe it. They can only see His flesh, that He is the "son" of Joseph and Mary.

Yet if we believe, if we seek Him in our distress, He will deliver us from our fears, as we sing in today's Psalm.

At the altar in every Eucharist, the angel of the Lord, the Lord himself (see Exodus 3:1–2), touches us. He commands us to take and eat His Flesh given for the life of the world (see Matthew 26:26).

This taste of the heavenly gift (see Hebrews 6:4–5) comes to us with a renewed command—to get up and continue on the journey we began in Baptism to the mountain of God, the kingdom of heaven. He will give us the bread of life, the strength and grace we need—as He fed our spiritual ancestors in the wilderness and Elijah in the desert.

So let us stop grieving the Spirit of God, as Paul says in today's Epistle, in another reference to Israel in the desert (see Isaiah 63:10).

Let us say to God as Elijah did, "Take my life." Not in the sense of wanting to die but in giving ourselves as a sacrificial offering—loving Him as He has loved us, on the Cross and in the Eucharist.

[Dr. Scott Hahn
stpaulcenter.com](https://stpaulcenter.com)

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary into Heaven Body & Soul

[NOTE: The Assumption will be celebrated Thursday, 15 August—a Holy Day of Obligation]

How did the dogma of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary develop?

A great sign appeared in heaven, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars....She brought forth a male child, on e who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron, but her child was caught up to God and to his throne. (Rev 12:1-5)

The dogma that the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed into Heaven body and soul is implicit in Scripture and has been held by the Church since the early centuries of Christianity. This dogma was solemnly defined in 1950 by Pope Pius XII through the constitution *Munificentissimus Deus*.

As the Mother of God, the Blessed Virgin Mary has a unique relationship with God that surpasses all creatures who had come before or who would follow. By her cooperation with God's will, salvation was brought into the world through Jesus Christ.

The Assumption into Heaven of those especially close to God is not without precedent in the Old Testament: Enoch (cf. Heb 11:5) and Elijah (cf 2 Kgs 2:11) each are spoken of as having been taken by God without having died. It is fitting that Christ would bring his own Mother to Heaven.

In giving birth you kept your virginity; in your Formation you did not leave the world, O Mother of God, but were joined to the source of Life. You conceived the living God and , by your prayers, will deliver our souls from death. (Byzantine Liturgy, *Troparion*, Feast of the Dormition, August 15).

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary is a logical extension of her Immaculate Conception: since she was preserved from any stain of Original Sin, she did to suffer its consequences of concupiscence and death.

The Immaculate Virgin, preserved free from all guilt of original sin, on the completion of her earthly sojourn, was taken up body and soul into heavenly glory, and exalted by the Lord as Queen of the universe, that she might be the more fully conformed to her Son, the Lord of lords and the conqueror of sin and death. (*Lumen Gentium*, 59)

In her theology and her liturgy, the Church interprets the figure in the Book of Revelation of the “woman clothed with the sun” as the Blessed Virgin Mary, who appears in Heaven full of glory.

Since the fourth century the Church has celebrated the Solemnity of the Assumption on August 15; in the Eastern Churches this feast is know as the Dormition of the Virgin.

From the Didache Bible

44. ... for the glory of Almighty God who has lavished his special affection upon the Virgin Mary, for the honor of her Son, the immortal King of the Ages and the Victor over sin and death, for the increase of the glory of that same august Mother, and for the joy and exultation of the entire Church; by the authority of our Lord Jesus Christ, of the Blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, and by our own authority, we pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.

From the Apostolic Constitution, Munificentissimus Deus, Pope Pius XII, 1 Nov 1950