

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year B)

6 October 2024

Readings

Next Week

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wis 7:7-11
Ps 89:12-17
Heb 4:12-13
Mk 10:17-27

in a nutshell

One Body. We hear Jesus proclaim the basic oneness of husband and wife in marriage, a oneness with which no human agency, not even the law of Moses, can interfere, we rejoice in the many couples who have grown closer together through the ups and downs of their married life. We also have compassion for those who have experienced the trauma and distress of a marriage break-up. May all find support and guidance within the Christian community.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend:

Margaret Marshall, Margaret Broderick, Fida Rees,

For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Parish census will take place in October.

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Within your will, O Lord, all things are established, and there is none that can resist your will. For you have made all things, the heaven and the earth, and all that is held within the circle of heaven; you are the Lord of all.

Psalms Response

(R.) May the Lord bless us all the days of our lives.

O blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways!

By the labour of your hands you shall eat. You will be happy and prosper. (R.)

Your wife will be like a fruitful vine in the heart of your house; your children like shoots of the olive, around your table. (R.)

Indeed thus shall be blessed the man who fears the Lord. May the Lord bless you from Zion in a happy Jerusalem all the days of your life! May you see your children's children. On Israel, peace! (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

If we love one another, God will live in us in perfect love.

Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord is good to those who hope in him, to the soul that seeks 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

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
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, 9 October

Support the Parish using the QR Code below.



Parish Notices

Parish Census—This Weekend

Over the first three weeks of October, we invite each member of our parish to participate in our census process. By completing the census form, which will be made available during Mass from next week, we can register the number of our parish members and better understand the needs of our community. Data from this census will also enable the parish to strategically plan for important events, ministries, and other future endeavours. Your privacy is essential, and all information will be treated with confidentiality. Thank you.

October 7th — Day of Prayer, Fasting for Peace

Archbishop Peter Comensoli joins Pope Francis in calling for a day of fasting and prayer for peace in the Middle East. The archbishop has issued a letter to all the faithful. Copies are available in the foyer.

Summer Timetable—Vigil Mass Time Change

Just a reminder that as Daylight Saving begins this weekend the vigil Mass times change to the 'summer' timetable next week, Saturday October 12th: Warburton 7pm and Mount Evelyn 5pm.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

What is so important about worship? To worship is to order the whole of your life toward the living God, and, in doing so, to become interiorly and exteriorly rightly ordered. To worship is to signal to yourself what your life is finally about. It's nothing that God needs, but it is very much something that we need. (Bishop Robert Barron)

Confession is what we must make to God, and forgiveness is what we receive from him. The power to forgive sins belongs only to God, and this is why we must confess them to him. Here is where the Sacrament of Mercy comes from and the power of forgiveness. The Church can forgive nothing without Christ, and it is Christ's will to forgive nothing except with the Church. (Blessed Isaac of Stella, Abbot)

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

"So out of the ground the Lord God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to the man to see what he would call them; and whatever the man called every living creature, that was its name." (GENESIS 2:19)

The creation story reminds us of two important points. First, since the start, God has put the entire world into our care. Second, stewardship has been around since the beginning of mankind, it isn't something recently invented by the Church. Just as past generations built our Church, it is now our responsibility to continue to nurture and develop these gifts for future generations.

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.

Feast of Our Lady of the Rosary

A Mass will be celebrated at St Mary's at 9:00am on Monday 7 October.

Petition against the government's "Rainbow Toolkit"

The Victorian government is rolling out "Rainbow Toolkits" for Victorian libraries which would require librarians to ask children as young as five years old about their "preferred pronouns". In addition, more books on gender diversity will be added to library collections and drag queen story time will be promoted and "gender language" will be avoided, i.e. no boy/girl, he/she. A petition to oppose this is in the foyer.

September Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Thanksgiving income: \$1604

Total Expenditure: \$1643.06

Marriage Anniversary Mass Saturday 20 October 2024, 11am

St Patrick's Cathedral, East Melbourne Couples and their families are invited to join us as we celebrate our annual Anniversary Mass. Couples who register and are celebrating the following anniversaries – 5th, 10th, 15th, 20th, 25th, 30th, 35th or 40 years and above – will receive a commemorative certificate. Please register by Sunday 13 October. For any queries please contact us 9926 5761 or proclaim@cam.org.au

World Mission Sunday Appeal - 2 Weeks.

In the harsh Mongolian winter, where temperatures can dip to minus 40 degrees Celsius, survival is often difficult. In two weeks, we'll share with you the story of Chuluunbaatar, who faces the realities of homelessness on a daily basis. You'll learn how your generous support will help with essential services to people in need like Chuluunbaatar.

You have the opportunity to partner with this life-giving work, as your prayers and support are crucial in ensuring this program can move forward.

Sacramental Program 2025

For Children, not attending the Parish School, wanting to receive the Sacraments, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, instructions are available through our Parish.

Contact Anne at annevan.tilburg@gmail.com

Lessons will begin Sunday 2nd March after 10:30 Mass for First Communion and Tuesday 4th of March at 5pm for Confirmation. Please note lessons are held at St Mary's.

Something to bring a smile...

My wife accompanied me this morning when I went to the barbers for a haircut. Reading a magazine in the reception area, she found an interesting article and asked if she could take the magazine next door to make a photocopy. "Leave some ID, a driver's license or a credit card," the hairdresser said. "But my Hubby is here getting a haircut," she explained. "Yes, Ma'am", he replied. "But I need something that you'll come back for."

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Readings Reflection

[What God Has Joined](#)

In today's Gospel, the Pharisees try to trap Jesus with a trick question.

The "lawfulness" of divorce in Israel was never an issue. Moses had long ago allowed it (see Deuteronomy 24:1–4). But Jesus points His enemies back before Moses, to "the beginning," interpreting the text we hear in today's First Reading.

Divorce violates the order of creation, He says. Moses permitted it only as a concession to the people's "hardness of heart"—their inability to live by God's covenant Law. But Jesus comes to fulfill the Law, to reveal its true meaning and purpose, and to give people the grace to keep God's commands.

Marriage, He reveals, is a sacrament, a divine, life-giving sign. Through the union of husband and wife, God intended to bestow His blessings on the human family—making it fruitful, multiplying it until it filled the earth (see Genesis 1:28).

That's why today's Gospel moves so easily from a debate about marriage to Jesus' blessing of children. Children are blessings the Father bestows on couples who walk in His ways, as we sing in today's Psalm.

Marriage also is a sign of God's new covenant. As today's Epistle hints, Jesus is the new Adam—made a little lower than the angels, born of a human family (see Romans 5:14; Psalm 8:5–7). The Church is the new Eve, the "woman" born of Christ's pierced side as He hung in the sleep of death on the Cross (see John 19:34; Revelation 12:1–17).

Through the union of Christ and the Church as "one flesh," God's plan for the world is fulfilled (see Ephesians 5:21–32). Eve was "mother of all the living" (see Genesis 3:20). And in Baptism, we are made sons and daughters of the Church, children of the Father, heirs of the eternal glory He intended for the human family in the beginning.

The challenge for us is to live as children of the kingdom, growing up ever more faithful in our love and devotion to the ways of Christ and the teachings of His Church.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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God made them Male and Female

Why is marriage considered a divine institution?

God blessed [Adam and Eve], and God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply, and fill the earth and subdue it; and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the air and over every living thing that moves upon the earth.” (Gen 1:28)

“From the beginning of creation, ‘God made them male and female.’ ‘For this reason a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man put asunder.” (Mk 10:6-9)

In his creation God instituted marriage between Adam and Eve. By his design marriage is an exclusive, lifelong, and fruitful commitment of self-giving love between a man and a woman that reflects the very image and likeness of God. The Blessed Trinity is a communion of three divine Persons, and marriage is a communion of a man and a woman together with their children.

The Book of Genesis indicates that God created man and woman for marriage since God saw that “it is not good that the man should be alone” (Gen 2:18). According to the teachings of Christ, a husband is “joined to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh” (Mk 10:7). The truth of this teaching can be seen in the vital role that marriage has played in our history: It is the original cell of social life, and it has been such from the very beginning of human existence.

St. Paul pointed out that this union of a man and a woman is meant to be a sign of Christ’s love for his Church:

Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ. Wives, be subject to your husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the Church.... Husbands, love your wives, as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her.... This is a great mystery, and I mean in reference to Christ and the Church. (Eph 5:21ff)

Reflecting Christ’s total self-giving to his Church, marriage is a permanent, lifelong, and indissoluble union of two persons. God has willed that marriages be fruitful, open to the bearing and raising of children within the family. Through marriage and parenthood, a husband and a wife participate in God’s work of creation. In his public ministry Christ reaffirmed the divine origin of marriage, elevated its meaning, and emphasised its nature as a lifelong covenant and vocation.

From the Didache Bible

1601 “The matrimonial covenant, by which a man and a woman establish between themselves a partnership of the whole of life, is by its nature ordered toward the good of the spouses and the procreation and education of offspring; this covenant between baptized persons has been raised by Christ the Lord to the dignity of a sacrament.”

1602 Sacred Scripture begins with the creation of man and woman in the image and likeness of God and concludes with a vision of “the wedding-feast of the Lamb.” Scripture speaks throughout of marriage and its “mystery,” its institution and the meaning God has given it, its origin and its end, its various realizations throughout the history of salvation, the difficulties arising from sin and its renewal “in the Lord” in the New Covenant of Christ and the Church.

1612 The nuptial covenant between God and his people Israel had prepared the way for the new and everlasting covenant in which the Son of God, by becoming incarnate and giving his life, has united to himself in a certain way all mankind saved by him, thus preparing for “the wedding-feast of the Lamb.”

1613 On the threshold of his public life Jesus performs his first sign—at his mother’s request—during a wedding feast. The Church attaches great importance to Jesus’ presence at the wedding at Cana. She sees in it the confirmation of the goodness of marriage and the proclamation that thenceforth marriage will be an efficacious sign of Christ’s presence.

1615 This unequivocal insistence on the indissolubility of the marriage bond may have left some perplexed and could seem to be a demand impossible to realize. However, Jesus has not placed on spouses a burden impossible to bear, or too heavy—heavier than the Law of Moses. By coming to restore the original order of creation disturbed by sin, he himself gives the strength and grace to live marriage in the new dimension of the Reign of God. It is by following Christ, renouncing themselves, and taking up their crosses that spouses will be able to “receive” the original meaning of marriage and live it with the help of Christ. This grace of Christian marriage is a fruit of Christ’s cross, the source of all Christian life.

1617 The entire Christian life bears the mark of the spousal love of Christ and the Church. Already Baptism, the entry into the People of God, is a nuptial mystery; it is so to speak the nuptial bath which precedes the wedding feast, the Eucharist. Christian marriage in its turn becomes an efficacious sign, the sacrament of the covenant of Christ and the Church. Since it signifies and communicates grace, marriage between baptized persons is a true sacrament of the New Covenant.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church