

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction



The Commemoration of All the Faithfully Departed (All Souls' Day) (Year C)

2 November 2025

readings

Next Week

The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica

Ezek 47:1-2, 8-9, 12

Ps 45:2-3, 5-6, 8-9

1 Cor 3:9-11, 16-17

Jn 2:13-22

in a nutshell

Remembering All Who Have Died.

Today we are reminded of our unity with all who have died. They are our 'brothers and sisters' and we express unity with them by praying for the eternal repose of their souls. Encouraged by the words of the prophet Isaiah, that God is preparing a banquet for all peoples, we pray on this day not only for our loved ones and members of the Christian community who have died but for all the departed.

we pray for

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

Praying for the Holy Souls in purgatory this November.

More Information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

Psalm Response

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
before whom shall I shrink?

There is one thing I ask of the Lord,
for this I long,
to live in the house of the Lord,
all the days of my life,
to savour the sweetness of the Lord,
to behold his temple.

O lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!

This is the will of my Father, says the Lord, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given to me, and that I should raise it up on the last day.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Let perpetual light shine upon them, O Lord,
with your Saints for ever, for you are merciful.

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: November 26
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

First Friday Mass—**Cancelled**

As Fr Michel has a funeral at St Mary's on Friday the First Friday Mass will need to be cancelled this month.

November Masses — praying for the Holy Souls in November

Names of deceased loved ones can be written in the Prayer Book which will be placed on the Sanctuary for the month of November. Names can be added throughout the month. They will be remembered at Masses throughout November. Envelopes are available to make an offering.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

On November 1, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of All Saints when we honour all the saints, known and unknown, who now rejoice in heaven. This great feast reminds us that holiness is not optional. It is our destiny and our calling. The saints who went before us cheer us on as we run the race of faith, showing us that eternal life with Christ is possible for each of us. The cultivation of your relationship with the Lord must be the top priority of your life. Pray without ceasing. (Bishop Robert Barron)

Confession is an act of honesty and courage— an act of entrusting ourselves, beyond sin, to the mercy of a loving and forgiving God. (Pope St. John Paul II)

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

"...because I came down from heaven not to do my own will but the will of the one who sent me..." John 6:38

When praying the "Our Father", say the words slowly so you truly recognize what you are saying. Every day when praying this prayer, we repeat what Jesus said in the scripture passage – "thy kingdom come, thy will be done." Even though we say these words, do our actions reflect those words? This is the difference between saints and the rest of us. Saints were faithful and obedient to God's will. Start today – start aligning your words and actions with God's will for you.

Sacramental Program 2026

For Children, not attending the Parish School, wanting to receive the Sacraments, Reconciliation, First Communion and Confirmation, instructions are available through our Parish. Contact the office by phone or email. Lessons will begin Sunday 1st March after 10:30 Mass for Confirmation and Tuesday 3rd March at 5pm for First Communion.

Red November

Throughout November, Catholics in Melbourne and around the world are being called to remember and stand in solidarity with persecuted Christians. The 8:30 Mass on Sunday 23 November will be celebrated as a 'Red November' Mass.

St Mary's Parish Prayer Group

Monday at 9:15 am and Fridays at 9:45 a.m. For more information please call Maria at 0409 793 001 or just come and discover peace in the presence of our Lord in the Eucharist!

Pastoral Letter on Euthanasia and Assisted Suicide

The State Government is seeking to amend Victoria's euthanasia and assisted suicide laws. If passed, the Government's Bill would further weaken protections for vulnerable patients and reduce protections for medical practitioners who conscientiously object to euthanasia and assisted suicide. Copies of the letter are available in the Foyer.

Jubilee Year—Pilgrims of Hope

If you are unable to travel to Rome during the Jubilee Year, you are invited on a local journey of reconciliation and renewal by participating in the 2025 Jubilee at one or more of the many Pilgrim Places across the Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne, where plenary indulgences may be obtained as part of this very special time. A not too distant pilgrimage location, which offers various experiences for pilgrims this Jubilee Year, including Masses, Reconciliation and adoration. Visit <https://melbournecatholic.org/news/pilgrim-place-sacred-heart-croydon> for more information about Sacred Heart Croydon.

Lifeboat Foundation Need Unwanted Cars

For some years, the "Lifeboat Foundation" has been assisting victims of church-related sexual abuse with basic living costs, counselling, vehicle expenses – and just simply listening, believing and caring. The Foundation has been greatly assisted by donations of unwanted cars e.g. from deceased states, or people relinquishing licence etc., either to give to victims who need them, or selling them to raise funds. You could help this important work (a) by identifying people who might donate an unwanted motor vehicle, and (b) identifying someone to assist in the administration of Lifeboat's "Car Donation Project" e.g. speaking to potential donors of vehicles – it's not complicated nor over-demanding of time. If you can assist or would like more information about the "Lifeboat Foundation" and/or the "Car Donation Project", contact Fr. Kevin Dillon – frkdillon@outlook.com.au or 0421 777 360.

This week's Joke!

One day a mum noticed that when her son was logging onto a favourite website he typed a very long password. She asked him what it was. He replied, "MickeyMinnieGoofyPluto." She asked him why he would use such a password. "Because," he explained, "It says your password has to have at least four characters."

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Readings Reflection

All Souls

When St. Paul talked about the resurrection of the dead with the philosophers at Athens, many laughed and mocked him (Acts 17:32). The Gospel, he would later write, is "foolishness" to the wise of this world (1 Corinthians 1:18). Yet this week's First Reading tells us that it is foolish to think that the souls of the just are dead.

Instead, theirs is a "hope full of immortality." By His Resurrection, Jesus frees the human race from the fear of death—from the terrible fear of the unknown, of our own disintegration—that holds us in a kind of slavery (see Hebrews 2:14–15). Because He has walked the dark valley of death before us, because He has promised to walk alongside us, we can take "courage" and "fear no evil," in the words of this week's Psalm.

This is God's will for us, the reason Jesus came into the world, according to today's Gospel: that we will recognize Jesus as the Son of God and by believing in Him be raised to eternal life. If we believe in Him, we will follow Him, as the Psalmist says: He will refresh our souls in the waters of Baptism, anoint our heads with the oil of Confirmation, and set before us the table of the Eucharist.

There our cups will be filled to overflowing. And by these mysteries of His kindness and goodness, we will "dwell in the house of the Lord" in this life and in the life to come. The First Reading seems to allude to the doctrine of Purgatory, to the souls of the just being chastised, purified as gold in a furnace and made worthy of God (see 1 Corinthians 3:11–12).

This reading also tells us of the glory of the saints, who will share in the rule of Christ, judging and ruling over the nations (see Luke 22:30). Through the "newness of life" we have in the sacraments, this week's Epistle adds, we "grow into union" with Jesus, confident that we will be together with Him when He comes again at the end of time.

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At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love

What is Purgatory?

If he were not expecting that those who had fallen would rise again, it would have been superfluous and foolish to pray for the dead. But if he was looking to the splendid reward that is laid up for those who fall asleep in godliness, it was a holy and pious thought. Therefore he made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin. (2 Acc 12:44-45)

If any man's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire. (1 Cor 3:15)

Purgatory is a state of purification for those souls who have died in the grace of God but require cleansing from imperfections before they can enter Heaven.

Before entering Heaven, every trace of attachment to created goods must be eliminated, every imperfection of the soul corrected. The Church uses the word Purgatory to describe the final purification of the souls of those who, having died in grace, have not fully received remission of the temporal punishment for their pardoned mortal sins or their venial sins. As for certain lesser faults, we must believe that, before the Final Judgment, there is a purifying fire. He who is truth says that whoever utters blasphemy against the Holy Spirit will be pardoned neither in this age nor in the age to come. From this sentence we understand that certain offences can be forgiven in this age, but certain others in the age to come" (St. Gregory the Great).

The punishment of the souls in Purgatory is the delay in being God and the knowledge that this delay is their own fault for not having fully repented on earth. These souls also have great joy because they know that they are assured of Heaven. Purgatory is not a lesser form of Hell but rather a state of preparation for Heaven.

Scriptural evidence of Purgatory is found in both the Old and New Testaments. Most strikingly is that Judas Maccabeus offered prayers and atonement for the sins of his fallen soldiers; such prayers for the dead would have been meaningless if the deceased had already reached their final destination. The New Testament also speaks of a purification "as through fire".

Prayers for the dead have always been considered a pious duty, an act of charity and justice. The Church frequently remembers the dead — who are also members of the Communion of Saints — in her liturgies, prayers, and indulgences.

From the Didache Bible

1021 Death puts an end to human life as the time open to either accepting or rejecting the divine grace manifested in Christ. The New Testament speaks of judgment primarily in its aspect of the final encounter with Christ in his second coming, but also repeatedly affirms that each will be rewarded immediately after death in accordance with his works and faith. The parable of the poor man Lazarus and the words of Christ on the cross to the good thief, as well as other New Testament texts speak of a final destiny of the soul—a destiny which can be different for some and for others.

1022 Each man receives his eternal retribution in his immortal soul at the very moment of his death, in a particular judgment that refers his life to Christ: either entrance into the blessedness of heaven—through a purification or immediately,—or immediate and everlasting damnation.

"At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love" St. John of the Cross.

1030 All who die in God's grace and friendship, but still imperfectly purified, are indeed assured of their eternal salvation; but after death they undergo purification, so as to achieve the holiness necessary to enter the joy of heaven.

1031 The Church gives the name *Purgatory* to this final purification of the elect, which is entirely different from the punishment of the damned.⁶⁰⁶ The Church formulated her doctrine of faith on Purgatory especially at the Councils of Florence and Trent. The tradition of the Church, by reference to certain texts of Scripture, speaks of a cleansing fire

1032 This teaching is also based on the practice of prayer for the dead, already mentioned in Sacred Scripture: "Therefore [Judas Maccabeus] made atonement for the dead, that they might be delivered from their sin" (2 Acc 12:46). From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God.⁶¹⁰ The Church also commends almsgiving, indulgences, and works of penance undertaken on behalf of the dead:

"Let us help and commemorate them. If Job's sons were purified by their father's sacrifice, why would we doubt that our offerings for the dead bring them some consolation? Let us not hesitate to help those who have died and to offer our prayers for them" St. John Chrysostom.

1472 To understand this doctrine and practice of the Church, it is necessary to understand that sin has a *double consequence*. Grave sin deprives us of communion with God and therefore makes us incapable of eternal life, the privation of which is called the "eternal punishment" of sin. On the other hand every sin, even venial, entails an unhealthy attachment to creatures, which must be purified either here on earth, or after death in the state called Purgatory. This purification frees one from what is called the "temporal punishment" of sin. These two punishments must not be conceived of as a kind of vengeance inflicted by God from without, but as following from the very nature of sin. A conversion which proceeds from a fervent charity can attain the complete purification of the sinner in such a way that no punishment would remain.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church