

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction



The Dedication of the Lateran Basilica (Year C)

9 November 2025

readings

Next Week

33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mal 3:19-20

Ps 97:5-9

2 Thess 3:7-12

Lk 21:5-19

in a nutshell

You are God's Temple. We have great respect for a church building and are horrified when we hear of one being desecrated by vandals. Do we also appreciate that the Christian community is God's temple, built on the foundation of Jesus Christ? Let us pray that our respect for the sacred building in which we gather for worship is reflected in the respect and reverence we have for all who make up the Body of Christ.

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

We remember those who are persecuted for their Christian faith. We will offer the Mass on 23 November for this intention.
More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Behold God's dwelling with the human race. He will dwell with them and they will be his people, and God himself with them will be their God.

Psalm Response

(R.) The waters of the river gladden the city of God

God is for us a refuge and strength, a helper close at hand, in time of distress: so we shall not fear though the earth should rock, though the mountains fall into the depths of the sea.

The waters of a river give joy to God's city the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within, it cannot be shaken; God will help it at the dawning of the day.

The Lord of hosts is with us: the God of Jacob is our stronghold. Come, consider the works of the Lord the redoubtable deeds he has done on earth. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I have chosen and sanctified this house says the Lord, that my name may remain in it for all time. Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Be built up like living stones, into a spiritual house, a holy priesthood.

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



Parish Notices

November Masses

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. Masses throughout November will be offered for the repose of their souls. Envelopes are available to make an offering.

Red November Mass — 23 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.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration: In the Eucharist, the Son of God comes to meet us and desires to become one with us; eucharistic adoration is simply the natural consequence of the eucharistic celebration, which is itself the Church's supreme act of adoration. (Pope Benedict XVI)

The Sacrament of Mercy: The divine Word of God the Father lived among us in the flesh. He healed our physical infirmities by miracles; he freed us from our sins by suffering and dying, taking them upon himself as if he were answerable for them, sinless though he was. It was the Lord who said, "I take no pleasure in the death of a sinner, but desire that he turn from his way and live."

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

"Do you not know that you are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwells within you?" 1 Corinthians 3:16

Simply remembering that we are "temples of the Holy Spirit" should make our daily decision making relatively easy. If we truly want to imitate Jesus, then our words and actions should reflect the love, mercy, and forgiveness that flow from His Sacred Heart. Try it for one week. Try to remember that we are temples of the Holy Spirit and see how it affects the way that you live.

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 Anne at annevan.tilburg@gmail.com Lessons will begin Sunday 1st March after 10:30 Mass for Confirmation and Tuesday 3rd March at 5pm for First Communion.

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!

After being married for 25 years, a woman asked her husband to describe her. He looked at her carefully, then said with a smile, "You are A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I, J, K." "What does that mean?" she asked suspiciously. He said, "Adorable, Beautiful, Cute, Delightful, Elegant, Foxy, Gorgeous and Hot!" Happily, she beamed at him and said: "Oh, that's so lovely! But what about I, J and K?" "I'm Just Kidding!"

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Readings Reflection

Body Building

Why commemorate a church dedication that happened in fourth-century Rome? First, because St. John Lateran is no ordinary church—it's the cathedral church of the Pope and still known as "the mother of all the world's churches."

But more than that, because God has from all time intended the church building to be a symbol of His Church and our bodies. This is what the readings for today's feast invite us to consider. God's prototype for the church is the Jerusalem Temple, described in this week's First Reading and Psalm. It's God's "holy dwelling," site of His presence in our midst, source of "living waters"—of all life and blessing. But God intended the Temple to give way to the Body of Christ.

That's what our Lord's words and actions in Sunday's Gospel are intended to dramatize. Christ's Body is now the dwelling of God's "glory" among us (see John 1:14). It's the new source of living waters John 4:10,14; 7:37- 39; 19:34), the living bread John 6:51), the new sanctuary where people will worship in Spirit and truth John 4:21,23). By Baptism, we are joined to His Body in the Church.

Sunday's Epistle says the Spirit of God comes to dwell in us and makes us "God's building...the temple of God" (see also 1 Corinthians 6:9). Jesus drove out the sellers of oxen, sheep and doves, signaling an end to the animal sacrifices that formed the worship of the old Temple. In the spiritual worship of the new Temple, we offer our bodies—our whole beings—as a living sacrifice. Like living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5) built on the cornerstone of Christ (see Mark 12:10; Acts 4:11), together we are called to build up the new Temple of God, the Church.

As the Jerusalem Temple was, so the Church will always be under construction—until at last it is perfected in the new Jerusalem, our mother Church, come down from heaven (see Revelation 21:3,10, 22; 22:1; Galatians 4:26).

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Outside the Church There is No Salvation

Must a person be a member of the church in order to be saved?

“He who believes and is baptised will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned.” (Mk 16:16)

“He who eats my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day.” (Jn 6:54)

All salvation comes through Jesus Christ and the Catholic Church founded by Christ, regardless of whether the saved person is a member of that Church. Christ has willed to bestow the merits of his redemption through his Church. The two Scripture references above point to the necessity of the Sacraments of Baptism, Penance, and the Eucharist. Therefore, as the Body of Christ, the Church is “the way” of salvation. This is why she is also called the “Sacrament of Salvation.”

The phrase “outside the Church there is no salvation” (“*Extra Ecclesiam nulla salus*”) was first coined by St. Cyprian, Bishop of Carthage, in the third century. This traditional teaching was further clarified by Pope Bl. Pius IX (cf. Allocution of December 9, 1854). While emphasising that all salvation comes from Christ through the Catholic Church, Pope Bl. Pius taught that God does not impute guilt to those who are innocently unaware of the truth of the Catholic Church. Those who are not aware of the truth of the Church through no fault of their own may attain salvation if they are seeking the truth and try to live according to the truth. People invincibly ignorant of the truth of the Catholic Church are expected to follow the natural law that is written on the hearts of all people. God binds salvation to Baptism, but he himself is not bound by his Sacraments.

It is important to remember that “all men are bound to seek the truth, especially in what concerns God and his Church, and to embrace it and hold on to it as they come to know it” (*Dignitatis Humanae* 1).

The possibility that people who have never heard the Gospel can be saved does not excuse Catholics from fulfilling their role in the evangelical mission of the Church. Everyone has the right to hear the truth, and Christ instructed his Apostles to preach to and make disciples of all people. Without the Sacraments and the guidance of the teaching authority established by Christ, those who do not hear the Gospel are at a decided disadvantage as far as the pursuit of truth and holiness is concerned. This reality makes it all the more urgent that we lead others, by our word and example, toward full union with our Lord through the Church. For this reason, the Church has always held her missionary role as an essential priority.

From the Didache Bible

759 “The eternal Father, in accordance with the utterly gratuitous and mysterious design of his wisdom and goodness, created the whole universe and chose to raise up men to share in his own divine life,” to which he calls all men in his Son. “The Father ... determined to call together in a holy Church those who should believe in Christ.” This “family of God” is gradually formed and takes shape during the stages of human history, in keeping with the Father’s plan. In fact, “already present in figure at the beginning of the world, this Church was prepared in marvellous fashion in the history of the people of Israel and the old Alliance. Established in this last age of the world and made manifest in the outpouring of the Spirit, it will be brought to glorious completion at the end of time.”

760 Christians of the first centuries said, “The world was created for the sake of the Church.” God created the world for the sake of communion with his divine life, a communion brought about by the “convocation” of men in Christ, and this “convocation” is the Church. The Church is the goal of all things, and God permitted such painful upheavals as the angels’ fall and man’s sin only as occasions and means for displaying all the power of his arm and the whole measure of the love he wanted to give the world: *Just as God’s will is creation and is called “the world,” so his intention is the salvation of men, and it is called “the Church.”* (St Clement of Alexandria)

763 It was the Son’s task to accomplish the Father’s plan of salvation in the fullness of time. Its accomplishment was the reason for his being sent. “The Lord Jesus inaugurated his Church by preaching the Good News, that is, the coming of the Reign of God, promised over the ages in the scriptures.” To fulfill the Father’s will, Christ ushered in the Kingdom of heaven on earth. The Church “is the Reign of Christ already present in mystery.”

767 “When the work which the Father gave the Son to do on earth was accomplished, the Holy Spirit was sent on the day of Pentecost in order that he might continually sanctify the Church.” Then “the Church was openly displayed to the crowds and the spread of the Gospel among the nations, through preaching, was begun.” As the “convocation” of all men for salvation, the Church in her very nature is missionary, sent by Christ to all the nations to make disciples of them.

768 “Henceforward the Church...receives the mission of proclaiming and establishing among all peoples the Kingdom of Christ and of God, and she is on earth the seed and the beginning of that kingdom.”

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church