

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction



Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

12 October 2025

readings

Next Week

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ex 17:8-13

Ps 120

2 Tim 3:14 – 4:2

Lk 18:1- 8

in a nutshell

We Come to Give Thanks. After being cured by Jesus, nine lepers went immediately to show themselves to the temple priests in fulfilment of the law. Their primary concern was to satisfy legal requirements. Only one, a foreigner, thought first of thanking Jesus. Hopefully our primary purpose in coming to Sunday Mass is not to meet some legal requirement but to give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received in Christ and in the community.

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

Jubilee Year—Pilgrims of Hope
We are still in the Jubilee Year with plenty of time for Jubilee activities.
Sacred Heart, Croydon
St Patrick Cathedral
Are pilgrim churches
More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But with you is found forgiveness, O God of Israel.

Psalm Response

(R.) The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord
for he has worked wonders.
His right hand and his holy arm
have brought salvation.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
has shown his justice to the nations.
He has remembered his truth and love
for the house of Israel.

All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.
Shout to the Lord all the earth,
ring out your joy. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
For all things give thanks to God, because this is
what he expects of you in Christ Jesus.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

When the Lord appears, we shall be like him, for
we shall see him as he is.

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

Principal: Nick Boyhan

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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:

6:00 p.m. Wednesday 15 October

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

Donations for Flowers.

There is now a collection box in the narthex for donations towards purchasing flowers for the church each week. Thank you for your help.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Adoration: If we only knew the enormous grace of Eucharistic Adoration, we would spend entire days on our knees before the altar. To adore the Blessed Sacrament is to accompany Jesus Himself in the moment of His sacrifice for humanity. He taught us so, through Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque (with whom this devotion started): "I will make you a partaker of that sorrow unto death which it was my will to suffer in the Garden of Olives."

Confession: Jesus' words to Saint Faustina: "When you approach the confessional, know this, that I Myself am waiting there for you. I am only hidden by the priest, but I Myself act in your soul. Immerse yourself in My mercy, with great trust, so that I may pour the bounty of My grace upon your soul."

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

"Has none but this foreigner returned to give thanks to God?" Luke 17:18

Most of us live relatively "easy" lives. We have food, shelter, clothing, and money. We go on vacation every year and own a car or two. Most of us take this all for granted. Did you ever notice that people with the least amount of possessions are usually the most grateful? Shouldn't this be the other way around? Take time every day and thank God for all He has given you and discern how He is calling you to share your gifts.

September Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$1968.30

Total Expenditure: \$1968.30

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.

October—the Month Dedicated to the Rosary

Pope Leo XIV said as October 7 is the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, the church traditionally dedicates the whole month to praying the rosary. "I invite everyone to pray the rosary every day during the coming month — for peace — personally, with your families and in your communities," Pope Leo XIV said.

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!

Jubilee Year—Pilgrims of Hope

Jubilee years happen every 25 years and are times of reconciliation and renewal. The theme of this Jubilee is 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. Pilgrim Places across the Archdiocese of Melbourne will offer extended hours, additional Masses, Reconciliation, and Adoration. Pilgrims will receive a commemorative postcard, monthly reflections, and a Pilgrim Passport (available for a small donation) to be stamped at each location. Local Pilgrim Places will welcome visitors from February 2025 to 6 January 2026. Besides the Cathedral as a Pilgrim Place, Sacred Heart Church, Croydon is the closest to us. 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**.

Mary Glowrey Museum - Wed 29 October 10.00am–3.00pm

Mary Glowrey is one of two Australians currently being officially considered for sainthood. Visit the Mary Glowrey Museum Level 2 Cathedral Hall, 20 Brunswick Street Fitzroy.

For more information about Mary Glowrey, visit the new website documenting her life and cause for canonisation at maryglowrey.org.au, email the Mary Glowrey Museum at info@maryglowreymuseum.info

This week’s Joke!

The man told his doctor that he wasn’t able to do all the things around the house that he used to do. When the examination was complete, he said, “Now, Doc, I can take it. Tell me in plain English what is wrong with me.” “Well, in plain English,” the doctor replied, “you’re just lazy. Pure and simple.” “Okay,” said the man. “Now give me the medical term so I can tell my wife.”

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Readings Reflection

[Returning Thanks](#)

A foreign leper is cleansed and in thanksgiving returns to offer homage to the God of Israel. We hear this same story in both the First Reading and Gospel today.

There were many lepers in Israel in Elisha’s time, but only Naaman the Syrian trusted in God’s Word and was cleansed (see Luke 5:12–14). Today’s Gospel likewise implies that most of the ten lepers healed by Jesus were Israelites—but only a foreigner, the Samaritan, returned.

In a dramatic way, we’re being shown today how faith has been made the way to salvation, the road by which all nations will join themselves to the Lord, becoming His servants, gathered with the Israelites into one chosen people of God, the Church (see Isaiah 56:3–8).

Today’s Psalm also looks forward to the day when all peoples will see what Naaman sees—that there is no God in all the earth except the God of Israel.

We see this day arriving in today’s Gospel. The Samaritan leper is the only person in the New Testament who personally thanks Jesus. The Greek word used to describe his “giving thanks” is the word we translate as “Eucharist.”

And these lepers today reveal to us the inner dimensions of the Eucharist and sacramental life.

We, too have been healed by our faith in Jesus. As Naaman’s flesh is made again like that of a little child, our souls have been cleansed of sin in the waters of Baptism. We experience this cleansing again and again in the Sacrament of Penance—as we repent our sins, beg and receive mercy from our Master, Jesus.

We return to glorify God in each Mass, to offer ourselves in sacrifice—falling on our knees before our Lord, giving thanks for our salvation.

In this Eucharist, we remember “Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David,” Israel’s covenant king. And we pray, as Paul does in today’s Epistle, to persevere in this faith—that we too may live and reign with Him in eternal glory.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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Harmonizing the voice with the praying heart

What is the Liturgy of the Hours?

It is good to give thanks to the Lord, to sing praises to your name, O Most High; to declare your merciful love in the morning, and your faithfulness by night (Ps 92:1-2)

From the rising of the sun to its setting the name of the Lord is to be praised! (Ps 113:3)

Seven times a day I praise you for your righteous ordinances. (Ps 119:164)

The Liturgy of the Hours is a cycle of psalms, prayers, litanies, hymns, and readings that is prayed at various times of the day and night.

The ancient Israelites developed the custom of praying psalms in the morning and evening and at the third, sixth, and ninth hours of the day, i.e., mid-morning, midday, and mid afternoon, a custom that was continued by the first Christians. By the fifth century the Liturgy of the Hours had become standardised in roughly the form that we have today: the Office of Readings (to be prayed at any time), Morning Prayer (Lauds, Midmorning Prayer, Midday Prayer, Mid-afternoon Prayer, Evening Prayer (Vespers), and Night Prayer (Compline).

The Liturgy of the Hours, also called the Divine Office, is the public prayer of the Church: “[Christ Jesus] continues His priestly work through the agency of his Church” (*Sacrosanctum Concilium*, 83). It comprises the reciting or singing of psalms, prayers, litanies, hymns, and various readings, both from Scripture and from the Church Fathers and saints, which help take the participant deeper in meditation on the mystery of Christ. Its purpose is to sanctify the day (cf. SC 88), and its celebration at various times throughout the day makes the whole course of the day holy.

The Second Vatican Council reemphasised the Church’s encouragement that the laity pray the Liturgy of the Hours either with their pastors, among groups of laity, or even individually. Pope St. John Paul II and Pope Benedict XVI both strongly promoted the Liturgy of the Hours throughout their pontificates. In the words of Pope Benedict:

I would like to renew my call to everyone to pray the Psalms, to become accustomed to using the Liturgy of the Hours, Lauds, Vespers, and Compline. Our relationship with God can only be enriched by our journeying towards him day after day. (Pope Benedict XVI, Wednesday Audience, November 16, 2011)

From the Didache Bible

1174 The mystery of Christ, his Incarnation and Passover, which we celebrate in the Eucharist especially at the Sunday assembly, permeates and transfigures the time of each day, through the celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours, “the divine office.” This celebration, faithful to the apostolic exhortations to “pray constantly,” is “so devised that the whole course of the day and night is made holy by the praise of God.” In this “public prayer of the Church,” the faithful (clergy, religious, and lay people) exercise the royal priesthood of the baptized. Celebrated in “the form approved” by the Church, the Liturgy of the Hours “is truly the voice of the Bride herself addressed to her Bridegroom. It is the very prayer which Christ himself together with his Body addresses to the Father.”

1175 The Liturgy of the Hours is intended to become the prayer of the whole People of God. In it Christ himself “continues his priestly work through his Church.” His members participate according to their own place in the Church and the circumstances of their lives: priests devoted to the pastoral ministry, because they are called to remain diligent in prayer and the service of the word; religious, by the charism of their consecrated lives; all the faithful as much as possible: “Pastors of souls should see to it that the principal hours, especially Vespers, are celebrated in common in church on Sundays and on the more solemn feasts. The laity, too, are encouraged to recite the divine office, either with the priests, or among themselves, or even individually.”

1176 The celebration of the Liturgy of the Hours demands not only harmonizing the voice with the praying heart, but also a deeper “understanding of the liturgy and of the Bible, especially of the Psalms.”

1177 The hymns and litanies of the Liturgy of the Hours integrate the prayer of the psalms into the age of the Church, expressing the symbolism of the time of day, the liturgical season, or the feast being celebrated. Moreover, the reading from the Word of God at each Hour (with the subsequent responses or *troparia*) and readings from the Fathers and spiritual masters at certain Hours, reveal more deeply the meaning of the mystery being celebrated, assist in understanding the psalms, and prepare for silent prayer. The *lectio divina*, where the Word of God is so read and meditated that it becomes prayer, is thus rooted in the liturgical celebration.

1178 The Liturgy of the Hours, which is like an extension of the Eucharistic celebration, does not exclude but rather in a complementary way calls forth the various devotions of the People of God, especially adoration and worship of the Blessed Sacrament.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church