

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction



Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

5 October 2025

readings

Next Week

28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kg 5:14-17

Ps 97:1-4

2 Tim 2:8-13

Lk 17:11-19

in a nutshell

Doing our duty. Advertisements sometimes suggest that our lives should be always fun-filled, exciting and glamorous. For most of the time, however, our lives have a mundane character—doing our daily chores, caring for our loved ones, going to work. By faithfully attending to these tasks, we express our belief that the sacred is present in the ordinary, that our simple acts are precious to God.

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

Weekday liturgies are cancelled this week.
Weekend Masses remain unchanged.

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.

Psalm Response

(R.) If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us
for he is our God and we
the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.' (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
The word of the Lord stands for ever; it is the
word given to you, the Good News.
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

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



Parish Notices

Fr. Michel is away (6-10 Oct)

Fr Michel will be away during the week beginning Monday 6 October so there will be no weekday Masses or Adoration. Weekend Masses will be as usual.

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: Jesus Christ remains present in the Blessed Sacrament. He is truly present—Body, Blood, Soul and Divinity—in all his power and glory and majesty. We come into his hidden but powerful presence; heaven is laid open before us; and we can adore him and share our lives with him in a most intimate and profound way. This is such a consolation, knowing that he is with us in this way. (Fr. Stephen Wang)

Confession: The power to forgive sins belongs only to God, and this is why we must confess them to him. Catholicism teaches that speaking aloud one's sins makes them concrete in a way that private prayer cannot—and makes the forgiveness concrete as well. (Blessed Isaac of Stella)

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

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control." 2 Timothy 1:7

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighbourhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

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.

Annunziata Festa—Sunday 5 October (Mount Evelyn)

Beginning with 10:30am Mass followed by processional statue. Join us afterwards at the school hall for great food, music, huge jumping castle, raffles, auction and a wonderful social & fun afternoon together.

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!

Get on the BUS OF LIFE! – Saturday, 11th October

The annual March For The Babies (marchforthebabies.com) is approaching. A bus for travelling to and from the event will be available. Leaving St Patrick's Lilydale at 10:30 am with the march beginning at 1 pm from Treasury Gardens and leaving at 4:00 pm for the return journey

Contact James (0407 406 384, jnolet@iinet.net.au), or use the form in the narthex.

Donations: to James, or to St Patrick's Church Account, BSB 083 347 Account 63931 6508, reference: BUS

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**.

This week's Joke!

Six-year-old Susie complained, "Mum, I've got a stomach ache." "That's because your stomach is empty," the mother replied. "You would feel better if you had something in it." That afternoon, her father came home complaining that he'd had a severe headache all day. Susie perked up, "That's because it's empty," she said. "You'd feel better if you had something in it."

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Readings Reflection

[Life by Faith](#)

Because of his faith, the just man shall live. We hear in today's First Reading the original prophetic line made so central by St. Paul (see Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38).

We are to live by faith in Christ who loved us and gave Himself on the Cross for us (see Galatians 2:20).

The world, though, can seem to us as seventh-century Judah seemed to Habakkuk—in the control of God's enemies. The strife and discord we face in our own lives can sometimes cause us to wonder, as the prophet does, why God doesn't seem to hear or intervene when we cry for help.

We can't let our hearts be hardened by the trials we undergo. As today's Psalm reminds us: Israel forgot His mighty works, lost faith in the sound words of His promise. They tested God in the desert, demanding a sign.

But God didn't redeem Israel from Egypt only to let them die in the desert. And He didn't ransom us from futility only to abandon us in our trials. He is our God and we are the people He shepherds always—though at times His mercy and justice seem long delayed.

If we call on the Lord, as the Apostles do in today's Gospel, He will increase our faith, will stir to a flame the Holy Spirit who has dwelt within us since Baptism.

As Paul tells us in today's Epistle, the Lord will always give us the love and self-control we need to bear our share of hardship for the Gospel—with a strength that can come from God alone.

Our task is to continue doing what He has commanded—to love and to build up His kingdom—trusting that His vision still presses on to its fulfillment.

For His vision still has its time. One day, though we are but "unprofitable servants," we will be invited to eat and drink at our Master's table. It is that day we anticipate with each celebration of the Eucharist.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
stpaulcenter.com

“Pray the Rosary every day” Our Lady of Fatima

[October is the Month of the Rosary]

How did the Rosary develop, and is it a scriptural prayer?

"Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!" (Lk 1:28)

"Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb!" (Lk 1:42)

"Henceforth all generations will call me blessed." (Lk 1:48)

Rooted firmly in Christian tradition, the private devotion known as the Holy Rosary comprises prayers and meditations on an entire series of events in the lives of Jesus Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary that are explicit or implicit in Scripture.

The Rosary is one of the most recognised Catholic symbols. The Dominican Order helped to popularise devotion to the Rosary. It had long been the practice of people in the consecrated life to recite the 150 Psalms in the Liturgy of the Hours, but many of the faithful who were illiterate began the practice of reciting 150 Our Fathers (cf Mt 6:9-13) to substitute for the Psalms. As devotion to Our Lady increased, some of the Our Fathers were changed to Hail Marys. Later, a meditation on the life of Christ accompanied the recitation of the prayers. The Rosary became a wonderful tool of faith and prayer, a simple means for people to pray throughout the day and to meditate on the events of our salvation in the life of Christ.

Although the Holy Rosary is associated with most closely the Blessed Virgin Mary and is indeed a Marian devotion, it points us directly to Christ. The Rosary is sometimes called the “epitome of the whole Gospel” because its meditations call to mind the key events and truths of the Gospel message.

The Holy Rosary is a form of meditative prayer. It is among the forms of piety and popular devotion that extend the liturgical life of the Church.

The Joyful Mysteries

The Annunciation (Lk 1:26-38)
The Visitation
The Nativity
The Presentation
The finding of Jesus in the Temple

The Sorrowful Mysteries

The Agony in the Garden
The Scourging at the Pillar
The Crowning with Thorns
The Carrying of the Cross
The Crucifixion

The Luminous Mysteries

The Baptism of Christ
The Wedding of Cana
Proclamation of the Kingdom and call to conversion
The Transfiguration
The Institution of the Eucharist

The Glorious Mysteries

The Resurrection
The Ascension
The Descent of the Holy Spirit
The Assumption
The Coronation of the BVM

From the Didache Bible

971 “All generations will call me blessed”: “The Church’s devotion to the Blessed Virgin is intrinsic to Christian worship” (Pope Paul VI). The Church rightly honors “the Blessed Virgin with special devotion. From the most ancient times the Blessed Virgin has been honored with the title of ‘Mother of God,’ to whose protection the faithful fly in all their dangers and needs.... This very special devotion ... differs essentially from the adoration which is given to the incarnate Word and equally to the Father and the Holy Spirit, and greatly fosters this adoration” (Lumen Gentium 66). The liturgical feasts dedicated to the Mother of God and Marian prayer, such as the rosary, an “epitome of the whole Gospel,” express this devotion to the Virgin Mary (*Sacrosanctum Concilium* 103).

2679 Mary is the perfect *Orans* (prayer), a figure of the Church. When we pray to her, we are adhering with her to the plan of the Father, who sends his Son to save all men. Like the beloved disciple we welcome Jesus’ mother into our homes, for she has become the mother of all the living. We can pray with and to her. The prayer of the Church is sustained by the prayer of Mary and united with it in hope.

2708 Meditation engages thought, imagination, emotion, and desire. This mobilization of faculties is necessary in order to deepen our convictions of faith, prompt the conversion of our heart, and strengthen our will to follow Christ. Christian prayer tries above all to meditate on the mysteries of Christ, as in *lectio divina* or the rosary. This form of prayerful reflection is of great value, but Christian prayer should go further: to the knowledge of the love of the Lord Jesus, to union with him.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church