

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction



Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

28 September 2025

readings

Next Week

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Hab 1:2-3, 2:2-4

Ps 94:1-2, 6-9

2 Tim 1:6-8, 13-14

Lk 17:5-9

in a nutshell

For What We Have Failed to Do. The rich man in today's Gospel is condemned for his inactivity towards the poor man. Lazarus was starving and covered in sores, but the rich man did nothing to help him. In the Penitential Act at Mass we ask forgiveness not only for the bad we have done but for the good we have failed to do.

we pray for

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

Annunziata Festa is next week,
5 October
At St Mary's, Mount Evelyn.
All are welcome for food and festivities!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgement, for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments. But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Psalm Response

(R.) Praise the Lord, my soul!

It is the Lord who keeps faith for ever,
who is just to those who are oppressed.
It is he who gives bread to the hungry,
the Lord, who sets prisoners free. (R.)

It is the Lord who gives sight to the blind,
who raises up those who are bowed down.
It is the Lord who loves the just,
the Lord, who protects the stranger. (R.)

He upholds the widow and orphan
but thwarts the path of the wicked.
The Lord will reign for ever,
Zion's God, from age to age. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Jesus Christ was rich but he became poor, to
make you rich out of his poverty.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

By this we came to know the love of God: that
Christ laid down his life for us; so we ought to lay
down our lives for one another.

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
moutevelyn@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

Spending time in Adoration, before the exposed Host, shows our belief in the real presence of Christ in the Blessed Sacrament. There is a need for silent adoration of Jesus; we should try to just "be" with Jesus. The Apostles were first called to be with Jesus, before going out and doing anything— "He appointed twelve (whom he also named apostles) that they might be with him." (Mark 3:1) Everything else that we do as Catholics should flow out of our life of prayer— out of our being with Jesus. (Fr. Jeffrey)

Confession: It is important to note that confession is a work of progress throughout our lives. While we can confess and receive forgiveness for our sins, it does not mean that we are instantly perfect people. Instead, it is a stepping stone in life to help us to grow, to cleanse our soul and to repair our relationship with Christ. (Catholic World Mission)

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

"My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad; but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established..." Luke 16:25-26

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

August Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Total income: \$1334

Total Expenditure: \$2319

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.

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.

This week's Joke!

A bloke walks into the pub the morning after the AFL grand final, still wearing his team's jumper. He looks like he's aged ten years in a day. The bartender says, "Geez, mate, you look like you've been put through the ringer. What happened?" The bloke sighs: "What happened? We got absolutely belted. First bounce, and their ruckman jumps so high he nearly needed oxygen. Our best midfielder tried to chase him and looked like he was running through wet cement. By quarter time, the scoreboard looked like a phone number." "Second quarter, we had hope. One of our forwards finally marked the ball 30 metres out, dead in front. The crowd was hushed. He lines up the goal posts, runs in ... and shanks it so badly it ended up closer to the hot dog stand than the goals. Even the hot dog bloke booed him. "Third quarter, their captain kicks a banana goal from the pocket while falling backwards. Our bloke tried the same thing ... but forgot the ball. Just kicked air. The crowd laughed so hard I thought the MCG was going to collapse. "By the last quarter it was carnage. Their fans were singing so loud you'd think they'd won the lottery. Our fans were just praying for the final siren." The bartender nods sympathetically. "That's brutal, mate. But there's always next year." The bloke takes a long sip, slams his glass down, and says: "Next year? Mate, I'm still waiting for last year's rebuild to finish!"

Readings Reflection

[A Great Chasm](#)

The rich and powerful are visited with woe and exile in today's Liturgy—not for their wealth but for their refusal to share it; not for their power but for their indifference to the suffering at their door.

The complacent leaders in today's First Reading feast on fine foods and wines, travelling while the house of Joseph, the kingdom of Israel (see Amos 5:6), collapses around them.

The rich man in today's Gospel also lives like a king—dressed in royal purple and fine linen (see 1 Maccabees 8:14).

The rich man symbolizes Israel's failure to keep the Old Covenant, to heed the commandments of Moses and the prophets. This is the sin of the rulers in today's First Reading. Born to the nation God favoured first, they could claim Abraham as their father. But for their failure to give—their inheritance is taken away.

The rulers are exiled from their homeland. The rich man is punished with an exile far greater—eternity with a "great chasm" fixed between himself and God.

In this world, the rich and powerful make a name for themselves (see Genesis 11:4) and dine sumptuously, while the poor remain anonymous, refused an invitation to their feasts.

But notice that the Lord today knows Lazarus by name, and Joseph in his sufferings—while the leaders and the rich man have no name.

Today's liturgy is a call to repentance—to heed the warning of One who was raised from the dead. To lay hold of the eternal life He promises, we must pursue righteousness, keep the commandment of love, as Paul exhorts in today's Epistle.

"The Lord loves the just," we sing in today's Psalm.

And in this Eucharist we have a foretaste of the love that will be ours in the next life—when He will raise the lowly to the heavenly banquet with Abraham and the prophets (see Luke 13:28), where we too will rest our heads on the bosom of our Lord (see John 13:23).

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He shall come to judge the living and the dead

What happens when we die?

Just as it is appointed for men to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him (Heb 9:27-28).

At the moment of death, the immortal soul separates from the mortal body, and every person undergoes the Particular Judgment in which Christ immediately judges the person for the choices and actions he or she made in life and whether or not he or she has died in God's grace and friendship. As St. John of the Cross wrote, "At the evening of life, we shall be judged on our love". Based on that judgment, the soul immediately enters the state of Heaven, Hell, or Purgatory.

The souls of those who have responded to God's gift of salvation, die in a state of grace, and have been perfectly purified — either in this life or in *Purgatory* — will enter *Heaven*, the state of eternal happiness in which a person shares in the life and love of the Blessed Trinity. In communion with the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the angels and saints, the soul enjoys a state of perfect happiness, and in the Kingdom of God, the saints will reign with Christ forever. In Heaven, the blessed will receive the Beatific Vision: they see God face to face and contemplate him in the fullness of glory.

The souls of those who have responded to God's gift of salvation, die in a state of grace, but need the remission of the temporal punishment due to sin that results from an unhealthy attachment to created goods, the soul must be purified before entering Heaven. This purification after death is called *Purgatory*. By purifying us of all imperfections before we can enter his presence in Heaven, God shows not only his justice but also his great love and mercy.

Just as the blessed will enjoy eternal love and joy, those who have rejected God will suffer eternal hatred and unhappiness in *Hell*. All souls in Hell suffer the loss of eternal communion with God and punishment for sins committed on earth. This state of separation from God is eternal, and there can be no repentance.

The General Judgment at the time of the Second Coming of Christ will not change the result of the Particular Judgment. At that time, our mortal bodies will rise and be reunited with our souls. The bodies of those saved will be in glorified form.

From the Didache Bible

1033 We cannot be united with God unless we freely choose to love him. But we cannot love God if we sin gravely against him, against our neighbor or against ourselves: "He who does not love remains in death. Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him." Our Lord warns us that we shall be separated from him if we fail to meet the serious needs of the poor and the little ones who are his brethren. To die in mortal sin without repenting and accepting God's merciful love means remaining separated from him for ever by our own free choice. This state of definitive self-exclusion from communion with God and the blessed is called "hell."

1035 The teaching of the Church affirms the existence of hell and its eternity. Immediately after death the souls of those who die in a state of mortal sin descend into hell, where they suffer the punishments of hell, "eternal fire." The chief punishment of hell is eternal separation from God, in whom alone man can possess the life and happiness for which he was created and for which he longs

1037 God predestines no one to go to hell; for this, a willful turning away from God (a mortal sin) is necessary, and persistence in it until the end. In the Eucharistic liturgy and in the daily prayers of her faithful, the Church implores the mercy of God, who does not want "any to perish, but all to come to repentance" (2 Pet 3:9):

Father, accept this offering
from your whole family.
Grant us your peace in this life,
save us from final damnation,
and count us among those you have chosen. (*Eucharistic Prayer I*)

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church