

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



## Fourth Sunday of Advent (Year A)

18 December 2022

### readings

#### Next Week

Is 9:1-7  
Ps 95: 1-3, 11-13  
Titus 2:11-14  
Lk 2:1-14

### in a nutshell

A man of honour. Today's Gospel invites us to reflect on Joseph, the husband of Mary, who played such an important role in God's plan of salvation. Joseph was a man of honour who combined respect for the law with compassion for Mary. He was open to hear God's word to him. He is an example for us all.

### we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend.  
For those who have died recently, and those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

### of special note

Last chance for the St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

*More information inside!*

### Raise Your Voices

#### Entrance Antiphon

Drop down dew from above, you heavens, and let the clouds rain down the Just One; let the earth be opened and bring forth a Saviour.

#### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Let the Lord enter;  
he is king of glory.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,  
the world and all its peoples.  
It is he who set it on the seas;  
on the waters he made it firm. (R.)

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?  
Who shall stand in his holy place?  
The man with clean hands and pure heart,  
who desires not worthless things. (R.)

He shall receive blessings from the Lord  
and reward from the God who saves him.  
Such are the men who seek him,  
seek the face of the God of Jacob. (R.)

#### Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
A virgin will give birth to a son; his name will be Emmanuel: God is with us.  
Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon

Behold, a Virgin shall conceive and bear a son;  
and his name will be called Emmanuel.

### 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

#### Sunday Mass

Warburton: Saturday—4:30pm (EST)  
7:00pm (EDST)  
Yarra Junction: Sunday—8:30am

#### Weekday Mass

Wednesday—9:00am Yarra Junction  
First Friday—11:30am Warburton

#### Reconciliation

Thursday 6:00pm-6:45pm  
Thursdays at Yarra Junction  
First Thursday at Warburton

#### Exposition

Thursday at 6:00pm  
Thursdays at Yarra Junction  
First Thursday at Warburton

### Weddings

*Please contact the office*

### Baptisms

*Please see Father after Mass*

### Parish Primary School

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  
Mary Ryan  
Enzo Torresan  
Nino Troiani

### Working With Children

There are a number of parishioners whose Working With Children Check has expired. Could you please check your cards and update if necessary.

### Bulletin notices by 12:00 noon Thursday please

[moutevelyn@cam.org.au](mailto:moutevelyn@cam.org.au)

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

<https://melbournecatholic.org/job-vacancies>

### Parish Meetings: Wednesday, 1 February

Finance Committee	7:00pm
Parish Safeguarding	7:30pm
Parish Council	8:00pm

## Parish Notices

### Christmas Mass Times – Upper Yarra Valley

Christmas Eve – Vigil Mass 7:00pm Yarra Junction (Saturday)

Christmas Day – 8:30am Warburton (Sunday)

### Christmas Mass Times – Mount Evelyn

Christmas Eve – Vigil Mass 5:00pm

Midnight Mass – 12:00am

Christmas Day- 10:30am

N.B. No Sunday Evening Mass Christmas Day

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal

Thank you everybody for your generous donations to our Christmas Appeal. We received \$420 from the church and \$470.70 together with numerous toys from St Joseph's Primary School. Part of the money from the school came from sale of craft by the Mini Vinnies. Thank you children. Much appreciated.

### Save the Date: Sunday February 19 2023

All parishioners are invited to a "Shrove" Sunday Pancake breakfast after the morning Mass at Yarra Junction. More details to come.

### Adoration of the Eucharist

Adoration: Eucharistic adoration is the greatest of actions. To adore is to share the life of Mary on earth when she adored the Word Incarnate in her virginal womb, when she adored Him in the crib, on Calvary, in the divine Eucharist. (St. Peter Julian Eymard)

Reconciliation: In the confessional, priests have received from God a power that He has given neither to angels nor to archangels...God above confirms what priests do here below. (St. John Chrysostom)

Adoration, spend time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist: Friday mornings 8:00am. Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 6:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton). Confessions available during Adoration.

### Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Finally, we come to the ultimate theme of Advent, the one that makes sense of everything else: love. The readings for this week focus on how the birth of Jesus through Mary is one of the deepest revelations of God's love. One of the antiphons in the leadup to Christmas reads: 'O Root of Jesse's stem, sign of God's love for all his people: come to save us without delay!' The coming of Jesus to live among us and to share our humanity confirms this truth: God really does love us.

### **Cleaning Warburton Church for Christmas**

We are looking for volunteers to help with cleaning Sacred Heart church to prepare for our Christmas celebrations. Please see Father Michel so a day/time can be organised.

### **Stewardship Corner**

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded him and took his wife into his home.”  
MATTHEW 1:24

Putting our complete trust in the Lord without expecting anything in return. Striving to put God first in all things and follow Him wherever He may lead us. Joseph was a model of these pillars of our faith. As we prepare for the birth of our Lord, pray for the strength and courage to be a model of discipleship, just as Joseph was.

### **New Thanksgiving/stewardship Envelopes**

Envelopes for the next 6 months are now available. Please note that you may have a different number. Due to the reduced number of givers we have ordered fewer envelopes and so have had to issue some people with a new number. It would be best to throw out any old envelopes.

Consider contributing to assist in the upkeep of the Parish through a stewardship pledge. Contact the office to become part of this either by direct debit or envelopes. Only money in envelopes goes towards the support of the parish, loose cash supports the Parish Priest.

### **Something to Make You Smile**

After a long life, and many years in office, a politician died and arrived at the Gates of Heaven, where he sees a huge wall of clocks behind him. He asked an angel, "What are all those clocks?" The angel answered, "Those are Lie-Clocks. Everyone on Earth has a Lie-Clock. Every time you lie the hands on your Clock will move." "Oh," said the politician, "whose clock is that?" "That's president Washington's clock. The hands have never moved, indicating that he never told a lie in his entire life." "Tremendous" said the politician. "And whose clock is that one?" The angel responded, "That's president Abraham Lincoln's clock. The hands have moved twice, telling us that Abe told only two lies in his entire life." "So, where's my clock?" asked the politician. "Oh your clock is in God's office. He's using it as a ceiling fan."

## **Readings Reflection**

### [God Is with Us](#)

The mystery kept secret for long ages, promised through His prophets in the holy Scriptures, is today revealed (see Romans 16:25–26).

This is the “Gospel of God” that Paul celebrates in today’s Epistle—the good news that “God is with us” in Jesus Christ. The sign promised to the House of David in today’s First Reading is given in today’s Gospel. In the virgin found with child, God Himself has brought to Israel a savior from David’s royal line (see Acts 13:22–23).

Son of David according to the flesh, Jesus is the Son of God, born of the Spirit. He will be anointed with the Spirit (see Acts 10:38), and by the power of Spirit will be raised from the dead and established at God’s right hand in the heavens (see Acts 2:33–34; Ephesians 1:20–21).

He is the “King of Glory” we sing of in today’s Psalm. The earth in its fullness has been given to Him. And as God swore long ago to David, His Kingdom will have no end (see Psalm 89:4–5).

In Jesus Christ we have a new creation. Like the creation of the world, it is a work of the Spirit, a blessing from the Lord (see Genesis 1:2). In Him, we are saved from our sins, are called now “the beloved of God.”

All nations now are called to belong to Jesus Christ, to enter into the House of David and kingdom of God, the Church. Together, through the obedience of faith, we have been made a new race—a royal people that seeks for the face of the God of Jacob.

He has made our hearts clean; He has made us worthy to enter His holy place, to stand in His presence and serve Him.

In the Eucharist, the everlasting covenant is renewed, the Advent promise of virgin with child—God with us—continues until the end of the age (see Matthew 28:20; Ezekiel 37:24–28).

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## Behold, a Virgin Shall Conceive and Bear a Son

Today we are celebrating the Fourth Sunday of Advent, while preparations are well under way for the feast of Christmas. The Word of God in the liturgy helps us focus our attention on the meaning of this fundamental saving event, which is at once historic and supernatural.

“Behold, a young woman shall conceive and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel”: God-with-us (Is 7:14). Isaiah’s prophecy is of capital importance in the economy of salvation. It assures us that “God himself” will give King David a descendent as a “sign” of his fidelity. This promise was fulfilled by Jesus born of the Virgin Mary. Thus to benefit from the meaning and gift of grace of Christmas, now at hand, we must hasten to the school of Our Lady and her husband Joseph whom we contemplate in ecstatic adoration of the newborn Messiah in the manger.

In today’s Gospel passage, Matthew highlights the role of Joseph whom he describes as a “just” man (Mt 1:19), and thus emphasizes his unreserved devotion to fulfilling God’s will. Precisely because of this inner righteousness, which in the ultimate analysis coincides with love, Joseph does not decide to reject Mary when he discovers she is with child. He resolves to “send her away quietly” (Mt 1:19), but the angel of the Lord tells him not to fear, and to take her as his wife.

Another essential aspect of St Joseph’s personality emerges here: he is ready to listen to God in prayer. He learns from the angel that “it is through the Holy Spirit that this child has been conceived in her, [Mary]” (cf. Mt 1:20), according to the ancient prophecy: “Behold, a young woman shall conceive ...”, and he is quick to accept God’s plans that surpass human limitations.

In sum, Joseph can be described as an authentic man of faith like his wife Mary. Faith combines justice and prayer; this is the most appropriate attitude with which to encounter the Emmanuel, God-with-us. Indeed, believing means living through history open to God’s initiative, to the creative force of his Word who became flesh in Christ, uniting himself to our humanity forever. Thus, the Virgin Mary and St Joseph help us to celebrate fruitfully the birth of the Redeemer.

*Pope St John Paul II, Fourth Sunday of Advent Angelus*

**464** The unique and altogether singular event of the Incarnation of the Son of God does not mean that Jesus Christ is part God and part man, nor does it imply that he is the result of a confused mixture of the divine and the human. He became truly man while remaining truly God. Jesus Christ is true God and true man. During the first centuries, the Church had to defend and clarify this truth of faith against the heresies that falsified it.

**469** The Church thus confesses that Jesus is inseparably true God and true man. He is truly the Son of God who, without ceasing to be God and Lord, became a man and our brother:

*“What he was, he remained and what he was not, he assumed,” sings the Roman Liturgy. And the liturgy of St. John Chrysostom proclaims and sings: “O only-begotten Son and Word of God, immortal being, you who deigned for our salvation to become incarnate of the holy Mother of God and ever-virgin Mary, you who without change became man and were crucified, O Christ our God, you who by your death have crushed death, you who are one of the Holy Trinity, glorified with the Father and the Holy Spirit, save us!” (Liturgy of St. John Chrysostom, Troparion O monogenes )*

*From the Catechism of the Catholic Church*