

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

11 September 2022

readings

Next Week

Amos 8:4-7
Ps 112:1-2, 4-8
1 Tim 2:1-8
Lk 16:1-13

in a nutshell

Parables of Mercy. The parables in today's Gospel all speak of the mercy of God. When we stray from the right path, God comes looking for us, not to condemn us but to offer us forgiveness. If we are contrite, God will lift us up and carry us back to the community, as a shepherd carries a stray sheep back to the flock. What great rejoicing there will be in our reunion with God and with the community.

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.
For those whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Queen Elizabeth II

1952-2022

Requiescat in pace.

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Give peace, O Lord, to those who wait for you,
that your prophets be found true.
Hear the prayers of your servant,
and of your people Israel.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) I will rise and go to my father.

Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness.
In your compassion blot out my offence.
O wash me more and more from my guilt
and cleanse me from my sin. (R.)

A pure heart create for me, O God,
put a steadfast spirit within me.
Do not cast me away from your presence,
nor deprive me of your holy spirit. (R.)

O Lord, open my lips
and my mouth shall declare your praise.
My sacrifice is a contrite spirit;
a humbled, contrite heart you will not spurn. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
God was in Christ, to reconcile the world to himself;
and the Good News of reconciliation he has entrusted to us.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The chalice of blessing that we bless
is a communion in the Blood of Christ;
and the bread that we break
is a sharing in the Body of the Lord.

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
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

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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

mountevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

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

Parish Meetings: Wednesday 7 September

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

Parish Notices

Father's Holiday—Next week

Fr Michel will be taking a break during the next two weeks (beginning 12 through 24 September) so weekday Masses and Adoration will be cancelled. Weekend Masses will be as normal with Fr Michel.

Safeguarding Sunday

This weekend, the Catholic Church in Australia marks Safeguarding Sunday, on which we pray for those who have been abused, their families and supporters. We recognise and apologise for the harm done by priests, religious and lay people in Church settings. Rebuilding trust and confidence in the Church requires constant work and vigilance. We recommit to cultural change that will help the Church be a place where people feel safe and supported.

You can find out more about the Church's work in this area at:

www.catholic.org.au/safeguardingsunday

Adoration of the Eucharist

Adoration: We do not have to talk very much to pray well, we know that God is there in His Holy Monstrance. Let us open our hearts to Him, let us rejoice in His Sacred Presence. This is the best prayer! (St. John Vianney)

Confession: I resolved, before I became a priest, that I would always be available at any time to hear a person's confession. If asked to divulge what was confessed, I would of course reply, "It didn't happen". (Fr. Mike Schmitz)

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

Stewardship Corner

"Everything I have is yours." Luke 15:31

Our Heavenly Father gives us everything, including the chance to share in His eternal kingdom. Yet, like the Prodigal Son, we are often lured away by the materialism of our society. Do you really want to turn your back on all that God offers in exchange for material wealth that has no lasting value? God wants us to be happy on earth as well. But, that requires us to freely accept His gift of faith; putting Him first in all things and detaching from our own self-sufficiency.

40 Days for Life Prayer & Fasting

Join other Christians for 40 days of prayer and fasting for an end to abortion. We will be keeping vigil near a Melbourne abortion facility from 28th September to 6th November. Those who can't be present may like to pray from home or in church. To register your hours and for more information visit www.40daysforlife.com/en/melbourne. Come along to the Kick-off & Rally on 28th September with pro-life speakers. Fitzroy Gardens, Cnr. Clarendon Street & Wellington Parade, East Melbourne, 2 p.m. - 3 p.m.

Funeral Notice

The funeral of Al Tyler will be held on Tuesday 13 September at 11:00 am at St John the Baptist Church Plympton (Adelaide). For those wanting to participate in the funeral via a live stream the link is:

<https://livestream.com/accounts/8710393/events/10599593>

September 4th, Fathers' Day Collection

Thank you for your generosity: \$184.60 donated

Annual Peace Walk 8th of October

Will you walk with us for the tens of thousands of babies killed in Victoria each year?

Will you help us show our politicians that we won't go speechless against this atrocity?

Will you help us celebrate life, EVERY life, great or small, born or unborn?

If your answer to any of these was yes, we look forward to seeing you there lining the streets of our great city! We'll be gathering in Treasury Gardens at 12:30 and walking to Parliament House at 1:00. We will be supplying plenty of our own placards and balloons, and we look forward to seeing a flood of pink and blue out in the streets. We have some fantastic speakers lined up to encourage and build up and speak life, and we're excited to make this our biggest march yet! <https://www.marchforthebabies.com/>

Something to Make You Smile

The parish priest in outback NSW was happy with his new housekeeper who also happened to be a great cook. She prepared some delicious meals during the week and kept the place neat and tidy. One day as she was cleaning the priest's office, she answered the phone and said, "That's right!"

The phone rang again almost immediately and the housekeeper answered yet again. "Yes, it certainly is," she replied. This happened two more times with the housekeeper giving the same response before the priest who had been listening in the next room asked who had called.

"I have no idea," said the housekeeper. "Someone kept saying 'It's a long distance from Rome' and I could only agree with them."

Readings Reflection

[Seeking the Lost](#)

The episode in today's First Reading has been called "Israel's original sin." Freed from bondage, born as a people of God in the covenant at Sinai, Israel turned aside from His ways and fell to worshipping a golden calf.

Moses implores God's mercy, just as Jesus will later intercede for the whole human race. Just as He still pleads for sinners at God's right hand and through the ministry of the Church.

Israel's sin is the sin of the world. It is your sin and mine. Ransomed from death and made His children in Baptism, we fall prey to the idols of this world. We remain a "stiff-necked people," resisting His will for us like an ox refuses the plowman's yoke (see Jeremiah 7:26).

Like Israel, in our sin we push God away and reject our divine sonship. Once He called us "my people" (see Exodus 3:10; 6:7). But our sin makes us "no people," people He should, in justice, disown (see Deuteronomy 32:21; 1 Peter 2:10).

Yet in His mercy, He is faithful to the covenant He swore by His own self in Jesus. In Jesus, God comes to Israel and to each of us—as a shepherd to seek the lost (see Ezekiel 34:11–16), to carry us back to the heavenly feast, the perpetual heritage promised long ago to Abraham's children.

"Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners," Paul cries in today's Epistle. These are the happiest words the world has ever known. Because of Jesus, as Paul himself can testify, even the blasphemer and persecutor can seek His mercy.

As the sinners do in today's Gospel, we draw near to listen to Him. In this Eucharist, we bring Him the acceptable sacrifice we sing of in today's Psalm—our hearts, humbled and contrite.

In the company of His angels and saints, we rejoice that He has wiped out our offense. We celebrate with Him that we have turned from the evil way that we might live (see Ezekiel 18:23).

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The Exaltation of the Cross

[The Feast Day is celebrated on Wednesday, 14 September]

Since Christ is risen, why do we venerate his crucified image?

I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of compassion and supplication, so that, when they look on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him. (Zec 12:10)

Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor 1:22-24)

Who has bewitched you, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified? (Gal 3:1)

A crucifix is a depiction of Christ on the Cross. We venerate the crucifix as a reminder of Christ's Passion and Death, by which we have been redeemed by God

Christ suffered and died on the Cross for our salvation; he also told us to take up our crosses daily and follow him. His crucified image serves as a powerful reminder of what he endured out of his divine love for our sake and of the true cost of our own discipleship: the willingness to endure every pain, hardship, and humiliation for the sake of attaining eternal life and being with him forever. The crucified Christ reveals to us the power of redemptive suffering.

St. Paul called the crucified Christ "the power of God and the wisdom of God. For the foolishness of God is wiser than men, and the weakness of God is stronger than men" (1 Cor 1:24-25). He told the Corinthians that we 'preach Christ crucified' (1 Cor 1:23). It is through his taking on human flesh and his voluntarily experiencing the suffering and humiliation of his Passion and Death that the glory and power of God is ultimately revealed in his Resurrection.

As a prayer in the Byzantine liturgy for the Feast of the Transfiguration says:

On the mount you were transfigured, and your disciples, as much as they could bear, beheld your glory, O Christ God; so that when they should see you crucified, they would know your Passion to be willing, and would preach to the world that you, in truth, are the Effulgence of the Father.

From the Didache Bible

571 The Paschal mystery of Christ's cross and Resurrection stands at the center of the Good News that the apostles, and the Church following them, are to proclaim to the world. God's saving plan was accomplished "once for all" (Heb 9:26) by the redemptive death of his Son Jesus Christ.

617 The Council of Trent emphasizes the unique character of Christ's sacrifice as "the source of eternal salvation" (Heb 5:9) and teaches that "his most holy Passion on the wood of the cross merited justification for us" (Council of Trent). And the Church venerates his cross as it sings: "Hail, O Cross, our only hope" (LH, Lent, Holy Week, Evening Prayer).

618 The cross is the unique sacrifice of Christ, the "one mediator between God and men." (1 Tim 2:5) But because in his incarnate divine person he has in some way united himself to every man, "the possibility of being made partners, in a way known to God, in the paschal mystery" is offered to all men (GS 22 § 5). He calls his disciples to "take up [their] cross and follow [him]" (Mt 16:24), for "Christ also suffered for [us], leaving [us] an example so that [we] should follow in his steps" (1 Pet 2:21). In fact Jesus desires to associate with his redeeming sacrifice those who were to be its first beneficiaries. This is achieved supremely in the case of his mother, who was associated more intimately than any other person in the mystery of his redemptive suffering.

1067 "The wonderful works of God among the people of the Old Testament were but a prelude to the work of Christ the Lord in redeeming mankind and giving perfect glory to God. He accomplished this work principally by the Paschal mystery of his blessed Passion, Resurrection from the dead, and glorious Ascension, whereby 'dying he destroyed our death, rising he restored our life.' For it was from the side of Christ as he slept the sleep of death upon the cross that there came forth 'the wondrous sacrament of the whole Church' " (SC 5 § 2). For this reason, the Church celebrates in the liturgy above all the Paschal mystery by which Christ accomplished the work of our salvation.

2132 The Christian veneration of images is not contrary to the first commandment which proscribes idols. Indeed, "the honor rendered to an image passes to its prototype," and "whoever venerates an image venerates the person portrayed in it" (St. Basil). The honor paid to sacred images is a "respectful veneration," not the adoration due to God alone:

Religious worship is not directed to images in themselves, considered as mere things, but under their distinctive aspect as images leading us on to God incarnate. The movement toward the image does not terminate in it as image, but tends toward that whose image it is (St. Thomas Aquinas).

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church