Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Second Sunday of Easter—Divine Mercy Sunday (Year C)

24 April 2022

readings

Next Week

Acts 5:27-32, 40-41 Ps 29:2, 4-6, 11-13 Rev 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19

in a nutshell

I am sending you. When we gather for Eucharist each Sunday the risen Christ comes among us and offers us his gift of peace. Our celebration gives us joys and strengthens our faith. But we cannot stay inside the church with its doors locked. At the end of the Mass we are sent out, commissioned to bring the love and mercy of Christ to all who continue to bear in their bodies the wounds of crucifixion.

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

Thank you to all who participated in the Project Compassion during Lent.

More information inside

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Receive the joy of your glory, giving thanks to God, who has called you into the heavenly kingdom, alleluia.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, his love is everlasting.

Let the sons of Israel say: 'His love has no end.' Let the sons of Aaron say: 'His love has no end.' Let those who fear the Lord say: 'His love has no end.' (R.)

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

This day was made by the Lord; we rejoice and are glad. (R.)

O Lord, grant us salvation;
O Lord grant success.
Blessed in the name of the Lord is he who comes.
We bless you from the house of the Lord; the true God is our light. (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia! You believe in me, Thomas, because you have seen me; happy those who have not seen me, but still believe! Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Bring your hand and feel the place of the nails, and do not be unbelieving but believing, alleluia.

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 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.

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 May 25

Finance Committee 7:00pm

Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm

Parish Council 8:00pm

Parish Notices

Project Compassion

Caritas Australia would like to THANK YOU for supporting Project Compassion 2022. If you still have your Project Compassion box or set of envelopes at home, please bring them back next week or visit lent.caritas.org.au and donate online.

Your generosity will empower the world's most vulnerable communities to grow stronger and lift themselves out of poverty. Together, we can help vulnerable communities face their challenges today and build a better tomorrow For All Future Generations. You can donate through Project Compassion donation boxes and envelopes available from your Parish, by visiting lent.caritas.org.au

Update on Shirley Carter

or by calling 1800 024 413.

Shirley has now moved to Nazareth House in Camberwell and is in the process of settling into her new abode! Please continue to keep her in your prayers.

Adoration of the Eucharist

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.

Adoration: I adore Thee, O my Saviour, present here as God and man, in soul and body, in true flesh and blood. (St. John Henry Newman)

Confession: The Sacrament of Reconciliation is one of the most unique and beautiful aspects of Catholicism. Jesus Christ, in His abundant love and mercy, established the Sacrament of Confession, so that we as sinners can obtain forgiveness for our sins and reconcile with God and the Church. The sacrament "washes us clean", and renews us in Christ. (from catholicscomehome.org)

Stewardship Corner

"Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.'" (JOHN 20:21)

Peace – the first gift of the risen Lord. Just as Jesus sent the apostles out into the world, so too, He sends us. As disciples of Jesus, we are called to be compassionate and merciful; and not with just those who are our friends, but also with our "enemies." Think of someone in your life who you need to reconcile with. Call them right now or better yet, go visit them.

Stewardship—Support Your Parish!

The Parish appreciates the ongoing support, by those parishioners who are formally engaged in the Stewardship Program either using the envelopes or via direct debit. It's not too late to decide to become a regular contributor to the finances of the Parish. Please notify the office if you would like to be part of the Stewardship.

Mass of Thanksgiving for Health & Aged Care Workers

Sunday 1 May, 11am · St Patrick's Cathedral Melbourne The last two years have impacted all of us, but especially on members of the aged-and health-care service sectors. This Mass will be offered in thanksgiving for their ongoing care and those working in these sectors are especially invited to attend.

Communion to the Sick and Elderly-Volunteer Required

Volunteers are needed to visit Estia in Yarra Junction and Advent Care in Warburton preferably on a Wednesday. See Fr Michel if you are able to assist.

'Pondering Grief', Saturday 30 April 2022, 10am-3.30pm.

Heart of Life Centre for Spiritual & Pastoral Formation, Rear 41 Stanhope St, Malvern. Cost \$80 (Materials provided, BYO lunch). Book and pay via email info@heartoflife.melbourne, www.heartoflife.melbourne, or Phone 98901101

Sanctity of Life Sunday

The national Sanctity of Life Sunday is to be celebrated this year on 29 May 2022. "Be part of leading the change in our culture to treasure life at every stage and in every circumstance" Explore the website: https://sanctityoflifesunday.com.au/

Sign the petition to the Prime Minister: https://sanctityoflifesunday.com.au/petition/

Mass in Reparation for Abortion

St Patrick's Cathedral, held at 9 am on the last Saturday of each month.

Bringing a Smile to Your Face...

An atheist was complaining to a Catholic friend. He said, "Christians have their special holidays like Easter and Christmas. Jews have Passover and Yom Kippur. And Muslims also have their special days. Every religion has its holidays but we atheists have no holidays. It's unfair and it's discrimination!"

"What do you mean atheists have no holidays?" the friend said. "People have been observing a special day in your honour for years."

"What do you mean? the atheist said. "When is there a special day honouring atheists?"

"Every April 1," said the friend.

Readings Reflection

Breath of New Life

The prophet Daniel in a vision saw "One like the Son of Man" receive everlasting kingship (see Daniel 7:9–14). John is taken to heaven in today's Second Reading where he sees Daniel's prophecy fulfilled in Jesus, who appears as "One like a Son of Man."

Jesus is clad in the robe of a High Priest (see Exodus 28:4; Wisdom 18:24) and wearing the gold sash of a king (see 1 Maccabees 10:89). He has been exalted by the right hand of the Lord, as we sing in today's Psalm.

His risen body, which the Apostles touch in today's Gospel, has been made a lifegiving Spirit (see 1 Corinthians 15:45).

As the Father anointed Him with the Spirit and power (see Acts 10:38), Jesus pours out that Spirit on the Apostles, sending them into the world "as the Father has sent Me." Jesus "breathes" the Spirit of His divine life into the Apostles—as God blew the "breath of life" into Adam (see Genesis 2:7), as Elijah's prayer returned "the life breath" to the dead child (see 1 Kings 17:21–23), and as the Spirit breathed new life into the slain in the valley of bones (see Ezekiel 37:9–10).

His creative breath unites the Apostles—His Church—to His body, and empowers them to breathe His life into a dying world, to make it a new creation.

In today's Gospel and First Reading, we see the Apostles fulfilling this mission with powers only God possesses—the power to forgive sins and to work "signs and wonders," a biblical expression only used to describe the mighty works of God (see Exodus 7:3; 11:10; Acts 7:36).

Thomas and the others saw "many other signs" after Jesus was raised from the dead. They saw and they believed.

They have been given His life, which continues in the Church's Word and sacraments, so that we who have not seen might inherit His blessings and "have life in His name."

<u>Dr. Scott Hahn</u> <u>stpaulcenter.com</u>

Divine Mercy Sunday— St Mary's Mount Evelyn

2:30pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament and Holy Rosary

3:00pm Divine Mercy Prayer & Divine Mercy Chaplet

3:30pm St Faustina's Prayer & Praises of the Mercy of God

4:00pm Prayer for the Sanctification of Priests

4:30pm Benediction & The Blessing of the Divine Mercy Image

5:00pm Holy Mass

Confessions from 2:45pm-4:15pm

Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska

The Humble Instrument

Sister Faustina was a young, uneducated nun in a convent of the Congregation of Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy in Poland during the 1930s. She came from a poor family that struggled during the years of World War I. She had only three years of simple education, so hers were the humblest tasks in the convent, usually in the kitchen or garden. However, she received extraordinary revelations — or messages — from our Lord Jesus. Jesus asked Sr. Faustina to record these experiences, which she compiled into notebooks. These notebooks are known today as the Diary of Saint Maria Faustina Kowalska, and the words contained within are God's loving message of Divine Mercy.

Though the Divine Mercy message is not new to the teachings of the Church, Sr. Faustina's Diary sparked a great movement, and a strong and significant focus on the mercy of Christ. Saint John Paul II canonized Sr. Faustina in 2000 making her the "first saint of the new millennium." Speaking of Sr. Faustina and the importance of the message contained in her Diary, the Pope call her "the great apostle of Divine Mercy in our time."

Today, we continue to rely on St. Faustina as a constant reminder of the message to trust in Jesus' endless mercy, and to live life mercifully toward others. We also turn to her in prayer and request her intercession to our merciful Savior on our behalf.

The Divine Mercy