

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



## Second Sunday of Advent (Year A)

4 December 2022

### readings

#### Next Week

Is 35:1-6, 10  
Ps 145:6-10  
James 5:7-10  
Mt 11:2-11

#### in a nutshell

*God's Kingdom is near.* John the Baptist urged the people to prepare for the coming of the kingdom by repenting their sins. Their baptism by John in the Jordan River was an important ritual act of sorrow. But they also had to express their sorrow by reforming their lives. The sacrament of reconciliation, and right living, are excellent means through which we can prepare for the feast of Christmas.

#### 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

St Vincent de Paul's Christmas Appeal is this weekend

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### Raise Your Voices

#### Entrance Antiphon

O people of Sion, behold, the Lord will come to save the nations, and the Lord will make the glory of his voice heard in the joy of your heart.

#### Responsorial Psalm

(R.) Justice shall flourish in his time, and fullness of peace for ever.

O God, give your judgement to the king, to a king's son your justice, that he may judge your people in justice and your poor in right judgement. (R.)

In his days justice shall flourish and peace till the moon fails. He shall rule from sea to sea, from the Great River to the earth's bounds. (R.)

For he shall save the poor when they cry and the needy who are helpless. He will have pity on the weak and save the lives of the poor. (R.)

May his name be blessed for ever and endure like the sun. Every tribe shall be blessed in him, all nations bless his name. (R.)

#### Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths: all people shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon

Jerusalem, arise and stand upon the heights, and behold the joy which comes to you from God.

### 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, 30 November

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

### Christmas Carols—Thursday 8 December

The children, families and staff of St Josephs welcome Sacred Heart Parishioners to attend the Christmas Carols at 5:30 pm. These will be held on the oval subject to favourable weather conditions.

### St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal—This Weekend

This year, as for last year, we will be providing food vouchers and Vinnies vouchers to families in need rather than hampers. You are asked to assist with the purchase of these vouchers by giving to our Christmas Appeal this weekend. The provision of hampers requires a number of man hours and we just don't have the man power to organise these. Please consider joining our group in 2023. We welcome donations of dry food throughout the year to fill ongoing needs. Thank you.

### 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: Your Holy Hour is not only a devotion but a sharing in the work of redemption. ( Venerable Fulton Sheen)

Reconciliation: Each member of the faithful is obliged to confess faithfully his or her grave sins at least once a year.( Canon Law 989.) It is recommended, though not required, to confess venial sins; this is often the reason why Catholics will go to confession on a weekly or monthly basis. Confession is a beautiful sacrament of God's mercy and should not be looked at as a requirement, but as an opportunity to receive God's love. It gives us the ability to repair our relationship with God, and opens us up to a shower of God's grace. We should confess because we love God, not because we have to, though the requirements are there to lead us along the path of eternal life.

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.

### Second Sunday of Advent: Preparation

'Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths' (Luke 3:4). As we dwell on these words of St John the Baptist, our sense of anticipation begins to ramp up in the second week of Advent. The promises of God continue, and there's a greater focus of one promise in particular: 'he is coming to save you' (Isaiah 35:4). The message this week is clear: get ready to be saved.

### **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**

"Therefore, every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire." Matthew 3:10

Do you bear good fruit for Jesus? Do you spend time in prayer or do you waste it with mindless activity? Do you use your talent to help others or are you too busy? Do you use your treasure to support the Church or do you buy more things that go unused. Our time, talent and treasure are gifts from God. What we do with these gifts is our gift back to Him. What gifts are you planning to give to the Lord during this upcoming Christmas season?

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.

### **School Religious Education Survey**

The archdiocese is conducting a survey regarding the religious education in Catholic schools. While it is primarily directed to those involved in the school, responses from parishioners are encouraged. If you wish to participate, follow this link: <https://onlinesurvey.cecv.catholic.edu.au/surveys/2022-re-curriculum-review-survey>

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

A couple celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary in front of friends and relatives at church on a Sunday. After the service the husband asked his wife what she would like for an anniversary present. Without a second thought, the wife said, "I'd like to be six again." Next morning he woke her bright and early and off they went to a local theme park. They rode the Big Dipper, the Tower of Terror and the Cha Cha. Five hours later they staggered from the theme park, having eaten fairy floss, toffee apples and hotdogs. Her stomach was full and her head was reeling. On the way home the husband pulled into a fast food restaurant and ordered hamburgers and chips, washed down by a large chocolate milkshake. Not done yet, the husband drove to the nearest cinema and bought tickets to the latest adventure movie. He bought his wife popcorn, a dairy choc and a soft drink. By eleven o'clock his wife could hardly walk. They stumbled through the front door of their house and she slowly made her way to bed, her husband well pleased with his wife's anniversary present. Her husband soon joined her in bed. Leaning over, he asked, "Well dear, what was it like to be six again? With one eye open and a hand gently caressing her very full stomach, she replied, "I meant my dress size."

## **Readings Reflection**

### [Kingdom Come](#)

"The kingdom of heaven is at hand," John proclaims. And the Liturgy today paints us a vivid portrait of our new king and the shape of the kingdom He has come to bring.

The Lord whom John prepares the way for in today's Gospel is the righteous king prophesied in today's First Reading and Psalm. He is the king's son, the son of David—a shoot from the root of Jesse, David's father (see Ruth 4:17).

He will be the Messiah, anointed with the Holy Spirit (see 2 Samuel 23:1; 1 Kings 1:39; Psalm 2:2), endowed with the seven gifts of the Spirit—wisdom, understanding, counsel, strength, knowledge, piety and fear of the Lord.

He will rule with justice, saving the poor from the ruthless and wicked. His rule will be not only over Israel—but will extend from sea to sea, to the ends of the earth. He will be a light, a signal to all nations. And they will seek Him and pay Him homage.

In Him, all the tribes of the earth will find blessing. The covenant promise to Abraham (see Genesis 12:3), renewed in God's oath to David (see Psalm 89:4,28), will be fulfilled in His dynasty. And His name will be blessed forever.

In Christ, God confirms His oath to Israel's patriarchs, Paul tells us in today's Epistle. But no longer are God's promises reserved solely for the children of Abraham. The Gentiles, too, will glorify God for His mercy. Once strangers, in Christ they will be included in "the covenants of promise" (see Ephesians 2:12).

John delivers this same message in the Gospel. Once God's chosen people were hewn from the rock of Abraham (see Isaiah 51:1–2). Now, God will raise up living stones (see 1 Peter 2:5)—children of Abraham born not of flesh and blood but of the Spirit.

This is the meaning of the fiery baptism He brings—making us royal heirs of the kingdom of heaven, the Church.

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# “Hail, full of grace, the Lord is with you!” (Lk 1:28).

[NOTE: The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception is Thursday, 8 Dec]

We address the Virgin Mary several times a day with these words of the Archangel Gabriel. Let us repeat them with fervent joy today, on the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, remembering 8 December 1854 when Blessed Pius IX proclaimed this wonderful Dogma of the Catholic faith in this very same Vatican Basilica.

How great is the mystery of the Immaculate Conception that the Liturgy presents to us today! A mystery that never ceases to invite the contemplation of believers and inspires the reflection of theologians. The theme of the Congress that has just been mentioned: “Mary of Nazareth welcomes the Son of God into history”, has fostered a deep examination of the doctrine of the Immaculate Conception of Mary as a presupposition for receiving in her virginal womb the Word of God Incarnate, the Saviour of the human race.

“Full of grace”, “κεχαριτωμενη”: in the original Greek of Luke’s Gospel, the Angel greets Mary with this title. It is the name that God, through his messenger, chose to use to describe the Virgin. This is how he had always seen and thought of her, *ab aeterno* (from all eternity).

In the hymn of the Letter to the Ephesians just now proclaimed, the Apostle praises God the Father “who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places” (1:3). What a special blessing God addressed to Mary from the beginning of time! Mary was truly blessed among women!

The Father chose her in Christ before the creation of the world, so that she might be holy and immaculate before him in love, preordaining her as the first fruits of filial adoption through the work of Jesus Christ.

The predestination of Mary, like that of each one of us, is linked to the predestination of the Son. Christ is that “seed” that was “to bruise the head” of the ancient serpent, according to the Book of Genesis; he is the Lamb “without blemish”, immolated to redeem humanity from sin.

With a view to the saving death of the Son, Mary, his Mother, was preserved free from original sin and from every other sin. The victory of the new Adam also includes that of the new Eve, Mother of the redeemed. The Immaculate Virgin is thus a sign of hope for all the living who have triumphed over Satan by the blood of the Lamb.

Today let us contemplate the humble young girl of Nazareth, holy and blameless before God in love, in that “love” whose original source is God himself, one and triune.

How sublime an act of the Most Holy Trinity is the Immaculate Conception of the Mother of the Redeemer! Pius IX, in the Bull *Ineffabilis Deus*, recalls that the Almighty “by one and the same decree had established the origin of Mary and the Incarnation of divine Wisdom” (*Pii IX Pontificis Maximi Acta, Pars prima, p. 559*).

The Virgin’s “yes” to the announcement of the Angel fits into the reality of our earthly condition, with humble respect for the divine will to save humanity not from history but in history. Indeed, ever preserved free from all taint of original sin, the “new Eve” benefited uniquely from the work of Christ as the most perfect Mediator and Redeemer. The first to be redeemed by her Son, she shares to the full in his holiness; she is already what the entire Church desires and hopes to be. She is the eschatological icon of the Church.

Consequently the Immaculate Virgin, who marks “the very beginning of the Church, Bride of Christ, without spot or wrinkle, shining with beauty” (Preface), always precedes the People of God in the pilgrimage of faith, bound for the Kingdom of Heaven.

In Mary’s Immaculate Conception the Church sees projected and anticipated in her most noble member, the saving grace of Easter.

In the event of the Incarnation the Church encounters Christ and Mary indissolubly united: “he who is the Church’s Lord and Head and she who, uttering the first fiat of the New Covenant, prefigures the Church’s condition as spouse and mother” (*Redemptoris Mater*, n. 1).

To you, Virgin Immaculate, predestined by God above every other creature to be the advocate of grace and model of holiness for his people, today in a special way I renew the entrustment of the whole Church. May you guide your children on their pilgrimage of faith, making them ever more obedient and faithful to the Word of God. May you accompany every Christian on the path of conversion and holiness, in the fight against sin and in the search for true beauty that is always an impression and a reflection of divine Beauty.

May you obtain peace and salvation for all the peoples. May the eternal Father, who desired you to be the immaculate Mother of the Redeemer, also renew in our time through you, the miracles of his merciful love. Amen!

*Pope St John Paul II, Homily on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of the Dogma of the Immaculate Conception,  
8 December 2004*