

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Second Sunday of Lent (Year C)

13 March 2022

readings

Next Week

Joshua 5:9-12
Ps 33:2-7
2 Cor 5:17-21
Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

in a nutshell

Strengthening our faith. In today's Gospel Jesus takes three of his disciples aside and reveals himself to them in his glory as the Son of God. His aim is to strengthen their faith in him as they make the difficult journey to Calvary. Jesus does something similar for us in the Sunday Eucharist. He invites us to step aside from our daily chores to pray, to listen to his word and be nourished by him. Strengthened, we go out from Mass ready to take up our journey along the way of the cross.

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, especially and those whose anniversary, occurs at this time.

of special note

We are praying the Stations of the Cross on Fridays of Lent.

More information inside

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

Of you my heart has spoken, Seek his face.
It is your face, O Lord, that I seek;
hide not your face from me.

Responsorial Psalm

(R.) The Lord is my light and my salvation.

The Lord is my light and my help;
whom shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life
before whom shall I shrink? (R.)

O Lord, hear my voice when I call;
have mercy and answer.
Of you my heart has spoken:
'Seek his face.' (R.)

It is your face, O Lord, that I seek,
hide not your face.
Dismiss not your servant in anger;
you have been my help. (R.)

I am sure I shall see the Lord's goodness
in the land of the living.
Hope in him, hold firm and take heart.
Hope in the Lord! (R.)

Gospel acclamation

Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!
From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard:
this is my beloved Son, hear him.
Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

Communion Antiphon

This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.

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—7:00pm
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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Parish Notices

Child Safety is everyone's responsibility. Our Parish is committed to the care, wellbeing and protection of children, and vulnerable people in our community.

Child Safety

Remember children should be accompanied by an adult to the toilets.

Bulletin notices by 12:00 noon Thursday please

muntevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit:

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

Parish Meetings: Wednesday March 16

Finance Committee 7:00pm

Parish Safeguarding 7:30pm

Parish Council 8:00pm

Something to make you Smile!

A Pom, fresh off the plane at Sydney airport, is trying to negotiate Australian customs. Finally, when it's his turn to get his passport stamped, the customs officer starts rattling off the usual questions:

C.O. - How long do you intend to stay?

POM - 1 week.

C.O. - What is the nature of this trip?

POM - Business.

C.O. - Do you have any past criminal convictions?

POM - I didn't think it was still a requirement!

Personal Lenten Preparation

There are a number of ways to prepare during Lent for the Easter Season. Here are some options to consider.

- ◆ The Parish has available the Lenten Program— 'Remember' published by the Wollongong Diocese. It contains short daily reflections and longer-form Sunday reflections, questions and prayer. Please take a copy for your family. (1 per family) More resources are available on their website: <https://www.dow.org.au/media-resources/lenten-program/>
- ◆ Register for the FREE Lenten streaming series, led by Scott Hahn, featuring faith-inspiring talks on Confession, prayer, the Eucharist, and knowing the Gospel. Watch for free beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2. Get to the roots of our faith this Lent—sign up now! Go to <https://stpaulcenter.com> or [click here](#)
- ◆ Visit: <https://summit.melbournecatholic.org/libraries/2022/lent-and-easter-useful-links/>

Stations of the Cross During Lent

We are praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent. Please come and pray this traditional devotion following the path of our Lord to Calvary. Jesus said to St Faustina: There is more merit to one hour of meditation on My sorrowful Passion than there is to a whole year of flagellation that draws blood; the contemplation of My painful wounds is of great profit to you, and it brings Me great joy. Yarra Junction: 6:00pm, Mount Evelyn: 7:30pm

Project Compassion—Second Sunday of Lent

Biru 30, lives in a rural village in Jharkand State in India's east. He lost mobility in one of his legs, after contracting polio as a child, which makes it difficult for him to walk. With your generous support, Biru was able to access an entrepreneurship and livelihoods development program, run by Caritas Australia's partner, Caritas India. He gained the skills, support and encouragement he needed to establish his own bicycle repair business.

Now, Biru is able to provide a good life for his family – and an essential service to his community. He has discovered a sense of pride, confidence and hope which has inspired others living with a disability and paved the way For All Future Generations.

Please donate to Project Compassion 2022 and help people living with disabilities in India gain access to education and clean water, empowering them with skills to build a better future for all.

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, or by calling 1800 024 413.

Coffee or Tea???

We would like to begin once again the morning tea after the 8:30am Mass on Sunday. If you would like to help run the morning tea, please email the office. muntevelyn@cam.org.au

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.

If evils increase, the devotion of the People of God should also increase..... Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament extends its influence far beyond the individual adorers, touching their homes and families and reaching out to the parish community and beyond. (Pope St. Paul VI)

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.

Stewardship Corner

“I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans to give you this land as a possession.” (GENESIS 15:7)
Just as the Lord gave Abraham, Moses and the Israelites a land to possess, He has also given each of us a home. Whether your home is grand or humble, it is a gift from God. Abraham prepared a great sacrifice to the Lord in gratitude for the home God gave him. How do you show your gratitude to God for the home He has given you? Do you make a sacrifice of any kind? Do you return any of your finances to God, investing equally in your eternal home just as you invest in your earthly home?

February Thanksgiving/Stewardship Report

Weekly pledge amount: \$ 504.15
Average weekly given: \$ 524.15
Total income: \$2098.25
Total Expenditure: \$1654.00

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.

Readings Reflection

[The Glory in Sight](#)

In today's Gospel, we go up to the mountain with Peter, John, and James. There we see Jesus “transfigured,” speaking with Moses and Elijah about His “exodus.”

The Greek word “exodus” means “departure.” But the word is chosen deliberately here to stir our remembrance of the Israelites' flight from Egypt.

By His death and resurrection, Jesus will lead a new Exodus—liberating not only Israel but every race and people; not from bondage to Pharaoh, but from slavery to sin and death. He will lead all mankind, not to the territory promised to Abraham in today's First Reading, but to the heavenly commonwealth that Paul describes in today's Epistle.

Moses, the giver of God's law, and the great prophet Elijah, were the only Old Testament figures to hear the voice and see the glory of God atop a mountain (see Exodus 24:15–18; 1 Kings 19:8–18).

Today's scene closely resembles God's revelation to Moses, who also brought along three companions and whose face also shone brilliantly (see Exodus 24:1; 34:29). But when the divine cloud departs in today's Gospel, Moses and Elijah are gone. Only Jesus remains. He has revealed the glory of the Trinity—the voice of the Father, the glorified Son, and the Spirit in the shining cloud.

Jesus fulfills all that Moses and the prophets had come to teach and show us about God (see Luke 24:27). He is the “chosen One” promised by Isaiah (see Isaiah 42:1; Luke 23:35), the “prophet like me” that Moses had promised (see Deuteronomy 18:15; Acts 3:22–23; 7:37). Far and above that, He is the Son of God (see Psalm 2:7; Luke 3:21–23).

“Listen to Him,” the Voice tells us from the cloud. If, like Abraham, we put our faith in His words, one day we too will be delivered into “the land of the living” that we sing of in today's Psalm. We will share in His resurrection, as Paul promises, our lowly bodies glorified like His.

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The Transfiguration of Humanity

The Transfiguration is the event that sets Jesus off to Jerusalem. Shortly after the Transfiguration, Jesus “set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:51). What is it about the Transfiguration that turns Jesus’ attention to Jerusalem? What is so pivotal about this amazing and seemingly bizarre event that makes it the hinge of the story, leading Jesus onto a road that will end on Calvary?

The disciples were still reeling from the shocking challenge that Jesus had given them the prior week. In response to Peter’s confession that Jesus was the “Christ of God” (Lk. 9:20), the Messiah, Jesus had said some shocking things about what it meant to follow Him: “If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me” (Lk. 9:23). The notion of carrying one’s cross meant only one thing in first-century Israel: Roman execution. The Roman penalty for rebellion was crucifixion, which entailed carrying the crossbeam to the place of one’s execution, usually by a main road or thoroughfare where many could witness what happens to those who rebel against Rome. To be challenged to “take up one’s cross” was disquieting to say the least. No wonder then that Jesus decided to take some of the disciples on a retreat.

About eight days later Jesus took Peter, James, and John up Mount Tabor to pray. At the top of the mountain, as they are praying, all heaven breaks loose. It starts with Jesus’ face, which begins to glow with glory. Not only His face, but “his raiment became dazzling white” as well (Lk. 9:29). Then Moses and Elijah appear. The three disciples then behold Jesus speaking with Moses and Elijah. What did Jesus discuss with Moses, the giver of the Torah, and Elijah, the great prophet? Luke alone discloses the content of their conversation. They “spoke of his departure [literally exodus in Greek], which he was to accomplish at Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:31). Whom better to discuss the exodus with than Moses, the leader of Israel’s first exodus?

Seeing Jesus’ glory, not to mention Moses and Elijah, is enough to wake up Peter and his companions, who are probably exhausted from the climb up the mountain. Peter then makes what seems to be a very odd suggestion: “Master, it is well that we are here; let us make three booths, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah” (Lk. 9:33). Does Peter want to set up camp on the holy mount?

Luke has given us a clue to what Peter is thinking when he mentions that this event took place on the eighth day (Lk. 9:28). In the Jewish liturgical calendar, there is one feast that lasts eight days, the Feast of Tabernacles (Lev. 23:36). This feast commemorates the exodus and particularly the giving of the law on Sinai. On the eighth day of the feast, booths are set up to commemorate how the Israelites lived in tents during the exodus. It is possible that they went up the mountain to pray that day because it was the solemn high day of the Feast of Tabernacles. What better place to remember Sinai than on a mountain?

Indeed, the events of Sinai are not only remembered but also repeated during the Transfiguration. The glory cloud of the Lord descends upon the mount and the disciples who, like the Israelites of old, are afraid. “And a voice came out of the cloud, saying, ‘This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!’ ” (Lk. 9:35).

On Mount Sinai, Moses’ face was transfigured with the glory of God. Jesus’ face also shines with glory, but even more than Moses, Jesus’ whole appearance becomes “dazzling white” (Lk. 9:29). Jesus outshines Moses in reflecting the glory of the Lord. The connection with Moses’ transfiguration shows that Jesus’ transfiguration in glory is not simply a manifestation of His divinity, but rather a revelation of Jesus’ perfected and glorified humanity. Jesus reveals God the Father’s desire to transform humanity into the likeness of divine glory. This makes sense once we consider that when Moses radiated God’s glory it was not a sign that Moses was divine, but rather that he was granted the grace to share in God’s glory. The aim of the transfiguration is not simply to give a glimpse of Jesus’ divinity, but to give us a glimpse of true humanity, a humanity that reflects the image and likeness of God in glory.

The events of Sinai are transfigured by the descent of glory upon Jesus on Tabor. On the mount of Transfiguration—the new Sinai—a new Torah is revealed. The new Torah is not the word of God written on stone tablets, but the Word made flesh. The voice from the cloud announces the new law, which is a person: “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” (Lk. 9:35). On the new and greater Sinai, the Father reveals His Son. Jesus takes the place of the Torah, not that the Torah is abolished, but now that the sun has come it is time to blow out the candles. Jesus embodies the Torah; the best way to know and understand the will of the Father is to look at and listen to His Son. The command, “listen to him” (Lk. 9:35), echoes the poignant prophecy of Moses that one greater than he would come and give a new covenant and law, and Moses concluded the prophecy with the injunction that Israel listen to Him (cf. Deut. 18:15–18).¹ Jesus is that new and greater Moses.

The conversation among Moses, Jesus, and Elijah concerns Jesus’ exodus. The connection with Moses highlights how Jesus’ mission is to be seen as a new exodus. The place for the exodus is Jerusalem. Shortly after this conversation, Jesus “set his face to go to Jerusalem” (Lk. 9:51). The reason is revealed on Tabor: Jesus is journeying to Jerusalem to accomplish the new exodus. The mission of the Messiah comes into stark focus on the mount of Transfiguration. There would be no turning back.