

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



First Sunday of Advent

1 December 2019

Readings

Next Week

Is 11:1-10
Ps 71:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17. R. cf. v.7
Rom 15:4-9
Mt 3:1-12

hymns

Entrance: No.
Offertory: No.
Communion: No.
Recessional: No.

in a nutshell

Walk in God's light. We do not know when Christ will come again in glory. Nor do we know the day of our death. This should not worry us. What is important is to live each day being respectful and loving towards each other and seeking to walk in God's light. If we do this, we will be ready whenever God calls us to eternal life.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend especially, Kaye Williams, Charlie Booth, John Pas, Des Hillas.

For those who have died recently *and* whose anniversary occurs at this time.

of special note

Christmas supper after Mass at Warburton on 14 December
Mark your calendars!
More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

To you, I lift up my soul, O my God.
In you, I have trusted; let me not be put to shame.
Nor let my enemies exult over me;
and let none who hope in you be put to shame.

Psalms Response

(R.) Let us go rejoicing to the house of the Lord.
1. I rejoiced when I heard them say:
'Let us go to God's house.'
And now our feet are standing
within your gates, O Jerusalem. (R.)
2. It is there that the tribes go up,
the tribes of the Lord.
For Israel's law it is,
there to praise the Lord's name.
There were set the thrones of judgement
of the house of David. (R.)
3. For the peace of Jerusalem pray:
'Peace be to your homes!
May peace reign in your walls,
in your palaces, peace!' (R.)
4. For love of my brethren and friends
I say: 'Peace upon you!
For love of the house of the Lord
I will ask for your good. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Lord, show us your mercy and love,
and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

The Lord will bestow his bounty, and our earth
shall yield its increase.

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

Reconciliation

Thursday 7:00pm-7:45pm
Thursdays at Yarra Junction
First Thursday at Warburton

Exposition

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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Ministers Roster

November 30/December 1

Sacred Heart Saturday 7:00pm

Lector	D Bullard
Extraordinary ministers	R Mathews, P Bullard
Cuppa	Pat Bullard

St Thomas Á Becket Sunday 8:30am

Lector	E Anthony
Extraordinary ministers	M Ryan & P O'Shaughnessy
Gifts	T & M Eldridge
Welcome	Mary R
Morning tea	Clare & Maria

December 7/8

Sacred Heart Saturday 7:00pm

Lector	D Fahey
Extraordinary ministers	M Marshall, A Fairbanks
Cuppa	

St Thomas Á Becket Sunday 8:30am

Lector	M ryan
Extraordinary ministers	C Morse, R Barnard
Gifts	P Bennet
Welcome	Tom
Morning tea	Volunteers

Church Cleaning and Flowers

Warburton-flowers	Maureen
Warburton-Cleaning	
Yarra Junction	Trish & Raylene

December Mowing: Mick Eldridge

Bulletin notices by midday Thursday please
mountevelyn@cam.org.au

For positions vacant within the Diocese visit,
<http://www.cam.org.au/Jobs.aspx>

Parish Notices

SVDP Christmas Toy Appeal

Once again we are collecting toys for our Christmas Hampers for those in need in our community. There is a box by the Christmas Tree for collection. We will be delivering the hampers on Friday 13th Dec. Thanking you in anticipation of your support.

SVDP Christmas Hamper Appeal—14/15 December

Christmas is upon us once more and we need your kind support to help families, especially those with children, in our community with Christmas Hampers. Monetary donations will be collected on the 15th Dec. Your generosity will be appreciated as we buy most of the items for the hampers.

Melbourne Overseas Mission Annual Appeal—Next Weekend

This weekend we begin the Season of Advent, a time when we seek support for communities in developing countries through the annual Melbourne Overseas Mission Appeal. You are warmly encouraged to continue to support important works of charity. Through sharing our resources with the poor, we continue to embrace one of the deepest truths of the Gospel message. Through prayerful support and concrete assistance, MOM has assisted communities in some of the world's most remote and underdeveloped communities, including: Papua New Guinea, Peru, East Timor, West Africa and Pakistan.

Christmas Supper—14 December

All parishioners are welcomed to stay after 7:00pm Mass at Warburton on Saturday 14 December for a Christmas Supper.

The Eucharist

Patience: He loves, He hopes, He waits. If He came down on our altars on certain days only, some sinner, on being moved to repentance, might have to look for Him, and not finding Him have to wait. He prefers to wait Himself for the sinner, for as long as it takes..... Saint Peter Julian Eymard

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

Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Will be observed this year on Monday December 9 so a Mass will be celebrated at 9:00am at St Mary's Mount Evelyn.

Thanksgiving Report—November

Income from envelopes: \$2145.70. November expenses: \$2889.50 leaving a deficit of \$743.80.

Please pick up the next set of envelopes which are now available. They are in alphabetical order. It is the money put in these envelopes that goes towards paying the bills. This is the Parishes only income. You may like to consider joining the program if you are not already receiving envelopes. Call the office on a Thursday and speak to Janine or send through an email with your request.

Stewardship Corner

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and grow in gratitude for all that we have been given. You begin to see God's active presence in your life.

Lourdes Day Mass

Saturday 7 December, 10.30am St Patrick's Cathedral

A blessing of the sick will follow the celebration of the Liturgy with water brought from the spring at the Shrine of Lourdes. This is an occasion to come together in prayer with those who are sick, infirm or elderly and their carers. Each Mass participant will receive a gift pack containing a small bottle of Lourdes water (sourced from the Grotto), rosary beads and prayer materials. Individual blessings are available after Mass.

Faith Night is back with The Eucharist in Scripture—begins this week

For Advent, we will have three nights of reflection and discussion of the Mass and the Eucharist. They will take place on the three Wednesdays of Advent from 7.30pm to 9pm on 4, 11, 18 December. The Faith Night will be in the Parish Community Room (portable next to the presbytery at Mount Evelyn)

NOTE: On Code Red Days, the Church will remain locked

There will be no liturgy celebrated on Code Red days.

What does Code Red mean?

These are the worst conditions for a bush or grass fire. Homes are not designed or constructed to withstand fires in these conditions. The safest place to be is away from high risk bushfire areas.

What should I do?

Leaving high risk bushfire areas the night before or early in the day is your safest option - do not wait and see. Avoid forested areas, thick bush or long, dry grass. Know your trigger - make a decision about:

1. when you will leave
2. where you will go
3. how you will get there
4. when you will return
5. what will you do if you cannot leave

For more information, visit the CFA website:

<https://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/plan-prepare>

Christmas Mass Times

Christmas Eve – Vigil Mass 7:00pm Yarra Junction

Christmas Day – 8:30am Warburton

Readings Reflection

[In a Dark Hour](#)

Jesus exaggerates in today's Gospel when He claims not to know the day or the hour when He will come again.

He occasionally makes such overstatements to drive home a point we might otherwise miss (see Matthew 5:34; 23:9; Luke 14:26).

His point here is that the exact "hour" is not important. What is crucial is that we not postpone our repentance, that we be ready for Him—spiritually and morally—when He comes. For He will surely come, He tells us—like a thief in the night, like the flood in the time of Noah.

In today's Epistle, Paul too compares the present age to a time of advancing darkness and night.

Though we sit in the darkness, overshadowed by death, we have seen arise the great light of our Lord who has come into our midst (see Matthew 4:16; John 1:9; 8:12). He is the true light, the life of the world. And His light continues to shine in His Church, the new Jerusalem promised by Isaiah in today's First Reading.

In the Church, all nations stream to the God of Jacob, to worship and seek wisdom in the House of David. From the Church goes forth His word of instruction, the light of the Lord—that all might walk in His paths toward that eternal day when night will be no more (see Revelation 22:5).

By our Baptism we have been made children of the light and day (see Ephesians 5:8; 1 Thessalonians 5:5–7). It is time we start living like it—throwing off the fruitless works of darkness, the desires of the flesh, and walking by the light of His grace.

The hour is late as we begin a new Advent. Let us begin again in this Eucharist.

As we sing in today's Psalm, let us go rejoicing to the House of the Lord. Let us give thanks to His name, keeping watch for His coming, knowing that our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.

[Dr. Scott Hahn](#)
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Advent: A Presence Begun

Confronted with the externalism and distortion to which Advent and the Christmas season are increasingly subject, the Church has experienced the awakening of a lively desire for an authentic Advent based on faith. The unsatisfactory nature of all mere moods, of all mere feelings, however exquisite, has become evident, and we yearn again for the heart of the matter, for that strong solid nourishment for the spirit of which only a glimmer is left for us now in the pious, exalted sentiments we have during the “blessed and joyous Christmas season”. What, then, is the real heart of the Advent experience?

We may start with the word itself. “Advent” does not, for example, mean “expectation”, as some may think. It is a translation of the Greek word *parousia*, which means “presence” or, more accurately, “arrival”, that is, the beginning of a presence. In antiquity the word was a technical term for the presence of a king or ruler and also of the god being worshipped, who bestows upon his devotees the time of his *parousia*. “Advent”, then, means the presence begun—the presence of God himself.

Advent reminds us, therefore, of two things: first, that God’s presence in the world has already begun, that he is present, albeit in a hidden manner; second, that his presence has only begun and is not yet full and complete, that it is in a state of development, of becoming, and maturing toward its full form. His presence has already begun, and we, the faithful, are the ones through whom he wishes to be present in the world. Through our faith, hope, and love, he wants his light to shine over and over again into the night of the world.

The lamps we light on the dark nights of this winter season are both a comfort and a warning. They are a comforting assurance that “the Light of the world” has already begun to shine in the dark night of Bethlehem and that the unholy night of man’s sin has been transformed into the holy night of God’s forgiveness. They are also a warning: this Light wants to keep shining and will do so only if it shines in those who as Christians carry on Christ’s work through the ages. Christ seeks to illumine the night of the world with his light by having us be lights in our turn. His initial presence is to grow through us.

Therefore, during the holy night of Christmas, when we hear again and again the words resound: “*Hodie Christus natus est*”: Today Christ is born, it should remind us that what was begun at Bethlehem is meant to increase through our constant new beginnings and that the holy night truly can be, and is, “today” whenever man allows the light of goodness within him to shine through his self-centeredness and egoism. That night is “today” whenever the “Word” again becomes “flesh”, the reality of deeds. “The Christ Child comes” in a real sense whenever men act out of authentic love for the Lord and do not settle for a mere exchange of “gifts”.

Advent means the arrival of the Lord that has already begun but has only just begun. This also means that the Christian looks not only to the past and what has been but also to what is coming. Amid all the catastrophes of this world, he has a transcendent certainty that the seed of the Light is growing in secret, until one day the good will achieve a definitive victory and all else will be made subject to it. On that day, Christ will come again. The Christian knows that the presence of God that has now only begun will someday be a full and complete presence. This knowledge sets him free and gives him an ultimate security...

The world is not a futile commotion of drudgery and pain, for all the world’s distress is supported in the arms of merciful love; it is caught up and surpassed by the forgiving and saving graciousness of our God. The person who celebrates Advent in this spirit will legitimately be able to speak of “the joyous, blessed, and grace-filled season of Christmas”. He will know that there is much more truth to these words than is believable or imaginable to those people for whom Christmas is just a time for picturesque sentimentality or merely a sort of simplified carnival celebration.

Pope Benedict XVI, Dogma and Preaching: Applying Christian Doctrine to Daily Life