

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9 February 2020

Readings

Next Week

Sir 15:15-20
Ps 118:1-2. 4-5. 17-18. 33-34. R. v.1
1 Cor 2:6-10
Mt 5:17-37

in a nutshell

We all have our special gifts, but sometimes we fail to recognise this. We may feel that we have little to offer others. That is never true. As Jesus says: 'You are the salt of the earth! You are the light of the world!' Let us ask Jesus to help us recognise our unique gifts and share them with others.

we pray for

all who are sick or suffering and those parishioners unable to be among us this weekend especially, Charlie Booth, John Pas, Des Hillas. For those who have died recently *and* whose anniversary occurs at this time.

Our special prayer intention is for the victims of the bushfires and for all the responders fighting the fires.

of special note

Bushfire Recovery Appeal Weekend
15-16 February

More information inside!

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

O come, let us worship God
and bow low before the God who made us,
for he is the Lord our God.

Psalm Response

(R.) A light rises in the darkness for the upright.

He is a light in the darkness for the upright:
he is generous, merciful and just.
The good man takes pity and lends,
he conducts his affairs with honour. (R.)

The just man will never waver:
he will be remembered for ever.
He has no fear of evil news;
with a firm heart he trusts in the Lord. (R.)

With a steadfast heart he will not fear;
open-handed, he gives to the poor;
his justice stands firm for ever.
His head will be raised in glory. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
I am the light of the world, says the Lord;
the man who follows me
will have the light of life.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Let them thank the Lord for his mercy,
his wonders for the children of men,
for he satisfies the thirsty soul,
and the hungry he fills with good things.

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

February 8/9

Sacred Heart Saturday 7:00pm

Lector	Z Velduizen
Extraordinary ministers	P Bullard, D Bullard
Cuppa	

St Thomas Á Becket Sunday 8:30am

Lector	M Miles
Extraordinary ministers	A O'Shaughnessy, S Lucas
Gifts	J Bellizia, F Carroll
Welcome	Anne
Morning tea	Trish & Anne

February 15/16

Sacred Heart Saturday 7:00pm

Lector	M Fahey
Extraordinary ministers	A Fairbanks, R Mathews
Cuppa	M Noble

St Thomas Á Becket Sunday 8:30am

Lector	P O'Shaughnessy
Extraordinary ministers	C Lord, R Barnard
Gifts	P & A O'Shaughnessy
Welcome	Mary R
Morning tea	Clare & Maria

Church Cleaning and Flowers

Warburton-flowers	M Noble
Warburton-Cleaning	M Fahey
Yarra Junction	Nancy, Lucien & Gaye

February Mowing: Michael Kuhar

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

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

Parish Notices

Bushfire Recovery Appeal Weekend (15-16 February 2020)

To help the children, youth and families of East Gippsland rebuild their lives following the recent bushfires, CatholicCare is encouraging parishes to hold a special collection on the third weekend of February. Funds raised from this Appeal will be directed at bringing counselling, community rebuilding activities and pastoral care to all affected families.

Ash Wednesday – 26 February

Ash Wednesday Masses will be:

Yarra Junction, 9:00am (whole school)

Warburton, 6:00pm

Mount Evelyn, 11:40am (whole school) & 7:30pm

Faith Night for Lent

St Mary's Mount Evelyn faith study will continue on Wednesdays during Lent. This time we will be studying the Bible and the Church Fathers. We will meet every Wednesday of Lent from 4 March to 8 April at 7:30pm in the St Mary's Community Room (Portable) next to the presbytery. All welcome!

Stewardship Corner

"Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven." (Matthew 5:16)

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people, and it is contagious! Good works encourage more good works. Let your light shine! Be careful to recognize that God is working through you and don't put yourself above the people you have been called to help.

Thanksgiving Report –January

Income from envelopes/giving: \$2709.00. December expenses: \$2577.54.

If not already contributing through the Thanksgiving envelopes you might like to reconsider if this is a way in which you can assist the parish. Call the office on a Thursday and speak to Janine.

The Eucharist

"If we but paused for a moment to consider attentively what takes place in this Sacrament, I am sure that the thought of Christ's love for us would transform the coldness of our hearts into a fire of love and gratitude." - St. Angela of Foligno

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).

Relics of St Thérèse of Lisieux

The relics have arrived in Australia and will be hosted by various parishes around Australia until the middle of May. They arrive in Victorian parishes in April.

For a story on the arrival of the relics go to: <https://cathnews.com/cathnews/37064-st-the-re-se-arrives-without-her-parents> She was supposed to arrive with the relics of her parents but her parents are delayed. For background information go to: <https://www.catholicmission.org.au/relics-of-saint-thérèse-of-lisieux>

2020 Strength in Weakness Conference

Saturday 15 February 2020, 9:00am – 6:30pm, 400 City Road, Southbank (Planetshakers Centre)

A day of prayer and renewal for all Christians to come together and be strengthened and encouraged in their faith. Encouraged by Pope Francis' message that we are all called to be saints, the underlying theme of the conference is to rely solely on God's grace and strength – especially in times when your faith could be questioned and challenged. Guest speakers will include Archbishop Peter A Comensoli, Archbishop Christopher Prowse, Fr Augustine Vallooran V.C, Lenyce Willason, Fr Ken Barker MGL & Lalith Perera. We invite everyone to this free event. If you are interested in participating, please register online.

For more information & free registration visit www.strengtheninweakness.com.au

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>

Readings Reflection

Light Breaking Forth

Jesus came among us as light to scatter the darkness of a fallen world.

As His disciples, we too are called to be “the light of the world,” He tells us in the Gospel this Sunday (see John 1:4–4, 9; 8:12; 9:5).

All three images that Jesus uses to describe the Church are associated with the identity and vocation of Israel.

God forever aligned His kingdom with the kingdom of David and his sons by a “covenant of salt,” salt being a sign of permanence and purity (see 2 Chronicles 13:5, 8; Leviticus 2:13; Ezekiel 43:24).

Jerusalem was to be a city set on a hill, high above all others, drawing all nations towards the glorious light streaming from her Temple (see Isaiah 2:2; 60:1–3).

And Israel was given the mission of being a light to the nations, that God’s salvation would reach to the ends of the earth (see Isaiah 42:6; 49:6).

The liturgy shows us this week that the Church, and every Christian, is called to fulfill Israel’s mission.

By our faith and good works we are to make the light of God’s life break forth in the darkness, as we sing in this week’s Psalm.

This week’s readings remind us that our faith can never be a private affair, something we can hide as if under a basket.

We are to pour ourselves out for the afflicted, as Isaiah tells us in the First Reading. Our light must shine as a ray of God’s mercy for all who are poor, hungry, naked, and enslaved.

There must be a transparent quality to our lives. Our friends and family, our neighbors and fellow citizens, should see reflected in us the light of Christ and through us be attracted to the saving truths of the Gospel.

So let us pray that we, like St. Paul in the Epistle, might proclaim with our whole lives, “Christ and him crucified.”

[Dr. Scott Hahn
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Live in harmony with one another

What is the Christian's responsibility to society?

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with brotherly affection; outdo one another in showing honour.... Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly.... Live peaceably with all.... Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Rom 12:9-10, 16, 18, 21)

In order to promote the common good, Christians are required to participate in society by taking responsibility in their family and professional lives, an active role in public life as they are able, and work to strengthen moral values in other individuals and within institutions.

Being a Christian living in the world means more than just a life of prayer and belief in Christ. The moral law and the example of Christ compel us to take an active role in society in whatever way we are able in order to promote the common good. Our love for God and for neighbour and the inherent dignity of the human person demands that we take responsibility for the people around us and for the moral caliber of the world in which we live.

This obligation presents itself first of all in how we carry out our immediate responsibilities. By our personal behaviours, our conscientious professional work, and our care for the education and well-being of our families, we fulfilled the first level of this social responsibility. Because the family is the basic unit of society, strong and healthy families contribute to a strong and healthy society.

We ought to work within our various societies — family, neighbourhood, social organisations, acquaintances, professional organisations, parish, student organisations, fellow hobbyists, etc. — for the continual conversion of society to conform more closely with the moral law so the common good may be better served in a climate of justice and peace. We should also be involved in civic life as we are able, exercising the right to vote responsibly, advocating for or against proposed legislation, or working with civic officers in an elective or volunteer role. By engaging the culture at all levels — from private conversations to organising public action — we can help transform society so all citizens may enjoy the personal freedoms and opportunities for fulfilment that are their right in keeping with their dignity as human persons.

From the Didache Bible

1912 The common good is always oriented towards the progress of persons: “The order of things must be subordinate to the order of persons, and not the other way around.” This order is founded on truth, built up in justice, and animated by love.

1913 “Participation” is the voluntary and generous engagement of a person in social interchange. It is necessary that all participate, each according to his position and role, in promoting the common good. This obligation is inherent in the dignity of the human person.

1914 Participation is achieved first of all by taking charge of the areas for which one assumes personal responsibility: by the care taken for the education of his family, by conscientious work, and so forth, man participates in the good of others and of society.

1915 As far as possible citizens should take an active part in public life. The manner of this participation may vary from one country or culture to another. “One must pay tribute to those nations whose systems permit the largest possible number of the citizens to take part in public life in a climate of genuine freedom.”

1916 As with any ethical obligation, the participation of all in realizing the common good calls for a continually renewed conversion of the social partners. Fraud and other subterfuges, by which some people evade the constraints of the law and the prescriptions of societal obligation, must be firmly condemned because they are incompatible with the requirements of justice. Much care should be taken to promote institutions that improve the conditions of human life

2239 It is the duty of citizens to contribute along with the civil authorities to the good of society in a spirit of truth, justice, solidarity, and freedom. The love and service of one's country follow from the duty of gratitude and belong to the order of charity. Submission to legitimate authorities and service of the common good require citizens to fulfill their roles in the life of the political community

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church