

# Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



## Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

17 February 2019

### Readings

#### Next Week

1 Sm 26:2. 7-9. 12-13. 22-23  
Ps 102:1-4. 8. 10. 12-13. R. v.8  
1 Cor 15:45-49  
Lk 6:27-38

#### Mass hymns—Warburton

Entrance: No. 455  
Offertory: No. 519  
Communion: No. 538  
Recessional: No. 604

### in a nutshell

It is hard to imagine families on the land having no worries in a year of drought. They are fortunate if they are able to put their hope and trust in God in such a difficult time. Happy also are the poor, the hungry and the sorrowful if they turn to God in their plight. Today's scripture readings call for an heroic trust in God, a trust that will bring great rewards in heaven and surprising rewards on earth as well.

### 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, Elizabeth Cormick. For those who have died recently *and* whose anniversary occurs at this time.

### of special note

St Vincent de Paul Society's call for help  
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### Raise Your Voices

#### Entrance Antiphon

Be my protector, O God,  
a mighty stronghold to save me.  
For you are my rock, my stronghold!  
Lead me, guide me, for the sake of your name.

#### Psalm Response

(R.) Happy are they who hope in the Lord.

Happy indeed is the man  
who follows not the counsel of the wicked;  
nor lingers in the way of sinners  
nor sits in the company of scorners,  
but whose delight is the law of the Lord  
and who ponders his law day and night. (R.)

He is like a tree that is planted  
beside the flowing waters,  
that yields its fruit in due season  
and whose leaves shall never fade;  
and all that he does shall prosper. (R.)

Not so are the wicked, not so!  
For they like winnowed chaff  
shall be driven away by the wind.  
For the Lord guards the way of the just  
but the way of the wicked leads to doom. (R.)

#### Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Rejoice and be glad;  
your reward is great in heaven.  
Alleluia!

#### Communion Antiphon

God so loved the world  
that he gave his Only Begotten Son,  
so that all who believe in him may not perish,  
but may have eternal life.

### 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

Thursday at 7:00pm  
*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 16/17

## Sacred Heart Saturday 7:00pm

Lector	E Tuszyński
Extraordinary ministers	D Bullard, A Manning
Gifts	A Fairbanks, C Lutwyche
Welcome	Ann M
Cuppa	Chris

## St Thomas Á Becket Sunday 8:30am

Lector	A O'Shaughnessy
Extraordinary ministers	M Ryan, J Bellizia
Gifts	T & M Eldridge
Welcome	Pauline
Morning tea	Clare & Maria

February 23/24

## Sacred Heart Saturday 7:00pm

Lector	B Bloxham
Extraordinary ministers	B Bullard, M Marshall
Gifts	M Noble, P Van Rooyen
Welcome	Chris
Cuppa	Ann M

## St Thomas Á Becket Sunday 8:30am

Lector	M Miles
Extraordinary ministers	T Fitzgerald, C Morse
Gifts	M Lowry, C McBride
Welcome	Joy
Morning tea	Trish & Anne

### Cleaning & Flowers

Warburton	Lech, Klaudia & Bernadette
Yarra Junction	Eleanor & Glen

**February Mowing:** Michael Kuhar  
**Bulletin notices by midday Thursday please**  
[moutevelyn@cam.org.au](mailto:moutevelyn@cam.org.au)

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

# Parish Notices

## St Vincent de Paul Society— What can you do?

We'd like to thank everybody for your generosity at Christmas time, however SVDP still needs ongoing assistance by way of food items such as, spreads e.g. Vegemite, coffee/tea and tinned meat e.g. ham, stew, etc. Fresh fruit such as oranges and apples are also welcomed.

## The Eucharist

The graces of our Baptism must be nourished as often as possible with the Holy Eucharist, along with frequent reception of the Sacrament of Reconciliation and time spent in Holy Adoration, contemplating the One who has loved us so. Cynthia Trainque (Author)

Adoration, Yarra Junction, Thursday nights at 7:00pm except first Thursday (Warburton). Friday mornings 8:00am except second Friday of the month (Mount Evelyn).

## Catholic Vocations

Corpus Christi College. Today our first year students commence their time of formation at our seminary in Carlton, Corpus Christi College. Let us pray for these men, and for all our seminarians. May the Lord strengthen and sustain them in this call, and many many more respond in faith and trust. Our prayers for vocations do much more than we can imagine. Pray daily for vocations!

## Stewardship Corner

"Blessed are you when people hate you...exclude and insult you, and denounce your name...on account of the Son of Man." (Luke 6:22)

All of us have been in situations when someone has made a negative comment or joke about God or our Catholic faith. How did you respond? Did you stay silent or pretend to go along with the crowd because you didn't want to cause waves and then, later, you felt bad? Know that God is with you all the time, the Holy Spirit will put the right words in your mouth. Pray for the strength and courage to proclaim our faith to others, especially during uncomfortable situations.

## Creating Child Safe Parishes – Action required

Are you volunteering for any 'job' in the parish? Have you started the process of attaining a Working with Children Check (WWCC)? We are aiming to be compliant by Easter. Please note if you hold VIT registration you will need to apply for a WWCC. WWCC needs to be applied for online at [workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/apply+for+a+check/](http://workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/apply+for+a+check/)

Contact the office on a Thursday with any queries relating to this policy or if you need assistance. When you have received your WWCC a copy will need to be sent to the office please. Thank you to those parishioners who have already notified the office with their card information.

## The Journey Catholic Radio Program – Airs 17 Feb 2019

Welcome back to another wonderful year of the Journey Catholic Radio. This week on The Journey, our Gospel is Luke: 17,20-26. We are grateful to hear the sage words from Sr Hilda again with her Wisdom from the Abbey, Marilyn Rodrigues, The Peaceful Parent reminds us to Pray, Hope and Don't Worry, and our very own Trish McCarthy inspires us with her reflection on the Sea Cliff Bridge Run. Again, we are blessed to have such talented Christian music artists to contribute to our show.

Go to [www.jcr.org.au](http://www.jcr.org.au) or [www.itunes.jcr.org.au](http://www.itunes.jcr.org.au) where you can listen anytime and subscribe to weekly shows by email.

### Combined Catholic Churches Raffle

Please note that Sacred Heart Parish is not participating in this raffle, but St Mary's are selling tickets if you wish to have a chance at winning a car or Coles/Myer vouchers.

### Kardia Foundation

At Kardia we offer companionship of empowerment for women and men through spiritual direction, Spiritual Exercises, supervision, and various programs for personal and leadership development. We invite people who seek creative ways of deepening their interior awareness and we provide opportunities for transformation towards meaningful and lasting change and a deeper relationship with God. For upcoming programs see noticeboard.

### Want To Get Inspired? Meet Gemma Sisia

Sunday 3 March, 3–5pm St Michael's Catholic Church, 268 High Street, Ashburton Gemma Sisia went from an Armidale (NSW) sheep farm to pioneering school leader in Tanzania. Come along and be inspired by her story and help change 25,000 lives in Tanzania each year. Enquiries: Bernadette at [kellyber62@gmail](mailto:kellyber62@gmail.com) or the School of St Jude at [www.schoolofstjude.org](http://www.schoolofstjude.org)  
Registrations: <https://www.trybooking.com/BADPS>

### A Charity Film Afternoon

Sunday 24 February, 2pm Lido Cinemas, 675 Glenferrie Road, Hawthorn The Friends of Romania and the Philippines invite you to a charity film afternoon. Afternoon tea to follow. The proceeds of this film will support the continuing work of the FCJ Sisters including 47 scholarships in Romania and Philippines.

### Thinking of Travelling this year? Some Ideas for You!

**Our Lady Help of Christians Pilgrimage:** Wednesday 15 to Wednesday 29 May Join us on this very special spiritual journey visiting Medjugorje and Croatia for the Memorial of Our Lady.

**Sacred Shrines of Italy Pilgrimage:** 1 September (21 days) join us on this in-depth pilgrimage visiting various parts of Italy, including Rome and its wonderful sights. Chaplain: Fr Peter Ferwerda, Parish Priest, Mary Help of Christians, Heathcote.

**Divine Mercy Pilgrimage:** 26 September Join us on this incredible pilgrimage to Vilnius, Lithuania and on to Poland and Vienna. Be in Cracow for the Feast of St Faustina Kowalska, Our Lord's Apostle and Secretary of Divine Mercy. Chaplain: Fr Eugene Ashkar, Parish Priest, Immaculate Conception, Seymour.

**Holy Land and Jordan Pilgrimage:** 28 October Join us on this extremely special spiritual journey. Walk in the footsteps of our dear Lord in the Holy Land and also visit Petra (optional) and Amman in Jordan. Plus, so much more! Chaplain: Fr David Willis OP, St Dominic's Parish, East Camberwell.

**For any Enquiries and bookings:** Kathryn on 9830 5489 or [kathryn@oconnortravelworld.com.au](mailto:kathryn@oconnortravelworld.com.au)

## Readings Reflection

### [Rich in Poverty](#)

The blessings and woes we hear in today's Gospel mark the perfection of all the wisdom of the Old Testament.

That wisdom is summed up with marvelous symmetry in today's First Reading and Psalm: Each declares that the righteous—those who hope in the Lord and delight in His Law—will prosper like a tree planted near living waters. The wicked, who put their “trust in human beings,” are cursed to wither and die.

Jesus is saying the same thing in the Gospel. The rich and poor are, for Him, more than members of literal economic classes. Their material state symbolizes their spiritual state.

The rich are “the insolent” of today's Psalm, boasting of their self-sufficiency, the strength of their flesh, as Jeremiah says in the First Reading. The poor are the humble, who put all their hope and trust in the Lord.

We've already seen today's dramatic imagery of reversal in Mary's “Magnificat.” There, too, the rich are cast down while the hungry are filled and the lowly exalted (see Luke 1:45–55 also 16:19–31).

That's the upside-down world of the Gospel: in poverty we gain spiritual treasure unimaginable; in suffering and even dying “on account of the Son of Man,” we find everlasting life.

The promises of the Old Testament were promises of power and prosperity—in the here and now. The promise of the New Covenant is joy and true freedom even amid the misery and toil of this life. But not only that. As Paul says in today's Epistle, we're to be pitied if our hope is “for this life only.”

The blessings of God mean that we'll laugh with the thanksgiving of captives released from exile (see Psalm 126:1–2), feast at the heavenly table of the Lord (see Psalm 107:3–9), “leap for joy” as John the Baptist leapt in his mother's womb (see Luke 6:23; 1:41, 44), and rise with Christ, “the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

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# The Path of Life or Death

There are many ways to live, many paths through this world. But ultimately there are only two. “The way of Christ ‘leads to life’; a contrary way ‘leads to destruction’ [Mt 7:13; cf. Deut 30:15–20]. The Gospel parable of the *two ways* ... shows the importance of moral decisions for our salvation: ‘There are two ways, the one of life, the other of death; but between the two, there is a great difference’ (Didache 1.1)” (CCC 1696).

This antithesis, this dualism, this either-or, life-or-death vision is not familiar to the modern secular mind. But it is familiar to all other cultures. The most common image for life in all the world’s literature is the “road” of life. Roads fork, and at each fork the traveler must make a choice. Thus the need for morality.

Christ, Church, and Scripture teach this; so do natural reason, conscience and experience. It is moral realism. In the real world, choices have real consequences: you cannot get from Chicago to the Pacific by walking east, however sincerely you try. Subjective sincerity is not enough. We must not only choose in the right spirit, but we must also choose the right thing.

Moses summarizes all God’s moral demands in the two words “choose life” (Deut 30:19); for moral choice is ultimately a matter of life or death, for each individual and each civilization. If our civilization is becoming a “culture of death”, as Pope John Paul II has dared to call it, we must call it back to the path to life, both human and divine. But we must first find and walk that path ourselves.

On this road to life, the Ten Commandments (Ex 20:1–17) summarize a kind of minimum, or what is necessary, and the Beatitudes (Mt 5:1–11) summarize a kind of maximum, or what is sufficient. The Beatitudes describe beatitude (the perfection of charity and supreme happiness). Beatitude is supernatural in three ways: it is beyond human nature, beyond human reason, and beyond human power.

“Beatitude makes us ‘partakers of the divine nature’ and of eternal life [2 Pet 1:4; cf. Jn 17:3]. With beatitude, man enters into the glory of Christ [cf. Rom 8:18] and into the joy of the Trinitarian life” (CCC 1721). “Such beatitude surpasses the understanding and powers of man. It comes from an entirely free gift of God: whence it is called supernatural” (CCC 1722).

This supernatural end gives Catholic morality a greater hope and a greater joy than any other. True morality is a prescription for joy—in heaven and also on the way (for “all the way to heaven is heaven”, says St. Thérèse). The Church will not canonize a saint without evidence of heroic, supernatural joy in his life as well as heroic virtue. It is secular, godless morality that is joyless and dull; Catholic morality is something more full of joy than *The Joy of Sex*. It could rightly be titled *The Joy of Love*.

*From Dr. Peter Kreeft, Catholic Christianity*

**1691** “Christian, recognize your dignity and, now that you share in God’s own nature, do not return to your former base condition by sinning. Remember who is your head and of whose body you are a member. Never forget that you have been rescued from the power of darkness and brought into the light of the Kingdom of God.” (St Leo the Great)

**1693** Christ Jesus always did what was pleasing to the Father, and always lived in perfect communion with him. Likewise Christ’s disciples are invited to live in the sight of the Father “who sees in secret,” in order to become “perfect as your heavenly Father is perfect.”

**1694** Incorporated into Christ by Baptism, Christians are “dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus” and so participate in the life of the Risen Lord. Following Christ and united with him, Christians can strive to be “imitators of God as beloved children, and walk in love” by conforming their thoughts, words and actions to the “mind ... which is yours in Christ Jesus,” and by following his example.

**1695** “Justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Spirit of our God,” “sanctified ... [and] called to be saints,” Christians have become the temple of the Holy Spirit. This “Spirit of the Son” teaches them to pray to the Father and, having become their life, prompts them to act so as to bear “the fruit of the Spirit” by charity in action. Healing the wounds of sin, the Holy Spirit renews us interiorly through a spiritual transformation. He enlightens and strengthens us to live as “children of light” through “all that is good and right and true.”

**1696** The way of Christ “leads to life”; a contrary way “leads to destruction.” The Gospel parable of the *two ways* remains ever present in the catechesis of the Church; it shows the importance of moral decisions for our salvation: “There are two ways, the one of life, the other of death; but between the two, there is a great difference.” (Didache 1.1)

*From the Catechism of the Catholic Church*