

Sacred Heart Catholic Parish

Yarra Junction & Warburton



Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3 March 2019

Readings

Next Week

Dt 26:4-10

Ps 90:1-2, 10-15. R. v.15

Rom 10:8-13

Lk 4:1-13

Mass hymns—Warburton

Entrance: No. 447

Offertory: No. 570

Communion: No. 763

Recessional: No. 598

in a nutshell

Let us not presume to pass judgement on other peoples' shortcomings without first subjecting our own conduct to honest scrutiny. Perhaps we expect higher standards of moral behavior from others than we require from ourselves. Criticism of the sinner is not infrequently a subtle form of self-condemnation in which pride is joined to lack of charity.

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

Ash Wednesday is 6 March

Masses are...

9:00am Yarra Junction, whole school

6:00pm Warburton

Raise Your Voices

Entrance Antiphon

The Lord became my protector.
He brought me out to a place of freedom;
he saved me because he delighted in me.

Psalm Response

(R.) Lord, it is good to give thanks to you.

It is good to give thanks to the Lord
to make music to your name, O Most High,
to proclaim your love in the morning
and your truth in the watches of the night. (R.)

The just will flourish like the palm-tree
and grow like a Lebanon cedar. (R.)

Planted in the house of the Lord
they will flourish in the courts of our God,
still bearing fruit when they are old,
still full of sap, still green,
to proclaim that the Lord is just.
In him, my rock, there is no wrong. (R.)

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
Shine on the world like bright stars;
you are offering it the word of life.
Alleluia!

Communion Antiphon

Behold, I am with you always,
even to the end of the age, says the Lord.

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

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Ministers Roster

March 2/3

Sacred Heart Saturday 7:00pm

Lector	M Fahey
Extraordinary ministers	L Sobecki, D Bullard
Gifts	M Marshall, L Flanagan
Welcome	Paul
Cuppa	Lech

St Thomas Á Becket Sunday 8:30am

Lector	M Ryan
Extraordinary ministers	P O'Shaughnessy, R Barnard
Gifts	S Lucas, C Morse
Welcome	Rose
Morning tea	Kris & Sue

March 9/10

Sacred Heart Saturday 7:00pm

Lector	A Manning
Extraordinary ministers	M Fahey, A Fairbanks
Gifts	L & K Sobecki
Welcome	Lech
Cuppa	Lil

St Thomas Á Becket Sunday 8:30am

Lector	Carmen
Extraordinary ministers	A O'Shaughnessy, M Schacher
Gifts	J Bellizia, F Carroll
Welcome	Anne
Morning tea	Joy & Mary R

Cleaning & Flowers

Warburton	Margaret & Gaye
Yarra Junction	Sue & Kris

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

Message from the Archdiocese RE Cardinal Pell

Dear friends, this week the lifting of the suppression order concerning Cardinal George Pell's trial and the sustained media focus has made for a challenging time for the Catholic Church in Melbourne. We will all have different ways of both responding to this news and making sense of it.

For some it heralds another chapter in the already painful journey that Catholics have been a part of over the last few years. Some of us may feel upset and saddened by the news. Some of us may just feel very weary about the way our Church is being portrayed in the media. There are those in our community who have been abused and the story touches on and may re-open already raw wounds.

On this the last Sunday prior to Lent we gather around the table of the Lord. We pray that God will continue to journey with us as we search to understand, accept and acknowledge the challenges of our times. We hold in our thoughts and prayers all those who have suffered abuse within the Church. (Mgr Greg Bennet, Vicar General)

Ash Wednesday Masses

Ash Wednesday is next Wednesday, 6 March. The Masses are as follows:
Yarra Junction, 9:00am (whole school)
Mount Evelyn, 11:40am (whole school) & 7:30pm
Warburton, 6:00pm

Project Compassion Sunday

Please take home a Project Compassion box and/or a set of donation envelopes and support Caritas Australia this Lenten season themed "**Give Lent 100%**". You are empowering communities with hope and helping those in great need to shape a better future for themselves, their families and their communities. **Lives change when we all give 100%**. You can donate through Parish boxes and envelopes, or by visiting www.caritas.org.au/projectcompassion or phoning 1800 024 413.

Stations of the Cross during Lent

We are praying the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent beginning with the Friday after Ash Wednesday, 8 March. 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

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

Jesus, truly present in the Most Blessed Sacrament, I love You above all things and I desire to possess You within my soul. Since I am unable at this moment to receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. ... Prayer of St. Padre Pio

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

Thanksgiving Report—February

Weekly pledged amount: \$729 Weekly amount received: \$556.62 (Shortfall \$172.37)

Stewardship Corner

“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit.” (Luke 6:43)

Are you using your God-given gifts in the way God intended? Do you compare yourself to others and complain about what you don't have instead of being thankful for what you do have? God gives each of us unique gifts and a unique plan. Listen to how God is calling you to use your gifts, to bear good fruit, for the glory of His name.

Journey Through Scripture Bible Study—free during Lent

Genesis to Jesus is part of the St. Paul Center for Biblical Theology's dynamic Journey Through Scripture Bible study series. Journey through Scripture is the St. Paul Center's flagship Bible study program designed to help ordinary Catholics grow in their knowledge of the Scriptures while deepening their understanding of the riches of our faith. Journey through Scripture takes a holistic approach, looking at the entire Bible and how all of its parts work together. This video series will be available on the internet FREE during Lent. All you need to do is to sign up at <https://stpaulcenter.com/studies-tools/journey-through-scripture/>

Lent begins next Wednesday, 6 March 2019

The Lenten season has a twofold character:

1. It recalls baptism or prepares for it
2. It stresses a penitential spirit

By these means especially, Lent readies the faithful for celebrating the paschal mystery after a period of closer attention to the Word of God, and more ardent prayer. During Lent, penance should not be only internal and individual but also external and social....In any event, let the paschal fast be kept sacred. It should be observed every where on Good Friday and, where possible prolonged throughout Holy Saturday, so that the joys of the Sunday of the resurrection may be visited on uplifted and responsive spirits. (From the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy)

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of Fasting and Abstinence from meat.

On all other Fridays, except solemnities, the law of the common practice of penance is fulfilled by performing any one of the following:

1. Prayer: for example, Mass attendance; family prayer, a visit to a church or chapel, reading the Bible, making the Stations of the Cross, praying the Rosary, etc.
2. Self-Denial: for example, not eating meat, not eating sweets or dessert, giving up entertainment to spend time with the family, etc
3. Helping Others: for example, special attention to someone who is poor, sick elderly, lonely or over-burdened, etc.

Obligations during Lent

- All who have completed their eighteenth year and have not yet begun their sixtieth year are bound to fast. All who have completed their fourteenth year are bound to abstain (Canon 1252)
- Each of the faithful is obliged to receive Holy Communion at least once a year. This precept must be fulfilled between Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019 and Trinity Sunday, 16 June 2019 unless for a good reason it is fulfilled at another time during the year.
- The wonderful gift of the Lord's merciful love is offered in a special way in the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Lent is a most appropriate time to receive this Sacrament. All the faithful who have reached the age of discretion are bound faithfully to confess their grave sins at least once a year.

Readings Reflection

Heart and Mouth

In today's readings we hear Jesus speaking in Galilee as well as a Jewish sage named Sirach writing in Jerusalem more than a century earlier. The two of them touch upon a single truth: The words that come out of us make known the hidden thoughts within us. Speech reveals the secrets of the heart.

Sirach teaches that speaking is “the test of men” and their character (Sir 27:7). One who is upright will utter words that are truthful and encouraging to others. But one whose heart is cluttered with “refuse” will be exposed, since the “fruit” of his mouth speaks volumes about the “tree” that produces it (Sir 27:6). Sirach also compares the testing of our words to clay fired in a kiln—if properly prepared, a useful vessel emerges; but if the clay is not fully dried, it will break apart in the extreme heat (Sirach 27:5).

In a similar way, Jesus insists that a person speaks “out of the abundance of the heart” (Luke 6:45). He too compares our speech, whether good or bad, to what grows on a tree: “For no good tree bears bad fruit, nor again does a bad tree bear good fruit” (Luke 6:43).

Both readings urge us to make wholesome speech a habit. After all, much about who we are is brought to light through what we say. But there's an additional step: The Lord is asking us to look inward, to examine our hearts and fill them with the “good treasure” that God desires.

Why do purity of heart and speech matter so much? Because, as Jesus declares elsewhere: “by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned” (Matt 12:37). They matter because they help to decide our final judgment, and this is where the Second Reading comes in. Paul reminds us that God will destroy death forever, and if we are to share in this victory and live forever with the Lord, then we must take all steps necessary to give our hearts and lips to what is good.

Dr. Scott Hahn
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Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving

How does interior conversion and penance take place?

“I despise myself, / and repent in dust and ashes.” (Jb 42:6)

“I turned my face to the Lord God, seeking him by prayer and supplications with fasting and sackcloth and ashes.” (Dan 9:3)

“I was not disobedient to the heavenly vision, but declared first to those at Damascus, then at Jerusalem and throughout all the country of Judea, and also to the Gentiles, that they should repent and turn to God and perform deeds worthy of their repentance.” (Acts 26:19-20)

The primary keys to conversion and penance are fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. Also, helpful in fostering interior conversion are other acts of mortification, pious devotion, and charitable works.

Conversion of heart is an ongoing effort in the life of a Christian. We are converted to Christ at Baptism, but the combination of our inclination to sin and our human weakness causes us to drift from this gift of grace. Thus, conversion is a lifelong process since we must struggle continually to grow in holiness and against the tide that threatens to carry us into sin. We carry on this struggle within the Church both individually and communally.

While conversion is in its essence an interior reorientation—a change of heart—as humans we have a natural need to express our interior dispositions in external acts. Fasting, prayer, and almsgiving are the primary and indispensable vehicles for fostering and nurturing penance. Penance also finds expression in concern for the poor and oppressed, efforts at reconciliation, charitable acts, acceptance of suffering (“take up your cross”), firm resolutions to change our lives, acts of humility, and enduring persecution for a righteous cause.

Other important helps include receiving the Eucharist, reading Scripture, voluntary self-denial, pilgrimages, and sincere acts of devotion or worship.

Penance is expressed most appropriately in the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, whereby with the proper dispositions we can receive absolution and ample graces to assist us in our resolution for ongoing conversion and orientation to Christ.

From the Didache Bible

1426 *Conversion* to Christ, the new birth of Baptism, the gift of the Holy Spirit and the Body and Blood of Christ received as food have made us “holy and without blemish,” just as the Church herself, the Bride of Christ, is “holy and without blemish.” Nevertheless the new life received in Christian initiation has not abolished the frailty and weakness of human nature, nor the inclination to sin that tradition calls concupiscence, which remains in the baptized such that with the help of the grace of Christ they may prove themselves in the struggle of Christian life. This is the struggle of conversion directed toward holiness and eternal life to which the Lord never ceases to call us.

1427 Jesus calls to conversion. This call is an essential part of the proclamation of the kingdom: “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.” In the Church’s preaching this call is addressed first to those who do not yet know Christ and his Gospel. Also, Baptism is the principal place for the first and fundamental conversion. It is by faith in the Gospel and by Baptism that one renounces evil and gains salvation, that is, the forgiveness of all sins and the gift of new life.

1428 Christ’s call to conversion continues to resound in the lives of Christians. This *second conversion* is an uninterrupted task for the whole Church who, “clasping sinners to her bosom, [is] at once holy and always in need of purification, [and] follows constantly the path of penance and renewal.” This endeavor of conversion is not just a human work. It is the movement of a “contrite heart,” drawn and moved by grace to respond to the merciful love of God who loved us first.

1429 St. Peter’s conversion after he had denied his master three times bears witness to this. Jesus’ look of infinite mercy drew tears of repentance from Peter and, after the Lord’s resurrection, a threefold affirmation of love for him. The second conversion also has a *communitarian* dimension, as is clear in the Lord’s call to a whole Church: “Repent!”

St. Ambrose says of the two conversions that, in the Church, “there are water and tears: the water of Baptism and the tears of repentance”.

1435 Conversion is accomplished in daily life by gestures of reconciliation, concern for the poor, the exercise and defense of justice and right, by the admission of faults to one’s brethren, fraternal correction, revision of life, examination of conscience, spiritual direction, acceptance of suffering, endurance of persecution for the sake of righteousness. Taking up one’s cross each day and following Jesus is the surest way of penance.

1436 *Eucharist and Penance*. Daily conversion and penance find their source and nourishment in the Eucharist, for in it is made present the sacrifice of Christ which has reconciled us with God. Through the Eucharist those who live from the life of Christ are fed and strengthened. “It is a remedy to free us from our daily faults and to preserve us from mortal sins.”

1437 Reading Sacred Scripture, praying the Liturgy of the Hours and the Our Father—every sincere act of worship or devotion revives the spirit of conversion and repentance within us and contributes to the forgiveness of our sins.

From the Catechism of the Catholic Church