



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Sunday

Saturday 4th July and Sunday 5th July, 2020

FIRST READING

Zechariah 9: 9-10

See now, your king comes humbly to you.

The Lord says this: Rejoice heart and soul, daughter of Zion! Shout with gladness, daughter of Jerusalem! See now, your king comes to you; he is victorious, he is triumphant, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will banish chariots from Ephraim and horses from Jerusalem; the bow of war will be banished. He will proclaim peace for the nations. His empire shall stretch from sea to sea, from the River to the ends of the earth.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144(145)

*R/. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

I will give you glory, O God my king,
I will bless your name for ever.
I will bless you day after day
and praise your name for ever.

*R/. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

*R/. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord,

and your friends shall repeat their blessing.

They shall speak of the glory of your reign
and declare your might, O God.

*R/. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

The Lord is faithful in all his words
and loving in all his deeds.

The Lord supports all who fall
and raises all who are bowed down.

*R/. I will praise your name for ever,
my king and my God.*

SECOND READING

Rom 8:9,11-13

*If by the Spirit you put an end to the
misdeeds of the body, you will live.*

Your interests are not in the unspiritual,
but in the spiritual, since the Spirit of God
has made his home in you. In fact, unless
you possessed the Spirit of Christ you
would not belong to him, and if the Spirit
of him who raised Jesus from the dead is
living in you, then he who raised Jesus
from the dead will give life to your own
mortal bodies through his Spirit living in
you.

So then, my brothers, there is no
necessity for us to obey our unspiritual
selves or to live unspiritual lives. If you do
live in that way, you are doomed to die;
but if by the Spirit you put an end to the
misdeeds of the body you will live.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 11:25

V/. Alleluia! R/. Alleluia!

V/. Blessed are you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth; you have revealed to little ones the mysteries of the kingdom.

R/. Alleluia!

GOSPEL Mt 11:25-30

You have hidden these things from the wise and revealed them to little children.

Jesus exclaimed, 'I bless you, Father, Lord of heaven and of earth, for hiding these things from the learned and the clever and revealing them to mere children. Yes, Father, for that is what it pleased you to do. Everything has been entrusted to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, just as no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

'Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest. Shoulder my yoke and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. Yes, my yoke is easy and my burden light.'

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



We commend to the Lord's mercy **Msgr Georg Ratzinger** (Pope Benedict's brother) who died recently. We remember too **Fr Paddy Bohan, John Bond, Leo Dalton, Veronica Keegan,** and **Alwyn Richardson**, whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in God's peace.

A NEW 'MINISTRY DISTRICT'

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has confirmed that when Fr Michael Linehan retires at the end of this year, he will not be replaced. Instead, the parishes of Warrnambool West and Dennington will be linked to the

neighbouring parishes of Warrnambool, Koroit and Port Fairy, which together will constitute a new ministry district: a larger parish consisting of the various faith communities. This new ministry district will be served by two priests. More details to follow.

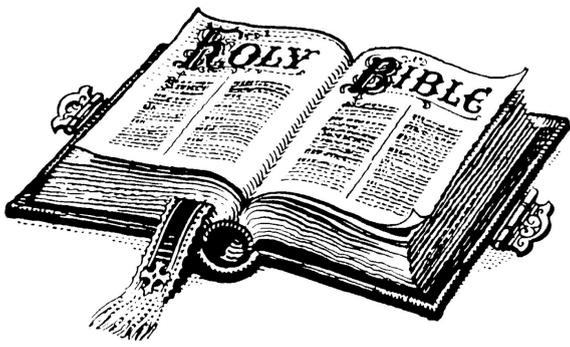
A RETURN TO PUBLIC MASSES

Preparations are underway to return to our Sunday Eucharist but the experience will be somewhat different. We are required to limit the number of people at Mass. There is the cleaning of the whole church between Masses. We have to observe the one person per 4 sq metre rule. Names and phone numbers of attendees must be recorded (for contact tracing).

Some time in the next few weeks — and there will be plenty of notice! — parishioners will be invited to call the Parish Office to register for Mass. We will ensure equity and a 'fair go' enables as many people as possible the opportunity to participate in the celebration of the Eucharist.

YAMBUK AND ORFORD CHURCHES

Both churches are under contract and due for settlement. It is important that all chattels are removed from the church before settlement. Parishioners can express their interest in any items in the church by emailing parish secretary Louise Dryburgh at portfairy@ballarat.catholic.org.au, or calling 0488 180 819. Interested parties are asked to state the amount they're willing to pay, from \$0 to any fair value. You may also indicate any reasons for the request ("*I put flowers in the vase for many years,*" "*I'd love a memento of the church,*" etc.) This is optional. If more than one parishioner expresses interest in an item, the decision on who gets the item rests with the parish administrators. Please submit your requests ASAP.



Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel

by Fr Francis Fernandez

CHRIST'S EXAMPLE

Jesus behaved towards people in a way very different from the way many of the Pharisees behaved towards them. He came to free men from the heaviest of their burdens by taking them upon himself. *Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

Close to Christ, all our efforts and indeed all those things we find most difficult to bear if we are to fulfil God's Will become even pleasant. Sacrifice offered with Christ does not bring with it a feeling of harsh rebelliousness, but rather one of joyful giving. He bore upon himself our sorrows and our weightiest burdens. The Gospels give us a constant example of his concern for all men. St Gregory the Great writes that *everywhere He left examples of his mercy*. He raises the dead, cures the blind, the lepers, the dumb, and frees those possessed by the devil ... There are occasions when He does not even wait for the sick person to be brought to him, but says: *I will come and heal him*. Even at the moment of his own death He shows his concern for the people around him. He gives himself up to death lovingly; *He is the expiation for our sins, and not for our sins only, but also for the sins of the whole world.*

We must imitate Our Lord not only by avoiding causing unnecessary worries to others, but by helping people to bear the worries they already have. Whenever possible we will help others to fulfil their human task. We will help them to carry the burdens that life itself imposes on them: *When you have finished your work, do your neighbour's, helping them, for Christ's sake, so tactfully and so naturally that no one – not even they – will realise that you are doing more than what in justice you ought.*

This, indeed, is virtue befitting a child of God! [St J Escrivá, *The Way*, 440.]

We should never think that any act of self-denial or sacrifice offered for the good of another is more than we should do. Charity should stimulate us to show our regard for others in very specific ways. It should lead us to look for opportunities of making ourselves useful, of lightening the burdens of others and of giving joy to all those we are able to help in any way, even though we know that we will never do as much as we should.

We should always try to relieve others from whatever seems to weigh them down, just as Christ would have done in our place. Sometimes this will mean our doing some small act of service. At times it will mean giving a word of encouragement or of hope. At others we will help someone to glance up at the Master so that he comes to see his situation in a more positive light; it may be a situation which had seemed to overwhelm him simply because up till then he had felt he must face it alone. We should think too of those aspects of our behaviour with which sometimes, without really meaning to, we make life a little harder for others ... our whims and fancies, our rash judgements, negative criticism, a lack of consideration for others, an unkind word...

CATHOLIC SOCIAL SERVICES IN THE WARRNAMBOOL REGION

Building on long standing engagement and consultation work conducted in Warrnambool in 2019, Catholic Social Services Victoria (CSSV) has released a report which outlines the social service and infrastructure needs of our region. Read the report at the diocesan website: www.ballarat.catholic.org.au.

PLANNED GIVING

Anyone wishing to continue with their planned giving or Presbytery contribution can pay by direct deposit into the corresponding account. **Please put as your reference your full name and planned giving number** (that is, your envelope number).

St Patrick's Parish - Planned Giving

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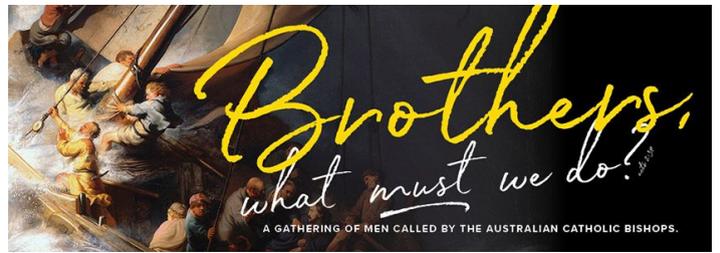
Infant Jesus Parish - Planned Giving

BSB: 633 000 Account: 163 466 881

Presbytery Contributions

BSB: 633 000 Account: 163 466 899

Alternatively, you are welcome to drop in and see Louise at the Port Fairy parish office, 10am - 12pm, Monday & Thursday.



CATHOLIC MEN'S GATHERING

The Australian Catholic Bishop's Conference National Catholic Men's Gathering for 2020 is now being offered as an online event for registered participants on Saturday 15th August. The aim of the program is to inspire and encourage all Catholic men with a vision for personal discipleship, service and mission in the family, parish, diocese and the world. This modified program will be delivered in four pre-recorded sessions of approximately 1 hour in length. Each session will offer input from a variety of speakers and musicians, along with a response and questions for group discussion or individual reflection. The program offers flexibility so that you may participate individually or gather with others from your parish/diocese or men's ministry group. This is a free event. For the event program and registration go to www.catholicmensgathering.com.au

WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Our Child Safe Policies can be read at our church entrances and on our websites. Our safe-guarding officer is Peter Sanderson.

NEXT SUNDAY: 15th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading. *Isaiah 55:10-11.* The word that goes out from my mouth does not return to me empty.

Second Reading. *Romans 8:18-23.* The whole creation is eagerly waiting for God to reveal his sons.

Gospel. *Matthew 13:1-23.* A sower went out to sow.

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