

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time  
3rd October 2021

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#### SCHOOL PRINCIPALS

St John's Dennington Ben van de Camp  
St Patrick's Koroit Nick Murrell  
St Patrick's Port Fairy Olga Lyons  
St Joseph's W'bool Matthew O'Brien  
St Pius X W'bool West Joe Ewing  
Emmanuel College Peter Morgan

#### WEEKEND LITURGIES

##### Saturday Vigil

6:30pm Infant Jesus, Koroit

##### Sunday Morning

8:30am St Joseph's Warrnambool

9:00am St Patrick's Port Fairy

10:00am St Joseph's Warrnambool

10:30am St Pius X Warrnambool West

11:00am St Anne's Purnim

(Eucharist 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays

Assembly of the Word with Communion 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup>)

##### Sunday Evening

6:00pm St Joseph's Warrnambool

#### WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH

Star of the Sea Parish adheres to the Child Safe Standards of Victoria. Our policies are on display in each church, and on our website. Parish Safeguarding Officers:

Infant Jesus Koroit  
Nick Murrell

St Patrick's Port Fairy  
Peter Sanderson

St Joseph's Warrnambool  
Anne Maree Mugavin

St Pius X Warrnambool West  
Karen Johnson

#### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We recognise the traditional custodians of parish lands. We acknowledge their ancestors with respect and we are committed to working for justice and reconciliation.

# Star of the Sea Parish SOUTH WEST COAST

Infant Jesus Koroit ✦ St Patrick's Port Fairy ✦ St Anne's Purnim  
St Joseph's Warrnambool ✦ St Pius X Warrnambool West

PAUL



BISHOP OF BALLARAT

DECREE

Star of the Sea Parish - South West Coast

After consulting the priests and parishioners of the parishes involved, as well as the Council of Priests of the Diocese of Ballarat, by virtue of Canon 515 par. 2 of the Code of Canon Law, I hereby dissolve the parishes of Dennington, Koroit, Port Fairy, Warrnambool and Warrnambool West and establish Star of the Sea Parish, South West Coast. The newly established parish will comprise the territory that belonged to the parishes of Dennington, Koroit, Port Fairy, Warrnambool and Warrnambool West.

Given at Ballarat on October 1, 2021

On Friday October 1 we received the above Decree from the Bishop of Ballarat (Bishop Paul) informing us that we are now a new parish with the amalgamation of the former parishes of Port Fairy (est. 1849), Warrnambool (est. 1853), Koroit (est. 1886), Dennington (est. 1965) and Warrnambool West (est. 1970).

We look forward to an ongoing and fruitful collaboration among our parishioners of our new Parish: 'Star of the Sea' - South West Coast.

May the Holy Spirit continue to guide us and our parishioners & may Our Lady, Star of the Sea, watch over us always. (Fr John Fitzgerald, Moderator)

**Moderator:** When a number of parishes come together the pastoral care can be entrusted to several priests jointly, but with the stipulation that one of the priests is to be the **moderator** of the pastoral care to be exercised. The moderator is to direct the joint action and to be responsible for it to the Bishop. (Canon 517.1)

#### Victoria's Roadmap and Vaccination

**Bishop Paul writes:** From October 26, people who are fully vaccinated will be able to gather for Mass in greater numbers. There will be a further increase in the numbers from November 5 .... The basic reasons for vaccination are to protect our own health and the health of people around us..... I encourage everyone throughout our diocese to be vaccinated ...'

**Plenary Council:** The first Assembly of 280 participants gather, by various means, throughout Australia this week. We will have regular reports in the bulletin or you may wish to follow its progress on the diocesan webpage: [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

**Moira Condon 100 years:** Congratulations to Moira on achieving this wonderful milestone. Moira has been an active parishioner & a great contributor to both Church & community all her life. She has been an inspiration & friend to so many.

**Deaths:** Fr John Keane

**Anniversaries:** Bernie Bourke, Patrick Burris, Henrietta Dillon, Mary Dunne, Christopher Lenahan, Ned Smyth

**Weekday Masses this Week:** **Monday:** 9.30am St Pius X,  
**Wednesday:** 10.00am St Joseph's, **Thursday:** 10.00am St Patrick's,  
**Friday:** 10.00am Infant Jesus

*What God has united,  
man must not divide*

Some Pharisees approached Jesus and asked, 'Is it against the law for a man to divorce his wife?' They were testing him. He answered them, 'What did Moses command you?' 'Moses allowed us' they said 'to draw up a writ of dismissal and so to divorce.' Then Jesus said to them, 'It was because you were so unteachable that he wrote this commandment for you.

### MARRIAGE AS A WAY TO HOLINESS

Fr Francis Fernandez

When Jesus elevated matrimony to the dignity of a sacrament He was doing something completely unprecedented. The transformation might be likened to the time in Cana when he changed the water into wine. *Behold, I make all things new.* Christ elevated the natural reality of Christian marriage to a supernatural plane. Marriage between non-Christians was also filled with grandeur and dignity. The ideal proposed by Christ to married couples is infinitely greater than that of human perfection. It is a totally new concept. It literally means that the spouses receive divine life through the sacrament. This is what sustains their work of mutual perfection. This is what has to inspire their children from the moment of Baptism.

Those who marry begin a new life in the company of the Lord. God himself has called husband and wife to follow this path to holiness. *For a Christian marriage is not just a social institution, much less a mere remedy for human weakness. It is a real supernatural calling. A great sacrament, in Christ and in the Church, says St Paul (Eph 5:32) ... It is a permanent contract that sanctifies in cooperation with Jesus Christ. He fills the souls of husband and wife and invites them to follow him. He transforms their whole married life into an occasion for God's presence on earth.* (St Josemaría Escrivá, *Christ is passing by*, 23.)

But from the beginning of creation God made them male and female. This is why a man must leave father and mother, and the two become one body. They are no longer two, therefore, but one body. So then, what God has united, man must not divide.' Back in the house the disciples questioned him again about this, and he said to them, 'The man who divorces his wife and marries another is guilty of adultery against her. And if a woman divorces her husband and marries another she is guilty of adultery too.'

Pope John Paul I spoke of the greatness of matrimony to a group of newlyweds. He told them the following story: *Last century there was in France a great professor, Frederick Ozanam. He taught at the Sorbonne, and was so eloquent, so capable! His friend Lacordaire said: 'He is so gifted, he is so good, he will become a priest; he will become a great bishop, this fellow!' But no! He met a nice girl and they got married. Lacordaire was disappointed and said: 'Poor Ozanam! He too has fallen into the trap!' But two years later, Lacordaire came to Rome and was received by Pius IX. 'Come, come, Father,' the Pope said, 'I have always heard that Jesus established seven sacraments. Now you come along and change everything. You tell me that He established six sacraments, and a trap! No, Father, marriage is not a trap – it is a great sacrament!' (Pope John Paul I, *Address*, 13 September 1978.)*

We should never forget that the first thing Jesus chose to sanctify was the home. God wants the family to be a *school of virtues* (St John Paul II, *Address*, 28 October 1979) where children are formed as good citizens and good sons and daughters of God. It is in the midst of family life that each person finds his or her own vocation. *You should be full of wonder at the goodness of our Father God. Are you not filled with joy to know that your home, your family, your country, which you love so much, are the raw material which you must sanctify?* (St Josemaría Escrivá, *The Forge*, 689.)

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Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> October, 2021

### FIRST READING

Genesis 2:18-24

*A man and his wife become one body*

The Lord God said, 'It is not good that the man should be alone. I will make him a helpmate.' So from the soil the Lord God fashioned all the wild beasts and all the birds of heaven. These he brought to the man to see what he would call them; each one was to bear the name the man would give it. The man gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of heaven and all the wild beasts. But no helpmate suitable for man was found for him. So the Lord God made the man fall into a deep sleep. And while he slept, he took one of his ribs and enclosed it in flesh. The Lord God built the rib he had taken from the man into a woman, and brought her to the man. The man exclaimed:

*'This at last is bone from my bones,  
and flesh from my flesh!  
This is to be called woman,  
for this was taken from man.'*

This is why a man leaves his father and mother and joins himself to his wife, and they become one body.

### RESPONSORIAL

Psalms 127(128)

*R/. May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our lives.*

O blessed are those who fear the Lord  
and walk in his ways!  
By the labour of your hands you shall eat.  
You will be happy and prosper.

*R/. May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our lives*

Your wife like a fruitful vine  
in the heart of your house;  
your children like shoots of the olive,  
around your table.

*R/. May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our lives.*

Indeed thus shall be blessed  
the man who fears the Lord.  
May the Lord bless you from Zion  
in a happy Jerusalem  
all the days of your life!  
May you see your children's children.  
On Israel, peace!

*R/. May the Lord bless us  
all the days of our lives.*

### SECOND READING

Hebrews 2:9-11

*The one who sanctifies is the brother  
of those who are sanctified*

We see in Jesus one who was for a short while made lower than the angels and is now crowned with glory and splendour because he submitted to death; by God's grace he had to experience death for all mankind.

As it was his purpose to bring a great many of his sons into glory, it was appropriate that God, for whom everything exists and through whom everything exists, should make perfect, through suffering, the leader who would take them to their salvation. For the one who sanctifies, and the ones who are sanctified, are of the same stock; that is why he openly calls them brothers.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 John 4:12

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

If we love one another,  
God will live in us in perfect love.

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*