

SAINT JOSEPH: IN THE SHADOWS

Today let us pray for all those men and women who during this pandemic are serving in the shadows like Joseph to protect, care, heal and support the vulnerable.

Pope Francis: *The logic of love is always the logic of freedom, and Joseph knew how to love with extraordinary freedom. He never made himself the centre of things. He did not think of himself but focused instead on*

the lives of Mary and Jesus. Joseph found happiness not in mere self-sacrifice but in self-gift. His patient silence was the prelude to concrete expressions of trust.'

Let us pray: Joseph, we turn in prayer to you. Enable us to heed God's call to raise 'our consciousness of love and to seek new possibilities wherever we are that will heal, include and untether.' Let us with humility of heart and the wisdom of silence. Amen.

WEEKDAY LITURGIES IN OUR REGION

Mon 3rd	9:30am Mass, St Pius X 11:30am Mass, Our Lady's (Gwenda Thornton's funeral)
Tue 4th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, Infant Jesus
Wed 5th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Lay-led, St Joseph's 1:00pm Mass, St Pius X (Kevin Ryan's funeral)
Thu 6th <i>* Residents only</i>	10:00am, Mass, St Patrick's 9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 3:30pm Mass, Moyneyana*
Fri 7th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Joseph's
Sat 8th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's

A particular welcome is extended to all visitors of the Koroit Irish Festival.



Bail ó Dhia oraibh!

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION

Mon 3rd	None
Tue 4th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Wed 5th	None
Thu 6th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Fri 7th	After 9:30am Mass, Our Lady's After 10am Mass, St Joseph's 5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Sat 8th	10am to 11am, St Pius X

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St Patrick's, Port Fairy and Infant Jesus, Koroit are child-safe parishes.

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SUNDAY MASSES IN OUR REGION

Saturday Vigil Masses

6:00pm Our Lady's, East Warrnambool
6:30pm Infant Jesus, Koroit

Sunday Morning Masses

8:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool
9:00am St Patrick's, Port Fairy
9:00am Our Lady's, East Warrnambool
10:00am St Joseph's, Warrnambool
10:30am St Pius X, West Warrnambool

Sunday Evening Mass

6:00pm St Joseph's, Warrnambool



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy
Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit

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Fifth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 1st and Sunday 2nd May, 2021

FIRST READING

Acts 9:26-31

Barnabas explained how the Lord had appeared to Saul on his journey

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RESPONSORIAL

Ps 21(22):26-28,30-32

R/. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

My vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and shall have their fill.

They shall praise the Lord, those who seek him.

May their hearts live for ever and ever!

R/. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

All the earth shall remember and return to the Lord, all families of the nations worship before him; They shall worship him, all the mighty of the earth; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust.

R/. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

And my soul shall live for him, my children serve him. They shall tell of the Lord to generations yet to come, declare his faithfulness to peoples yet unborn:

'These things the Lord has done.'

R/. I will praise you, Lord, in the assembly of your people.

SECOND READING

1 John 3:18-24

The commandment of faith and love

My children, our love is not to be just words or mere talk, but something real and active; only by this can we be certain that we are children of the truth and be able to quieten our conscience in his presence, whatever accusations it may raise against us, because God is greater than our conscience and he knows everything. My dear people, if we cannot be condemned by our own conscience, we need not be afraid in God's presence, and whatever we ask him, we shall receive, because we keep his commandments and

live the kind of life that he wants. His commandments are these: that we believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and that we love one another as he told us to. Whoever keeps his commandments lives in God and God lives in him. We know that he lives in us by the Spirit that he has given us.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 15:4-5

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Live in me and let me live in you, says the Lord; my branches bear much fruit.

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GOSPEL John 15:1-8

I am the vine, you are the branches

Jesus said to his disciples: 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he

cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away – he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples.'

Engaging your faith: online formation

This series of short sessions explores the Catholic faith through topics including reflective practice in ministry & life, St John Henry Newman & his friends, the historical context of Vatican II, and women in the early Church.

All topics are presented by lecturers of Melbourne's Catholic Theological College. Choose one, choose all; whatever interests you. Sessions will be delivered via Zoom at \$20 per session. Registration is essential. Visit www.ctc.edu.au.



Dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp

The electric Sanctuary Lamp at Infant Jesus, Koroit was recently retired due to dated wiring. A seven-day candle now burns before our Lord in the Eucharist.

If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning for a week in memory of a loved one, to honour a special occasion, or for a special intention, please see Fr John C. Cost: \$10 for a week-long dedication.

Recent deaths: Veronica Barker, Reg Cox, Barry Ryan, Kevin Ryan, Gwenda Thornton, Robert Williams. **Anniversaries:** Vincent Brown, Peter Jewell.

Pope dedicates the month of May to a global Rosary 'marathon'

Pope Francis is urging Catholics to pray the Rosary through the month of May for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, more than 3 million people have died from coronavirus, with many countries experiencing their worst wave yet. India is presently afflicted with over 300,000 new infections each day.

Each day this month, the rosary will be broadcast from one of thirty Marian Shrines from across the world. St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney will represent the Church in Australia. The daily rosary will be broadcast live at 6pm Rome time — that's 2am our time. You don't have to interrupt your sleep to join the Holy Father's prayer campaign. Pray the daily Rosary at a time of your own choosing.



THE VINE AND THE BRANCHES

Fr Francis Fernandez

I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty, we read in the Gospel of today's Mass.

Because of their ingratitude the chosen people had often been compared to a neglected vineyard: Scripture speaks of the ruin and the restoration of the vineyard uprooted from Egypt and planted in a new land (Ps 79); Isaiah expresses God's complaint that his vineyard, after so much care, expecting that it would give grapes, yielded wild grapes. (Is 5:1-5) Jesus also uses the image of the vineyard to signify the Jews' rejection of the Messiah and the call of the Gentiles. (Mt 21:33-34)

But here Our Lord uses the image of the vine and the branches in a totally new sense. Christ is the true vine, which communicates its own life to the branches. It is the life of grace which flows from Christ and is communicated to all the members of his body, which is the Church. Without this new sap, they produce no fruit, because they are dead and withered.

His is a life of such great value that Jesus shed His blood, down to the last drop, so that we could receive it. All his words, actions and miracles introduce us progressively to this new life, teaching us how it begins and grows within us, how it dies and how it is restored to us if we have lost it. *I have come*, he tells us, *so that they may have life and have it to the full.* (Jn 10:10)

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. (Jn 15:4)

Jesus makes us sharers in the very life of God! At the moment of Baptism, we are transformed at the deepest level of our being, to such an extent that we undergo a new birth, which makes us sons and daughters of God, brothers and sisters of Christ and members of his Body which is the Church. This life is eternal, if we do not lose it through mortal sin. Death no longer has real power over the one who has this life – he will never die; he will move house, to go and live permanently in Heaven. Jesus wants us to share in something of which he has the fulness. The life which had flowed forth from the adorable Trinity overflows once more; it spreads and propagates itself. From the head it descends to the members. The stem and the branches form one single being, they are nourished and act together, producing the same fruits because they are fed by the same sap.

I have written all this to you so that you who believe in the name of the Son of God, St John tells us, having recounted for us indescribable wonders, may be sure that you have eternal life. (1 Jn 5:13) This new life we receive, or is strengthened, particularly by means of the sacraments, which Our Lord chose to institute so that the Redemption could reach all men in a simple and accessible manner. In these seven efficacious signs of grace we discover Christ, the fountain of all graces. *There He speaks to us, there He forgives us, there He strengthens us, there He sanctifies us, there He gives us the kiss of reconciliation and of friendship; there He gives us His own merits and His own power; there He gives us Himself.* (E. Boylan, *This Tremendous Lover*, pp. 128-129)

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: Saturday 8th & Sunday 9th May 2021.

6:30pm Mass, Infant Jesus Koroit

Leader: Carmel Madden

Lector: Maryanne Evans

Communion: Barbara Mills

9:00am Mass, St Patrick's Port Fairy

Leader: Graeme Munro

Lector: Trish Grady

Communion: Olga Lyons