



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 30th and Sunday 31st January, 2021

FIRST READING Deuteronomy 18:15-20

*I will raise up a prophet and
put my words into his mouth*

Moses said to the people: "The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like myself, from among yourselves, from your own brothers; to him you must listen. This is what you yourselves asked of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the Assembly. "Do not let me hear again" you said "the voice of the Lord my God, nor look any longer on this great fire, or I shall die"; and the Lord said to me, "All they have spoken is well said. I will raise up a prophet like yourself for them from their own brothers; I will put my words into his mouth and he shall tell them all I command him. The man who does not listen to my words that he speaks in my name, shall be held answerable to me for it. But the prophet who presumes to say in my name a thing I have not commanded him to say, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die."

RESPONSORIAL Ps 94(95):1-2,6-9

*R/. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

Come, ring out our joy to the Lord;
hail the rock who saves us.
Let us come before him, giving thanks,
with songs let us hail the Lord.

*R/. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

Come in; let us bow and bend low;
let us kneel before the God who made us:
for he is our God and we

the people who belong to his pasture,
the flock that is led by his hand.

*R/. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

O that today you would listen to his voice!
'Harden not your hearts as at Meribah,
as on that day at Massah in the desert
when your fathers put me to the test;
when they tried me, though they saw my
work.'

*R/. If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts.*

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:32-35

Give your undivided attention to the Lord

I would like to see you free from all worry.
An unmarried man can devote himself to
the Lord's affairs, all he need worry about is
pleasing the Lord; but a married man has
to bother about the world's affairs and
devote himself to pleasing his wife: he is
torn two ways. In the same way an
unmarried woman, like a young girl, can
devote herself to the Lord's affairs; all she
need worry about is being holy in body and
spirit. The married woman, on the other
hand, has to worry about the world's affairs
and devote herself to pleasing her husband.
I say this only to help you, not to put a
halter round your necks, but simply to
make sure that everything is as it should be,
and that you give your undivided attention
to the Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 4:16

V/. Alleluia! R/. Alleluia!

V/. A people in darkness have seen a great light: a radiant dawn shines on those lost in death. R/. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Mark 1:21-28

Unlike the scribes he taught with authority

Jesus and his disciples went as far as Capernaum, and as soon as the sabbath came he went to the synagogue and began to teach. And his teaching made a deep impression on them because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

In their synagogue just then there was a man possessed by an unclean spirit and it shouted, 'What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are: the Holy One of God.' But Jesus said sharply, 'Be quiet! Come out of him!' And the unclean spirit threw the man into convulsions and with a loud cry went out of him. The people were so astonished that they started asking each other what it all meant. 'Here is a teaching that is new' they said 'and with authority behind it: he gives orders even to unclean spirits and they obey him.' And his reputation rapidly spread everywhere, through all the surrounding Galilean countryside.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We pray for **Jessie Williams** (Melbourne) who died recently, and **Brian Junck, Lucy O'Toole** and **Bernie Sinnott** whose anniversaries occur at this time.



ONLINE GIVING

Parishioners are now able to securely give online — on a regular schedule, or as a one off. Just type in the following links:

bit.ly/CDFpayPortFairy

bit.ly/CDFpayKoroitParish

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MASS AT ST BRIGID'S, CROSSLEY

In thanksgiving for volunteers. 5pm Monday (feast of St Brigid). All welcome!

NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE MINISTRY DISTRICT

Saturday Vigil

6:30pm Infant Jesus, Koroit

Sunday Mass

8:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool

9:00am St Patrick's, Port Fairy

10:00am St Joseph's, Warrnambool

10:30am St Pius X, West Warrnambool

11:00am St Anne's, Purnim

(Eucharist 2nd & 4th Sundays,

Lay-led Assembly 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

6:00pm St Joseph's, Warrnambool

(Regional Mass)

This schedule begins next weekend. A meeting of communities will review the arrangement in a few months time.

Good-will and support will sustain all of us as we venture into uncharted waters. We are truly blessed in our region with the number and choice of Mass times. We invite all to continue to support one's own parish as much as possible as we work together to bring praise and glory to God in our service of one another.

Note also: OLHC, East Warrnambool

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

9:00am Sunday Mass

10:30am St Carthage's Allansford

(Eucharist 1st, 3rd & 5th Sundays)

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Funerals replace scheduled weekday Masses, so these times are subject to late changes.

Monday 1st: 10:00am, St Pius X
5:00pm, St Brigid's

Tuesday 2nd: 10:00am, St Patrick's

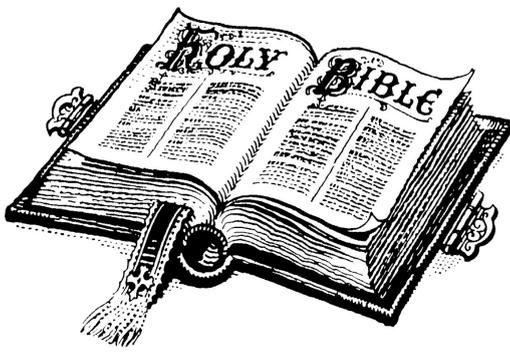
Wednesday 3rd: 9:30am, Our Lady's

Thursday 4th: 9:30am, Our Lady's
10:30am, Mercy Place*
3:00pm, Moyneyana*

Friday 5th: 9:30am, Our Lady's
10:00am, St Joseph's

Saturday 6th: 9:30am, Our Lady's

* These Masses are presently restricted to residents



Scripture Reflection

by Fr Francis Fernandez

THE AUTHORITY OF A SINCERE SPIRIT OF SERVICE

Today's Gospel highlights the "deep impression" our Lord made, "because, unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority."

The life of Christ is a constant exemplary help to you and I. Christ is the example to be followed by those who wield authority in his Church, and by all Christians. Although he is God, the Judge who is to come to judge the world, he does not impose himself. He serves, for the sake of love, even to the point of giving his life for all. This is his first way of being. And this is the way the Apostles came to understand it, especially after the coming of the Holy Spirit. Later, St Peter will exhort priests to tend the flock of God not as domineering overlords, but as living examples. (1 Pet 5:1-3) So too St Paul, who writes: "*though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could.*" (1 Cor 9:19)

But our Lord speaks not only to his Apostles, but also to his disciples and to all his followers throughout the centuries. He teaches us that there is a special dignity to be found in helping and in offering assistance to men and women, in imitation of the Master.

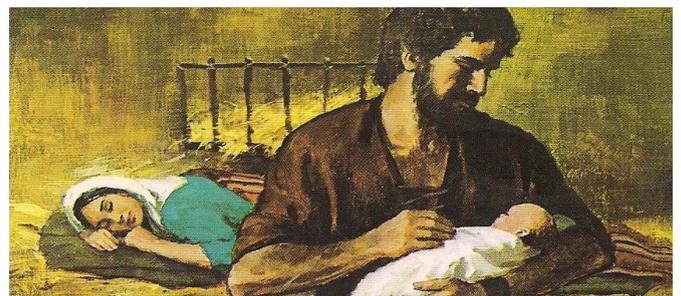
"This dignity is expressed in our readiness to serve, in keeping with the example of Christ, who 'came not to be served but to serve'. If, in the light of this attitude of Christ's, 'being a king' is truly possible only by 'being a servant', then 'being a servant' also demands so much spiritual maturity that it must really be described as

equivalent to 'being a king'. In order to be able to serve others worthily and effectively we must be able to master ourselves, and possess the virtues that make this mastery possible." John Paul II, *Redemptor hominis*, 21.

Virtues like humility of heart, generosity, fortitude, cheerfulness, which enable us to put our life at the service of God, to make ourselves available for our family, our friends and the whole of society.

Let us make certain today, in the presence of God, whether we have the proper disposition of service. Do we really serve those in our home? In our workplace? Do we always, everywhere, imitate the Lord who did not come to be served, but to serve? This spirit of service should be evident particularly if we have a post of responsibility, a position of authority. Let us look at ourselves and see whether we manage to avoid accepting services from others without thinking, when we could well be doing those tasks ourselves. Our attitude has to be totally different from the attitude of people who take advantage of their authority or their prestige in order to ask – or worse, to demand – attention and service.

We have recourse to St Joseph, that faithful and wise servant who was always ready to protect the Holy Family with countless sacrifices. He gave unstinting, unbounded service to Jesus and Mary. Let us ask him to help us to have that same disposition with regard to our own family, with the people with whom we live, no matter what position in life we hold, with our professional colleagues or our friends ... and even with those who ask us in passing for some piece of information or a small favour. With the help of the holy Patriarch, we will see Jesus and Mary in them. That way it will be easy for us to serve them.



FIRST SUNDAY OF SAINT JOSEPH

*His sorrow when he decides to leave Mary;
his joy when the angel exhorts him to stay.*

PRAYER: O chaste spouse of Mary, great was the trouble and anguish of your heart when you considered quietly sending away your inviolate spouse; yet your joy was unspeakable, when the surpassing mystery of the Incarnation was made known to you by the message of an angel. By this sorrow and this joy, we beseech you to comfort our souls, both now and in the sorrows of our final hour, with the joy of a good life and a holy death after the pattern of your own life and death in the arms of Jesus and Mary.

LITANY: Lord, have mercy on. *Christ have mercy on us.* Lord, have mercy on us, Christ hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven: *Have mercy on us.* God the Son, Redeemer of the world: *Have mercy on us.* God the Holy Spirit: *Have mercy on us.* Holy Trinity, one God: *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary: *Pray for us.*

St Joseph: *Pray for us.* Illustrious son of the house of David: *Pray for us.* Splendour of patriarchs: *Pray for us.* Spouse of the Mother of God: *Pray for us.* Guardian of the Virgin: *Pray for us.* Foster father of the Son of God: *Pray for us.* Faithful guardian of Christ: *Pray for us.* Head of the holy family: *Pray for us.* Joseph most chaste: *Pray for us.* Joseph most just: *Pray for us.* Joseph most prudent: *Pray for us.* Joseph most courageous: *Pray for us.* Joseph most obedient: *Pray for us.* Joseph most faithful: *Pray for us.* Pattern of patience: *Pray for us.* Lover of poverty: *Pray for us.* Model of

workers: *Pray for us.* Example to parents: *Pray for us.* Guardian of virgins: *Pray for us.* Mainstay of family life: *Pray for us.* Comfort of the afflicted: *Pray for us.* Hope of the sick: *Pray for us.* Patron of the dying: *Pray for us.* Terror of demons: *Pray for us.* Protector of the Church: *Pray for us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *Spare us, O Lord.* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *Graciously hear us, O Lord.* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *Have mercy on us.*

God made him master of his household: *And put him in charge of all that he owned.*

Let us pray. Almighty God, in your infinite wisdom and love you chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary, the mother of your Son. As we enjoy his protection on earth, may we have the help of his prayers in heaven, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

STAY COVID-SAFE

Please note that face masks are no longer mandated, but they are recommended when physical distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING. *Job 7:1-4,6-7.* My life is but a breath.

SECOND READING. *1 Corinthians 9:16-19, 22-23.* I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel.

RESPONSORIAL. *Psalms 146(147):1-6.* Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

GOSPEL. *Mark 1:29-39.* He cast out devils and cured many who were suffering.

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