



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



Palm Sunday

Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th April 2020

MAKING HOLY WEEK HOLY

The Stay-At-Home directives may have physically separated us, but we're still united in prayer. Here are ways for us to sanctify this week and pray for each other:

Palm Sunday. Please consider fixing a branch on your front door or a front window. It can be any green branch you can get. This will help connect us as we enter into the Holiest of Weeks. (Belfast & Moyneyana residents will receive blessed palms from the Palm Sunday Mass.)

Holy Thursday. After the Mass of the Lord's Supper is privately offered on Thursday evening, the Blessed Sacrament will be reserved in a tabernacle in the Port Fairy porch. Although the glass doors will remain locked, you can pay a visit to the Lord any time over the Triduum.

Good Friday. At 3pm, watch Channel 7, or pray the Stations of the Cross, or read aloud St John's account of the Passion of our Lord Jesus Christ (Jn 18-19).

Holy Saturday. The Easter Vigil will be privately offered at sunset. Easter water, with which you can bless your home, will be left in your mailbox on Easter Sunday.

Easter Sunday. Watch Channel 7 at 10:30am. For those who'd like to pay a short "outdoor visit" to the Blessed Sacrament, there is exposition in the Port Fairy church porch from 12pm to 6pm.

For child-friendly ideas suited to young families, visit <https://bit.ly/3491D51>

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



We commend to the Lord's mercy **Mavis Finnigan** and **Mary Fiorini-Lowell** who died recently, and **Patrick O'Toole** whose anniversary occurs at this time.

IN PLACE OF HOLY MASS

Mass For You At Home is broadcast on WIN at 6am Sundays, and on Foxtel's Aurora at 3am, 6am and 10am every day. It can be viewed online any time at: www.mfyah.com

Sunday Mass from St Joseph's, Warrnambool can be viewed at: www.tiny.cc/joe3280

Daily Mass with Pope Francis (in Italian, with English dubbing) can be viewed at: www.tiny.cc/vatican



Easter Ceremonies from St Mary's Cathedral, Sydney. Viewers can watch the following services live on TV on Prime or online at www.7plus.com.au

- The Celebration of the Passion of the Lord at **3:00pm, Good Friday**
- Mass at **10:30am, Easter Sunday**

Both liturgies will be broadcast commercial-free and in their entirety.

MASS IN TIME OF PANDEMIC

The Holy See has authorised new prayers for a *Mass in Time of Pandemic*. These prayers will now be used in the private Masses offered every day for Koroit and Port Fairy parishioners, except when prayers proper to the day take precedence.

Entrance Antiphon. *Truly the Lord has borne our infirmities, and he has carried our sorrows.* (Isaiah 53:4)

Collect (Opening Prayer). Almighty and eternal God, our refuge in every danger, to whom we turn in our distress; in faith we pray look with compassion on the afflicted, grant eternal rest to the dead, comfort to mourners, healing to the sick, peace to the dying, strength to healthcare workers, wisdom to our leaders and the courage to reach out to all in love, so that together we may give glory to your holy name. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

Prayer Over Offerings. Accept, O Lord, the gifts we offer in this time of peril. May they become for us, by your power, a source of healing and peace. Through Christ our Lord.

Communion Antiphon. *Come to me, all who labour and are burdened, and I will refresh you, says the Lord.* (Mt 11:28)

Prayer After Communion. O God, from whose hand we have received the medicine of eternal life, grant that through this sacrament we may glory in the fullness of heavenly healing. Through Christ our Lord.

Prayer Over People. O God, protector of all who hope in you, bless your people, keep them safe, defend them, prepare them, that, free from sin and safe from the enemy, they may persevere always in your love. Through Christ our Lord.

POPE GRANTS SPECIAL PLENARY INDULGENCE AMIDST PANDEMIC

Seeking to bring God's mercy and consolation to people everywhere during the coronavirus pandemic, Pope Francis has authorized the granting of a plenary indulgence under specific conditions to all the faithful who are victims of coronavirus, as well as to their relatives, health workers, and all who care for them, including those who simply pray for them.

The new guidelines explain how the faithful who are afflicted by COVID-19, including those on their death beds and unable to receive the Anointing of the Sick or those who are hospitalized or confined to their homes, can obtain the plenary indulgence. In their hearts they must detach themselves from all sin and unite themselves spiritually to the Mass via TV or Internet, recite the rosary or the Stations of the Cross, or simply recite the Apostles' Creed, the Lord's Prayer and say any prayer to Our Lady. In other words, by praying in some way or other.

Other members of the faithful can gain this plenary indulgence by praying before the Blessed Sacrament, making Eucharistic Adoration, or reading Sacred Scripture for a half an hour or more. They can also recite the Rosary or Chaplet of Divine Mercy, asking God to rid the world of the pandemic, to relieve its victims, and for the salvation of all those who have died. They should have the intention of going to confession and communion and praying for the pope's intentions once this is possible after the pandemic ends.

The pope has also reminded bishops and priests to tell the faithful that in situations where they cannot obtain sacramental absolution, they should seek to make an act of perfect contrition and entrust themselves to the mercy of God, and ask pardon, with the intention of going to confession when it becomes possible.

MEDITATION BY POPE FRANCIS

For weeks now it has been evening. Thick darkness has gathered over our squares, our streets and our cities; it has taken over our lives, filling everything with a deafening silence and a distressing void, that stops everything as it passes by. We feel it in the air, we notice it in people's gestures, their glances give them away. We find ourselves afraid and lost. We were caught off guard by an unexpected, turbulent storm. We have realized that we are on the same boat, all of us fragile and disoriented, but at the same time important and needed, all of us called to row together, each of us in need of comforting the other. On this boat... are all of us. Just like those disciples, who spoke anxiously with one voice, saying "We are drowning!" (Mk 4:38), so we too have realized that we cannot go on thinking of ourselves, but only together can we do this.

"Why are you afraid?" the Lord asks us. "Have you no faith?" Lord, your word strikes us — all of us. In this world, that you love more than we do, we have gone ahead at breakneck speed, feeling powerful and able to do anything. Greedy for profit, we let ourselves get caught up in things, and lured away by haste. We did not stop at your reproach, we were not shaken awake by wars or injustice across the world, nor did we listen to the cry of the poor or of our ailing planet. We carried on regardless, thinking we would stay healthy in a world that was sick. Now that we are in a stormy sea, we implore you: "Wake up, Lord!"

"Why are you afraid? Have you no faith?" Lord, you are calling on us to seize this time of trial as *a time of choosing*. It is not the time of your judgement, but of our judgement: a time to choose what matters and what passes away, a time to separate what is necessary from what is not. It is a time to get our lives back on track with regard to you, Lord, and to others.

We can look to so many exemplary companions for the journey, who, even

though fearful, have reacted by giving their lives. This is the force of the Spirit poured out and fashioned in courageous and generous self-denial. It is the life in the Spirit that can redeem, value and demonstrate how our lives are woven together and sustained by ordinary people — forgotten people — who do not appear in newspaper and magazine headlines, but who without any doubt are in these very days writing the decisive events of our time: doctors, nurses, supermarket employees, cleaners, caregivers, providers of transport, law and enforcement officers, volunteers, priests, religious, and so very many others. How many fathers, mothers, grandparents and teachers are showing our children, in small everyday gestures, how to face up to and navigate a crisis by adjusting their routines, lifting their gaze and fostering prayer? How many are praying, offering and interceding for the good of all? Prayer and quiet service: these are our victorious weapons.

The Lord awakens so as to reawaken and revive our Easter faith. We have an anchor: by his cross we have been saved. We have a rudder: by his cross we have been redeemed. We have a hope: by his cross we have been healed and embraced so that nothing and no one can separate us from his redeeming love.

Dear brothers and sisters, from this place that tells of Peter's rock-solid faith, I entrust all of you to the Lord, through the intercession of Mary, Health of the People and Star of the stormy Sea. From this colonnade that embraces Rome and the whole world, may God's blessing come down upon you as a consoling embrace. Lord, may you bless the world, give health to our bodies and comfort our hearts. You ask us not to be afraid. Yet our faith is weak and we are fearful. But you, Lord, will not leave us at the mercy of the storm. Tell us again: "*Do not be afraid!*" (Mt 28:5) And we, together with Peter, "cast all our anxieties onto you, for you care about us." (cf. 1 Pet 5:7)

CHRISM MASS RESCHEDULED (From the Bishop of Ballarat)

In our diocese, the Chrism Mass has a particularly strong communal element, drawing together people from all around the diocese. Not only does this gathering include a renewal of commitment to ministry by our priests. We also include a renewal of commitment to all the varied ministries that serve our diocesan community. So, it seems appropriate to postpone our Chrism Mass till later in the year when we might be free to have our usual diocesan-wide gathering.



I propose postponing the Chrism Mass to about six months time, when I would hope that restrictions because of the coronavirus will have been lifted. Following our usual custom of celebrating the Chrism Mass on a Monday evening, I propose that we celebrate the Chrism Mass this year at 6:30 pm on Monday, 21st September, the feast of St Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist.

God bless you all. – Bishop Paul.

PARISH CENSUS



Fr John C is gradually calling everyone listed in the parish census, just to stay connected. However, the census data is 5 years old, and some of the contact details are out of date.

If you have changed address or replaced your landline with a mobile phone number in recent years, please call or text Fr John on 0422 342 499, so that he can update the parish records. (If nothing else, updating the records gives him something to do!)

PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

We are all presently dispensed from the obligation to make an annual confession, which many people like to observe in Holy Week. Instead we're encouraged to make good use of examinations of conscience and frequent acts of contrition. Fr John C may respond to individual requests for the Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation, but he can't advertise confession times nor can he open the church for confessions.

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'S READINGS: Easter Sunday

First Reading. *Acts 10:34, 37-43.* "We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection."

Second Reading. *Colossians 3:1-4.* "Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is."

Gospel. *John 20:1-9.* "He must rise from the dead."

Or *Matthew 28:1-10.* "He has risen from the dead and now he is going before you into Galilee."

Or *Luke 24:13-35.* "They recognised him in the breaking of the bread."

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