



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 16th and Sunday 17th January, 2021

FIRST READING

1 Samuel 3:3-10,19

'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening'

Samuel was lying in the sanctuary of the Lord, where the ark of God was, when the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' He answered, 'Here I am.' Then he ran to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli said, 'I did not call. Go back and lie down.' So he went and lay down. Once again the Lord called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' He replied, 'I did not call you, my son; go back and lie down.' Samuel had as yet no knowledge of the Lord and the word of the Lord had not yet been revealed to him. Once again the Lord called, the third time. He got up and went to Eli and said, 'Here I am, since you called me.' Eli then understood that it was the Lord who was calling the boy, and he said to Samuel, 'Go and lie down, and if someone calls say, "Speak, Lord, your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

The Lord then came and stood by, calling as he had done before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' Samuel answered, 'Speak, Lord, your servant is listening.'

Samuel grew up and the Lord was with him and let no word of his fall to the ground.

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 39(40):2,4,7-10

R/. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

I waited, I waited for the Lord
and he stooped down to me; he heard my cry.
He put a new song into my mouth,
praise of our God.

R/. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

You do not ask for sacrifice and offerings,
but an open ear.
You do not ask for holocaust and victim.
Instead, here am I.

R/. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

In the scroll of the book it stands written
that I should do your will.

My God, I delight in your law
in the depth of my heart.

R/. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Your justice I have proclaimed
in the great assembly.

My lips I have not sealed;
you know it, O Lord.

R/. Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 6:13-15,17-20

Do not sin against your own body

The body is not meant for fornication: it is for the Lord, and the Lord for the body. God, who raised the Lord from the dead, will by his power raise us up too.

You know, surely, that your bodies are members making up the body of Christ; do you think I can take parts of Christ's body and join them to the body of a prostitute? Never! But anyone who is joined to the Lord is one spirit with him.

Keep away from fornication. All the other sins are committed outside the body; but to fornicate is to sin against your own body. Your body, you know, is the temple of the Holy Spirit, who is in you since you received him from God. You are not your own property; you have been bought and paid for. That is why you should use your body for the glory of God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 1:41,17

V/. Alleluia! R/. Alleluia!

*V/. We have found the Messiah: Jesus Christ,
who brings us truth and grace.*

R/. Alleluia

*'You are my Son, the Beloved;
my favour rests on you'*

As John stood with two of his disciples, Jesus passed, and John stared hard at him and said, 'Look, there is the lamb of God.' Hearing this, the two disciples followed Jesus. Jesus turned round, saw them following and said, 'What do you want?' They answered, 'Rabbi,' – which means Teacher – 'where do you live?' 'Come and see' he replied; so they went and saw where he lived, and stayed with him the rest of that day. It was about the tenth hour.

One of these two who became followers of Jesus after hearing what John had said was Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Early next morning, Andrew met his brother and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah' – which means the Christ – and he took Simon to Jesus. Jesus looked hard at him and said, 'You are Simon son of John; you are to be called Cephas' – meaning Rock.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We pray for **Judy Bowman, Tuddy Bowman, and Clare Ryan** who died recently, and **Maureen Schramm** whose anniversary occurs at this time. May they, and all the faithful departed, rest in peace.



CDF PAY

As long as COVID restrictions remain in place, we cannot "pass the plate." In fact, those days may be gone forever. So in addition to the "leaving collection" arrangement, 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

(Note there's no *www.* prefix)

LOUISE ON HOLIDAYS

Louise Dryburgh is presently enjoying a well-earned break. While she is away, kindly direct all enquiries to Leanne McElgunn. Leanne is in the office at St Joseph's from 9am to 1pm; and 1:30pm to 4pm, Monday to Friday. Phone 5562 2231.

To prepare for all situations there will be two workshops in February/March to form lay leaders of worship. It is hoped 2-4 parishioners from each of the new Ministry District's four parishes could be in attendance. For further information contact St Joseph's Parish Office.

OUR MINISTRY DISTRICT

The month of January is giving us time and space to discern what changes need to be made in the foreseeable future. With Fr Michael's retirement there will be one less Mass within the Ministry District. This means we will have six Masses among our four parishes plus the two Masses at OLHC and the regular Masses at Purnim and Allansford.

Fr Bill and Fr Michael will not be scheduled on the weekend Mass roster but they have expressed willingness to assist when needed. It's important we respect their retirement.

Parishes would now be familiar with the fact that if there is a funeral to be celebrated in a particular parish it replaces the weekday Mass (if one is scheduled).

We anticipate the changes will commence on the first weekend of February (Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th), with the new Mass times announced next weekend.

May God's blessing be upon us in our pastoral endeavours in this new year.

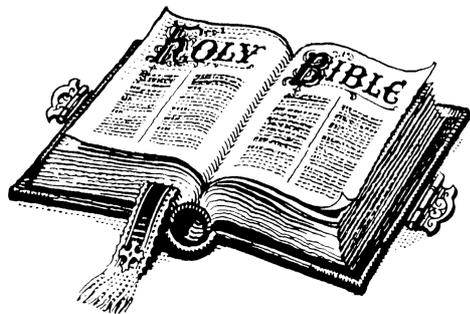
Fr John Fitzgerald & Fr John Corrigan

PARISH RESPONSIBILITIES

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has forwarded to parishes new forms which collect information relating to Professional Standards, Finances and Buildings. These forms are to be discussed with the Safeguarding Officer and the Finance Council of each parish.

It's important that every parish has individuals and committees which discuss and respond to these forms. Our Ministry District will flourish insofar as each individual parish takes responsibility for its respective faith communities. There is also a checklist for parish ministry. This form would be helpful to pastoral councils, liturgy groups, and sacramental teams.

Forms must be signed and returned to the bishop's office by Monday 15th February, 2021. Please forward queries to Leanne at St Joseph's Parish Office: 5562 2231.



Scripture Reflection

by Fr Francis Fernandez

SANCTIFYING 'ORDINARY TIME'

When we meditate on the life of Jesus, we realise that the greater part of his existence was spent in the obscurity of a village which was hardly known even in his own country. We understand how some of the neighbours said: *Go to Judaea, so that thy disciples also may see thy doings. Nobody is content to act in secret, if he wishes to make himself known at large.* (Jn 7:3-4) The value of Our Lord's actions was always infinite and he gave the same glory to his Father when he was sawing wood as when he was raising a dead man, and when the crowds were following him, praising God.

Many events had taken place in the world during those 30 years which Jesus spent in Nazareth. The peace of Augustus had come to an end and the Roman legions were preparing to resist the onslaught of the barbarians. In Judaea, Archelaus had been sent into exile for his innumerable crimes. In Rome, the Senate had declared Octavian Augustus to be a god ... but God was then actually in a little village, some ninety miles from Jerusalem. He lived in an ordinary house, probably made of sun dried bricks like the rest, with his mother, Mary, because Joseph must have died by this time. What did God do in that place? He worked, like all the other men in the village. He was no different from them in anything striking, because he was also one of them. He was Perfect God and Perfect Man. We cannot forget that the temporal existence of the Son of God consisted of his hidden life as well as his apostolic life.

When Jesus returns later to Nazareth, his fellow countrymen are amazed at his

wisdom and the wonders reported of him. They know him because of his job, and because he is the son of Mary. *What is the meaning of this wisdom that has been given him ...? Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary ...?* (Mark 6:2 3.) St Matthew tells us elsewhere what they thought of Christ in his village: *Is not this the carpenter's son, whose mother is called Mary ...?* (Matt 13:55) They have seen him work every day, for many years. That is why they emphasise his job. We also see from Our Lord's preaching that he knows the world of work very well. He knows it as someone who has experienced it at first hand, and so he uses many examples of people working.

In those years of his hidden life at Nazareth Jesus is teaching us the value of ordinary life as a means of holiness. The ordinary life of a man among his fellows is not something dull and uninteresting. It is there that the Lord wants the vast majority of his children to achieve sanctity.

Our days can be sanctified if they are like those of Jesus in those years of his hidden, simple life in Nazareth: if we work conscientiously, and remain in God's presence while working; if we live charity with those around us; if we accept contradictions without complaining; if our professional and social relations are a way of helping others and bringing them close to God.

We look at Our Lord's work at the same time as we examine our own. And we ask him:

"Lord, give us your grace. Open the door to the workshop at Nazareth so that we may learn to contemplate you, together with your holy Mother Mary, and the holy Patriarch Joseph ..., the three of you dedicated to a life of work made holy. Then, Lord, our poor hearts will be enkindled, we shall seek you and find you in our daily work, which you want us to convert into a work of God, a labour of love." (St J. Escrivá, *Friends of God*, 72.)



THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

St Joseph is for us an example of many virtues: of intelligent and rapid obedience, of faith, of hope, of hard work ... And also of fortitude, both in the midst of difficulties and in the ordinary situations in which a good father of a family finds himself. In Egypt he began as best he could, suffering hardships, applying for every kind of job, finding a home for Mary and Jesus, and supporting them as always by the work of his hands, with his unceasing hard work.

Whenever we suffer contradictions, if Our Lord permits them, we should look at St Joseph, filled with fortitude, and put ourselves in his care, as many saints have done. St Teresa of Avilá says of his powerful intercession: *I never remember having entrusted anything to him which he has failed to do. I am amazed by the great favours God has given me through this blessed Saint, the dangers from which he has freed me, both of body and soul. I know from experience that this glorious Saint helps in every necessity.* (St Teresa of Avila, *Life*, 6.)

Pope Francis' Prayer to St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.
To you God entrusted his only Son;
in you Mary placed her trust;
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,
show yourself a father
and guide us in the path of life.
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

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WEEKDAY MASS TIMES

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

Monday 18th: 10am, St Pius X

Tuesday 19th: 9:30am, Our Lady's
10am, St Patrick's

Wednesday 20th: 9:30am, Our Lady's

Thursday 21st: 9:30am, Our Lady's
10:30am, Mercy Place
(Restricted to residents)

Friday 22nd: 9:30am, Our Lady's
10am, Infant Jesus

Saturday 23rd: 9:30am, Our Lady's

CONFESSION TIMES

Mon, Tue, Wed, Fri: 5pm–6pm, St Pius X

Friday: 10am, Our Lady's

COVID-SAFE PROTOCOLS

- Masks are again mandated.
- Stoups are empty of holy water.
- We are obliged to record first name and a phone number of attendees.
- We won't 'pass the plate,' so please leave offerings in baskets at the doors.
- Restricted singing.
- No sign of peace.
- No communion from the chalice.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
(Divine Word Sunday)**

FIRST READING. *Jonah 3:1-5,10.* The people of Nineveh renounce their evil behaviour.

SECOND READING. *1 Cor 7:29-31.* The world as we know it is passing away.

GOSPEL. *Mark 1:14-20.* I will make you into fishers of men.

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