



SIXTH SUNDAY OF ST JOSEPH

His sorrow when he was exiled from home; his joy when the angel tells him to repatriate.

Collect: O glorious St Joseph, you marveled to see the King of heaven obedient to your commands. Your consolation in bringing Jesus out of the land of Egypt was troubled by your fear of King Archelaus. Nevertheless, being assured by an angel, you lived in gladness at Nazareth with Jesus and Mary. By this sorrow and this joy, pray that our hearts may be delivered from harmful fears, so that we may rejoice in peace of conscience and may live with Jesus and Mary, and, like you, may die in their company.

Litany of St Joseph: Lord, have mercy: *Christ have mercy.* Lord, have mercy, 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. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.



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St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy
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Third Sunday in Lent

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th March, 2021

FIRST READING

Exodus 20:1-3,7-8,12-17

The Law given at Sinai

God spoke all these words. He said, 'I am the Lord your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

'You shall have no gods except me.

'You shall not utter the name of the Lord your God to misuse it, for the Lord will not leave unpunished the man who utters his name to misuse it.

'Honour your father and your mother so that you may have a long life in the land that the Lord your God has given to you.

'You shall not kill.

'You shall not commit adultery.

'You shall not steal.

'You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

'You shall not covet your neighbour's house. You shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or his servant, man or woman, or his ox, or his donkey, or anything that is his.'

RESPONSORIAL

Psalms 18(19):8-11

R/. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The law of the Lord is perfect, it revives the soul.

The rule of the Lord is to be trusted, it gives wisdom to the simple.

R/. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart.

The command of the Lord is clear, it gives light to the eyes.

R/. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding for ever. The decrees of the Lord are truth and all of them just.

R/. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

They are more to be desired than gold, than the purest of gold and sweeter are they than honey, than honey from the comb.

R/. Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 1:22-25

The crucified Christ, the power and wisdom of God

While the Jews demand miracles and the Greeks look for wisdom, here are we preaching a crucified Christ; to the Jews an obstacle that they cannot get over, to the pagans madness, but to those who have been called, whether they are Jews or Greeks, a Christ who is the power and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 3:16

V/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

V/. God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES 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

R/. Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ, king of endless glory!

GOSPEL

John 2:13-25

Destroy this sanctuary and in three days I will raise it up

Just before the Jewish Passover Jesus went up to Jerusalem, and in the Temple he found people selling cattle and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting at their counters there. Making a whip out of some cord, he drove them all out of the Temple, cattle and sheep as well, scattered the money-changers' coins, knocked their tables over and said to the pigeon-sellers, 'Take all this out of here and stop turning my Father's house into a market.' Then his disciples remembered the words of scripture: Zeal for

your house will devour me. The Jews intervened and said, 'What sign can you show us to justify what you have done?' Jesus answered, 'Destroy this sanctuary, and in three days I will raise it up.' The Jews replied, 'It has taken forty-six years to build this sanctuary: are you going to raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the sanctuary that was his body, and when Jesus rose from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the words he had said.

During his stay in Jerusalem for the Passover many believed in his name when they saw the signs that he gave, but Jesus knew them all and did not trust himself to them; he never needed evidence about any man; he could tell what a man had in him.



REFLECTION ON THE READINGS:
EMBRACING THE CROSS

Fr Francis Fernandez

To be a disciple of Our Lord one needs to follow his measured words of advice: *If any man would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross and follow me.* (Matt 16:24) It is not possible to follow Our Lord without the Cross. Jesus' words are relevant in all ages, since they are directed to each and every person, for *he who does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple.* (Luke 14:27) To take up the cross – the acceptance of sorrow and of the contradictions God permits for our purification, the costly fulfilment of our duties, Christian mortification voluntarily accepted – is the indispensable condition for following the Master.

"What would become of a Gospel, of a Christianity, without the Cross, without pain, without the sacrifice of pain?" asked Pope St Paul VI. *"It would be a Gospel, a Christianity, without Redemption, with no Salvation; a Redemption and Salvation of which – and we ought to recognise it here with unmitigated sincerity – we stand in absolute need. The Lord has saved us with the Cross; with his death. He has given us hope again, the right to life.* (St Paul VI, *Address*, 24 March 1967.)

It would be a valueless Christianity which would not be of use in our reaching Heaven, *"for the world cannot be saved except with the Cross of Christ."* (St Leo the Great, *Sermon* 51.)

United to the Lord, voluntary mortification and passive mortification acquire their deepest meaning. They are not directed primarily to one's own perfection, nor are they a way of patiently bearing the contradictions of this life. They are a participation in the mystery of the Redemption.

Mortification can appear to some to be a sign of madness or of stupidity, some kind of relic left over from earlier epochs which no longer fits in with or is inappropriate to the progress and cultural development of our day. It could also be a sign of contradiction or of scandal for those who have forgotten about God. But none of this should cause us surprise. As we see in today's Second Reading, the cross has always been *a stumbling block to the Jews and folly to the Gentiles.* And in the very measure in which Christians lose sight of the supernatural meaning to their lives, they fail to understand that we can only follow Christ through a life of sacrifice: *juxta crucem* – beside the Cross. *"If you don't deny yourself, you never will be a soul of prayer."* (St. Josemaría Escrivá, *The Way*, 172.) And St Teresa of Ávila adds: *"To suppose that He would admit to his close friendship pleasure-loving people who want to be free from all trials is ridiculous."* (St Teresa, *The Way of Perfection*, 18,2.)

Although the very Apostles themselves, who followed Christ when He was acclaimed by the multitudes, loved him deeply and were ready to lay down their lives for him, they did not follow him to Calvary – for, not having as yet received the Holy Spirit, they were weak. There is a big difference between following Christ when this does not require a great deal from us, and identifying ourselves totally with him through a life of sacrifice.

Through mortification we raise ourselves up to the Lord; without it we remain at ground level. With voluntary sacrifice, with sorrow offered and borne patiently and with love, we unite ourselves firmly to the Lord. It is *"as though he were to say: All you who go about tormented, afflicted, and weighed down by your cares and appetites, think nothing of them. Come to me and I will refresh you; and you will find a rest for your souls that your preoccupation with your troubles takes away from you."* (St John of the Cross, *The Ascent of Mount Carmel*, I, 7, 4.)

WEEKDAY MASSES IN OUR REGION	
Monday 8 th	10:00am, St Pius X
Tuesday 9 th	9:30am, Our Lady's
Wednesday 10 th	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, Infant Jesus
Thursday 11 th * Residents only	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, St Patrick's 11:00am, Mercy Place*
Friday 12 th	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, St Joseph's
Saturday 13 th	9:30am, Our Lady's

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION	
Monday 8 th	5:00pm–6:00pm, St Pius X
Wednesday 10 th	5:00pm–6:00pm, St Pius X
Thursday 11 th	5:00pm–6:00pm, St Pius X
Friday 12 th	10:00am, Our Lady's 10:30am, St Joseph's 5:00pm–6:00pm, St Pius X

Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil: Anyone willing to volunteer their services at this year's Easter Triduum is invited to record their name on the sign up sheet in the foyer.

Anointing Mass. 2pm, Friday 26th March. Infant Jesus Church, Koroit.

Recent Deaths: Joan Fluck, Kay McNeill.
Anniversaries: Herman Bakker, Jack Budd, Minnira Dodson, Kath & Reg Gall, Patricia Gleeson, Gloria McMahon, Kevin Mugavin, Bill Noyes, Elizabeth & John Winnen.

Vinnies. Thank you to everyone who donated to last year's Christmas Tree Appeal. The St Vincent de Paul Society Conference of Koroit and Port Fairy collected \$875 which helped local families make Christmas special.

