



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



Pentecost Sunday

Saturday 30th May and Sunday 31st May, 2020

FROM BISHOP PAUL

“From Monday (1st June), Victorian government restrictions on gatherings will be eased somewhat. The change will apply to the numbers of people permitted to gather at places of worship and the numbers permitted at ceremonies.

“Places of worship can open for private worship, subject to the four square metre rule. Fifty people can attend a funeral.

“In all cases, the following requirements will still apply:

- Distancing of at least 1.5 m between attendees
- Signage at the church door specifying maximum number permitted at any time, allowing 4 square metres/person
- A register of attendees, including name, phone number, date & time of attendance
- A reasonable time between events to allow for cleaning between each service
- Cleaning with disinfectant of frequently touched surfaces.”

LOCAL APPLICATION

To ensure that we can uphold all of these requirements, we will proceed very slowly.

We are aware that there will be many desiring to join in the celebration of the Eucharist, far more than can be accommodated.

It's still a few weeks away before we are ready to celebrate Sunday Masses.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



We commend to the Lord's mercy *David McCluskey*, who died recently, and *Bernard Vaughan* 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



BISHOP BRIAN FINNIGAN'S GOLDEN JUBILEE

Friends will be interested to know that Bishop Brian Finnigan recently celebrated his Golden Jubilee. It was fifty years ago, on 23rd May 1970 at St Patrick's Church in Port Fairy, that he was ordained a priest.

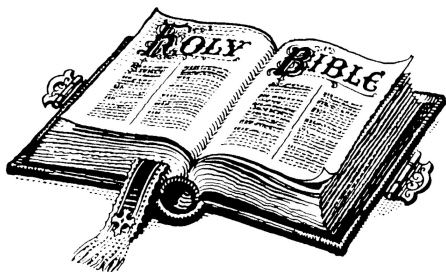
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NEW DIRECTOR OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION OF VICTORIA

Fr Justin Driscoll has been appointed by the Members of the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria Limited (that is, the four Victorian bishops) as a Director of CECV, replacing Fr Peter Slater VC (Sale Diocese). Fr Justin's extensive experience as a diocesan priest, a school governing authority and former member of CECV's Review Body Committee have prepared him very well to be a company director and the CECV Board will be greatly enhanced by his wealth of wisdom and experience.



Reflection on this Sunday's readings

by Fr Francis Fernandez

COMING OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Pentecost was one of the three great Jewish feasts. Many Israelites used to go as pilgrims to Jerusalem during these days, to adore God in the Temple. The feast originated from a very ancient thanksgiving celebration, in gratitude to God for the yearly harvest about to be reaped. Later, another motive was added to this day's celebration with the remembrance of the promulgation of the Law given by God on Mount Sinai. This was celebrated fifty days after the Pasch. So the material harvest which the Jews celebrated with such joy became a feast of immense rejoicing, by God's design, in the New Dispensation: the coming of the Holy Spirit with all his gifts and fruits.

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind, and it filled all the house where they were sitting. The Holy Spirit shows himself in those elements which usually accompanied the presence of God in the Old Testament: wind and fire.

Fire appears in Sacred Scripture as love which penetrates all things and as a purifying element. These are images which help us to understand better the action which the Holy Spirit carries out in souls: *Ure igne Sancti Spiritus renes nostros et cor nostrum, Domine*: Lord, with the fire of the Holy Spirit, purify our inmost being and our heart.

Fire also produces light and signifies

the new brightness which the Holy Spirit sheds on the doctrine of Jesus Christ: *When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth ... He will glorify me, for He will take what is mine and declare it to you.* On this occasion Jesus had already forewarned his disciples: *The Counsellor, the Holy Spirit ... will teach you all things, and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you.* It is the Holy Spirit who leads us to a full understanding of the truth taught by Christ, who *completed and perfected Revelation and confirmed it by divine guarantees ... finally by sending the Spirit of truth.* [Vatican II, *Dei verbum*, §4.]

In the Old Testament the action of the Holy Spirit is often intimated by the word "breath." This expresses both the gentleness and the strength of divine love. There is nothing subtler than the wind, which manages to penetrate everywhere, even to reach inanimate bodies and give them a life of their own. The rushing wind of the day of Pentecost expresses the new force with which divine love invades the Church and souls.

When St Peter sees the multitudes of people gathered near the Cenacle, he convinces them that this is the fulfilment of what had been foretold already by the Prophets. *And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh.* Those who receive the outpouring of the Spirit are no longer a privileged few, like the companions of Moses or the prophets. No, these are all humankind, in the measure in which they receive Christ. The action of the Holy Spirit was to produce, in the disciples and those who heard them, such an admiration that they were all enraptured, full of love and joy.

Dancing at the Vatican **Australian film premiere**

In May 2017, Pope Francis recognised the devastating plight of those living with and affected by Huntington's disease.

Dancing at the Vatican tells the story of a seemingly impossible, cross-continental journey made by courageous families bound by the same devastating disease. Australia will host online screenings on 12th June and 14th August. Tickets (\$20 per household) can be purchased at tinyurl.com/dancingatthevaticanaustralia.

Heart to Heart e-Seminars

Archbishop Chris Prowse, Archbishop of the Canberra-Goulburn Diocese, is presenting these 30 minute e-seminars over four weeks, leading you into a deeper relationship with Christ during this time of isolation. Visit:

www.catholicvoice.org.au/hearttoheart/

Vincent Pallotti Scholarship Trust

Scholarships are offered to enable lay people to further their understanding and skills in leadership/ministry or a specialised activity, such as promoting faith enhancement, social justice and pastoral care. More information and application forms are available at <http://tiny.cc/pallottine>. Applications close on 31st July, 2020.

Please pray for our new bishops

Archdiocese of Adelaide: On Monday 25th May, Bishop Patrick O'Regan, previously Bishop of Sale in eastern Victoria, was installed as ninth Archbishop of Adelaide.

Bishop of Wagga: On Wednesday 26th May, Pope Francis appointed Bishop Mark Edwards OMI, presently Auxiliary Bishop in Melbourne, sixth Bishop of Wagga Wagga. A date for Bishop Edwards' installation is yet to be decided.

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: THE MOST HOLY TRINITY

First Reading. *Exodus 34:4-6, 8-9.* "Lord, Lord, a God of tenderness and compassion."

Second Reading. *2 Corinthians 13:11-13.* The grace of Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit.

Gospel. *John 3:16-18.* God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved.

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