



## MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit



# Corpus Christi

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> June and Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

## FROM BISHOP PAUL

“From Monday (1<sup>st</sup> 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

The parishes of East Warrnambool, West Warrnambool, Port Fairy and Koroit will eventually open on the same weekend. To ensure that we can uphold all of these requirements, we will proceed very slowly. 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 *Sr Margaret Lanigan sgs*, *Irene Harrington*, and *Johanna Smith* who died recently. May they rest in God's peace.

## 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](http://www.mfyah.com)

**Sunday Mass from St Joseph's, Warrnambool** can be viewed at: [www.tiny.cc/joe32](http://www.tiny.cc/joe32)

## RESPONSORIAL PSALM

### *Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*

O praise the Lord, Jerusalem!

Zion, praise your God!

He has strengthened the bars of your gates

he has blessed the children within you.

### *Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*

He established peace on your borders,

he feeds you with finest wheat.

He sends out his word to the earth

and swiftly runs his command.

### *Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*

He makes his word known to Jacob,

to Israel his laws and decrees.

He has not dealt thus with other nations;

he has not taught them his decrees.

### *Praise the Lord, Jerusalem.*

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## SOLEMNITY OF THE BODY AND BLOOD OF CHRIST

This Solemnity goes back to the thirteenth century. It was first established in the diocese of Liège, and Pope Urban IV instituted it in 1264 for the whole Church. The meaning of this feast is the consideration of and devotion to the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist. The centre of the feast was to be, as Pope Urban IV described it, a popular devotion reflected in hymns and joy. In the same year St Thomas Aquinas, at the Pope's request, composed for this day two Offices which have nourished the piety of many Christians throughout the centuries.

In many different places the procession with the Monstrance through specially bedecked streets gives testimony of the Christian people's faith and love for Christ, who once again passes through our cities and towns. The procession began in the same way as the feast itself.

In places where the Solemnity of the Most Holy Body and Blood is not observed as a holyday of obligation, it is kept on the Sunday after the Most Holy Trinity as its proper day.

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## PLENARY COUNCIL UPDATE

The list of delegates to the Plenary Council has been announced, a total of 267 delegates from all around Australia. The Diocese of Ballarat has four delegates: Bishop Paul Bird, Fr Kevin Maloney (Vicar General), Felicity Knobel (Ballarat Cathedral parish) and Marie Shaddock (Ouyen parish).

Fr Kevin Lenehan in his role as master of Catholic Theological College in Melbourne and Mons Glynn Murphy as the Military Ordinariate have also been included as delegates from our Diocese.

Information on the delegates can be found on the diocesan website. Six Plenary Council Discernment Groups, one each for the six national themes for discernment that emerged from the Council's Listening & Dialogue phase, were tasked with writing papers to bring some major themes and issues into focus. The papers were released on Pentecost Sunday and are available to read at the Plenary Council website:

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/continuing-the-journey-of-discernment/)

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### Reflection on this Sunday's readings

by Fr Francis Fernandez

### LOVE AND VENERATION FOR JESUS IN THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Today we celebrate this great Solemnity in honour of the mystery of the Holy Eucharist. On this day the liturgy itself and popular piety, which have spared no efforts in their search for

inventiveness and beauty, come together to sing to the Love of loves. For this day Saint Thomas Aquinas composed those very beautiful texts of the Mass and of the Divine Office. Today we must give many thanks to God for having remained amongst us, make atonement to him and express to him our joy at having him so close to us: *Adoro te devote, latens Deitas ... O Godhead hid, devoutly I adore thee*, we will repeat to him many times this day from the very depths of our hearts.

When we visit the Blessed Sacrament we will be able to say slowly to Our Lord, with love: *Plagas, sicut Thomas, non intueor ...*

*I do not see your wounds as Thomas saw them,  
but I confess that you are my God.  
Make me believe thee ever more and more,  
In thee my hope, in thee my love to store.*

“It was faith in the real presence of Christ in the Holy Eucharist that led to devotion to Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament outside of Mass as well. In the first centuries of the Church the Sacred Species were reserved so that Communion could be taken to the sick and to those who were in prison awaiting martyrdom because they had confessed their faith. As time went by, the faith and love of believers caused them to make both public and private devotion to the Holy Eucharist far richer. Their faith led them to treat the Body of Christ with the greatest possible reverence and this also led to greater public devotion. We can find many testimonies in the most ancient documents of the Church to the veneration by the early Christians which later was to make way for the feast we celebrate today.

“Our Lord and our God is in the Tabernacle. Christ is in the Tabernacle, and it is there that we must show him our adoration and our love. This veneration

for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament is expressed in many ways – Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, processions, prayer before Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament, genuflections that are real acts of faith and of adoration ... Amongst these devotions and various forms of worship, particularly worthy of mention is the solemnity of Corpus Christi as a public act by which the Church seeks to pay homage to Christ present in the Eucharist ... The Church and the world have great need of eucharistic devotions. Jesus is waiting for us in this sacrament of Love. Let us not be sparing in the time we spend going to meet him in adoration, in contemplation filled with faith, and let us be prepared to make reparation for the many grave faults and offences committed against him in the world. May our adoration never cease. Today especially has to be filled with acts of faith and of love for Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

“If we take part in the day’s procession, accompanying Jesus, we will be like those simple people who joyfully followed the Master during the days of his life on earth, and who with great naturalness told him of all their needs and about the sufferings they endured. We too will experience the happiness and the joy of being with him. If we see him pass through our streets exposed in the Monstrance, we will tell him from the depths of our hearts how much He means to us ... *Adore him reverently and devoutly; renew in his presence the sincere offerings of your love. Don’t be afraid to tell him that you love him. Thank him for giving you this daily proof of his tender mercy, and encourage yourself to go to Communion in a spirit of trust. I am awed by this mystery of Love. Here is the Lord seeking to use my heart as a throne, committed never to leave me, provided I don’t run away.* Jesus is happier on this throne of my heart than in the most magnificent Monstrance.

## Lay Pastoral Ministry Program – Registrations now open

Low-cost online study and formation for lay workers in parish and other ministries; employed or volunteers. Sacraments, Scripture, Youth Ministry, Liturgy, Leadership and more. The next cycle begins July 12. Study is 5 weeks. Registrations open now until July 8. More information at [www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au) or email [kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au](mailto:kim.butler@ballarat.catholic.org.au) or ph. 0407 523 424.

### Diocese of Ballarat Catholic Education Limited (DOBCEL)

A new DOBCEL video has been launched introducing Board directors and outlining the functions and responsibilities of the DOBCEL Board. View the video at the DOBCEL website <https://www.dobcel.org.au/introducing-dobcel/>



### Australia's youngest bishop

Australia has a new bishop, following the ordination of Bishop Mykola Bychok CSsR as the third Eparch of Sts Peter and Paul in Melbourne for Ukrainian Catholics in Australia and New Zealand. At age 40, Bishop Bychok is now Australia's youngest bishop.

“To be the youngest member of the Australian Catholic Bishops Conference it is an honour and a responsibility,” Bishop Bychok said. “The Apostle Paul writes to Timothy, a first bishop of Ephesus: ‘Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity. Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching.’ I want to follow this recommendation of St Paul.

#### 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: **12th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**First Reading.** *Jeremiah 20:10-13.* He has delivered the soul of the needy from the hands of evil men.

**Second Reading.** *Romans 5:12-15.* The gift considerably outweighed the fall.

**Gospel.** *Matthew 10:26-33.* Do not be afraid of those who kill the body.

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