



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy
Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit

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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 1st August and Sunday 2nd August, 2020

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1-3

Come and eat.

Thus says the Lord: Oh, come to the water all you who are thirsty; though you have no money, come! Buy corn without money, and eat, and, at no cost, wine and milk. Why spend money on what is not bread, your wages on what fails to satisfy? Listen, listen to me, and you will have good things to eat and rich food to enjoy. Pay attention, come to me; listen, and your soul will live. With you I will make an everlasting covenant out of the favours promised to David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM Ps 144(145)

*R/. The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.*

The Lord is kind and full of compassion,
slow to anger, abounding in love.
How good is the Lord to all,
compassionate to all his creatures.

*R/. The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.*

The eyes of all creatures look to you
and you give them their food in due time.
You open wide your hand,
grant the desires of all who live.

*R/. The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.*

The Lord is just in all his ways
and loving in all his deeds.
He is close to all who call him,
who call on him from their hearts.

*R/. The hand of the Lord feeds us;
he answers all our needs.*

SECOND READING Romans 8:35,37-39

*No created thing can ever come between us
and the love of God made visible in Christ.*

Nothing can come between us and the love of Christ, even if we are troubled or worried, or being persecuted, or lacking food or clothes, or being threatened or even attacked. These are the trials through which we triumph, by the power of him who loved us.

For I am certain of this: neither death nor life, no angel, no prince, nothing that exists, nothing still to come, not any power, or height or depth, nor any created thing, can ever come between us and the love of God made visible in Christ Jesus our Lord.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

V/. Alleluia! R/. Alleluia!

V/. No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

R/. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21

The feeding of the five thousand.

When Jesus received the news of John the Baptist's death he withdrew by boat to a lonely place where they could be by themselves. But the people heard of this

and, leaving the towns, went after him on foot. So as he stepped ashore he saw a large crowd; and he took pity on them and healed their sick.

When evening came, the disciples went to him and said, 'This is a lonely place, and the time has slipped by; so send the people away, and they can go to the villages to buy themselves some food.' Jesus replied, 'There is no need for them to go: give them something to eat yourselves.' But they answered 'All we have with us is five loaves and two fish.' 'Bring them here to me' he said. He gave orders that the people were to sit down on the grass; then he took the five loaves and the two fish, raised his eyes to heaven and said the blessing. And breaking the loaves handed them to his disciples who gave them to the crowds. They all ate as much as they wanted, and they collected the scraps remaining; twelve baskets full. Those who ate numbered about five thousand men, to say nothing of women and children.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We commend to the Lord's mercy ***Kathleen Gleeson*** and ***Daniel Gleeson*** who died recently. May they rest in God's peace.



DIAL-IN ROSARY



Government lockdown has again closed our churches. However, gathering together for prayer is more important than ever. You're invited to join our *Dial-in Rosary* held at 12pm each day.

Visit: www.moynecatholic.org.au

Or phone: **7018 2005** (cost of local call)

Meeting ID: **784 9422 9821**

There is no participant ID. (When prompted for one, just press #)

Passcode: **123 456**



OLGA LYONS APPOINTED AS NEW PRINCIPAL OF ST PATRICK'S, PORT FAIRY

Bishop Paul Bird has ratified Fr John Fitzgerald's appointment of **Olga Lyons** as the Principal of St Patrick's Primary school, Port Fairy, commencing at the beginning of the 2021 school year.

Olga will be known to many of you as a Port Fairy resident and parishioner. She has been Principal of All Saints Primary School Portland since 2014, where she has made very valuable contributions in strengthening the connections between school, parish and wider community. Olga has had extensive impact on developing leaders within the staff and has formed a highly professional team of educators.

Previously, Olga has taught a range of year levels, Reading Recovery and Library. She has held various leadership roles including Literacy Leader, Learning Diversity Leader and Curriculum Leader. Olga also spent 10 years as a Literacy & Curriculum Education Officer for the Catholic Education Office.

Olga's qualifications include a Diploma of teaching (ACU Ballarat), a Graduate Diploma of Applied Science in Teacher Librarianship (Edith Cowan University), and a Masters of Educational Leadership (ACU Melbourne).

Congratulations to Olga on her appointment. Let's pray every blessing upon her as she makes the transition to leadership in our own parish community.



TONY HERBERT AND LOUISE DRYBURGH APPOINTED TO PARISH ADMINISTRATION TEAM

Tony Herbert has been appointed the new Business Manager for St Joseph's Parish following Barry Wolff's retirement. This is a part-time position which will extend in 2021 to the new Ministry District also incorporating the parishes of Warrnambool West, Koroit and Port Fairy.

Louise Dryburgh has been appointed Assistant Business Manager. Louise already works in this role at West Warrnambool, Koroit, and Port Fairy. Louise has relocated her office to St Joseph's, Warrnambool. Provisions will be made at the Port Fairy church so that items and messages which were previously left with Louise may be left securely at the church for later collection.

YAMBUK AND ORFORD CHURCHES

The contracts for sale of both churches have been signed with settlement to take place at a later date: for Yambuk – mid-September; for Orford – late August. Yambuk sold for \$333,000 (incl GST) and Orford sold for \$165,000 (incl GST). It's been a positive result for all.

A commemorative plaque fixed to the Orford church has been removed by the parish, and will be reinstated at an appropriate place in due time.

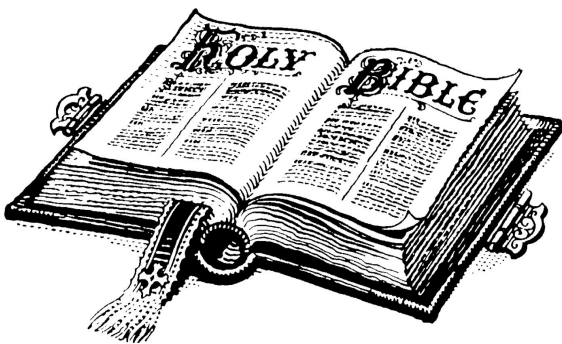
PLANNED GIVING

Anyone wishing to continue with their planned giving or Presbytery contribution can pay by direct deposit into the corresponding account. **Please put as your reference your full name and your envelope number.**

St Patrick's Parish – Planned Giving
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Infant Jesus Parish – Planned Giving
BSB: **633 000** Account: **163 466 881**

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BSB: **633 000** Account: **163 466 899**



Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel

by Fr Francis Fernandez

THE LOAVES AND THE FISH PREFIGURE THE EUCHARIST

In the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes, Christ uses the same words and behaviour as he later employs for the institution of the Eucharist. This miracle is not only a

demonstration of divine mercy; it is also a prefiguring of the Holy Eucharist, which the Lord explains in the synagogue of Capharnaum. This is the interpretation given by many Fathers of the Church.

The liturgy of the Mass recalls the gesture of the Lord when He lifted his eyes up to heaven. The words of the Roman Canon are as follows: *Et elevatis oculis in caelum, ad Te Deum Patrem suum omnipotentem* [and looking up to heaven, to you, his almighty Father]. We remember that miracle as we prepare for an even greater miracle, that being the changing of bread into his Body, which is to be offered as spiritual food for all humanity.

The miracle by the lakeside showed to everyone the power and love of Jesus. That power and love are what allow us to find the Body of Christ under the sacramental species. Down through the centuries it is the Eucharist that can feed the multitude of the faithful. As St Thomas Aquinas put it in the sequence which he composed for the Mass of 'Corpus Christi', *Sumit unus, sumunt mille*: Whether one receives or a thousand do, each receives the same as the other, He cannot be exhausted. This is how the miracle acquires significance, without losing any of its reality. It is wondrous in itself, but it ends up being even more wonderful than expected. It evokes the image of the Good Shepherd who feeds his sheep. It can be seen as a foreshadowing of the new order. Enormous multitudes will come to join in the eucharistic feast, where they will be fed in a miraculous way with an incredibly superior food.

The crowds that seek out our Lord are evidence of the strong impression his Person makes on people. Many go so far as to follow Jesus into the desert itself, quite a way from the main roads and towns. They travel without provisions. They don't want to lose any time in their

haste to get a glimpse of the Lord. This is a good example for us whenever we face some difficulty in receiving Communion or visiting the Blessed Sacrament. To have an encounter with the Master is worth any sacrifice.

St John reports in his Gospel that the multitude grew very excited as a result of the miracle. If all those people became so enthusiastic and were ready to acclaim him over a piece of bread, even granting that the multiplication of loaves was a very great miracle, shouldn't we be doing much more for all the many gifts the Lord has granted us, and especially for giving us his very self unreservedly in the Eucharist?

In Holy Communion we receive Jesus, the Son of Mary, the One who performed that great miracle many years ago. In the Host we possess the Christ of all the mysteries of Redemption – the Christ of Mary Magdalene, of the Prodigal Son, of the Samaritan woman, the Christ resurrected from the dead, seated at the right hand of the Father ... The marvellous presence of Christ in our midst should completely transform our life. He is here with us – in every city, in every town. He waits for us. And he misses us when we are tardy in coming!

<p style="text-align: center;">WE ARE A CHILD SAFE PARISH</p> <p>Our Child Safe Policies can be read at our church entrances and on our websites. Our safe-guarding officer is Peter Sanderson.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">NEXT SUNDAY 2nd AUGUST 2020: 19th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME</p> <p>First Reading. <i>1 Kings 19:9,11-13.</i> The Lord was not in the wind, or the earthquake, or the fire.</p> <p>Second Reading. <i>Rom 9:1-15.</i> I would willingly be condemned if it could help my brothers.</p> <p>Gospel. <i>Mt 14:22-33.</i> Jesus walks on the water.</p>
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