



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

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Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 8th August and Sunday 9th August, 2020

FIRST READING 1 Kings 19:9,11-13

*The Lord was not in the wind,
or the earthquake, or the fire.*

When Elijah reached Horeb, the mountain of God, he went into the cave and spent the night in it. Then he was told, 'Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord.' Then the Lord himself went by. There came a mighty wind, so strong it tore the mountains and shattered the rocks before the Lord. But the Lord was not in the wind. After the wind came an earthquake. But the Lord was not in the earthquake. After the earthquake came a fire. But the Lord was not in the fire. And after the fire there came the sound of a gentle breeze. When Elijah heard this, he covered his face with his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave.

RESPONSORIAL Psalm 84(85):9-14

*R/. Lord, show us your mercy and
love, and grant us your salvation.*

I will hear what the Lord God has to say,
a voice that speaks of peace.

His help is near for those who fear him
and his glory will dwell in our land.

*R/. Lord, show us your mercy and
love, and grant us your salvation.*

Mercy and faithfulness have met;
justice and peace have embraced.
Faithfulness shall spring from the earth
and justice look down from heaven.

*R/. Lord, show us your mercy and
love, and grant us your salvation.*

The Lord will make us prosper
and our earth shall yield its fruit.
Justice shall march before him
and peace shall follow his steps.

*R/. Lord, show us your mercy and
love, and grant us your salvation.*

SECOND READING Romans 9:1-5

*I would willingly be condemned
if it could help my brothers.*

What I want to say now is no pretence; I say it in union with Christ – it is the truth – my conscience in union with the Holy Spirit assures me of it too. What I want to say is this: my sorrow is so great, my mental anguish so endless, I would willingly be condemned and be cut off from Christ if it could help my brothers of Israel, my own flesh and blood. They were adopted as sons, they were given the glory and the covenants; the Law and the ritual were drawn up for them, and the promises were made to them. They are descended from the patriarchs and from their flesh and blood came Christ who is above all, God for ever blessed! Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 4:4

V/. Alleluia! R/. Alleluia!

V/. I hope in the Lord, I trust in his word.

R/. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus walks on the water.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side while he would send the crowds away. After sending the crowds away he went up into the hills by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, while the boat, by now far out on the lake, was battling with a heavy sea, for there was a head-wind. In the fourth watch of the night he went towards them, walking on the lake, and when the disciples saw him walking on the lake they were terrified. 'It is a ghost' they said, and cried out in fear. But at once Jesus called out to them, saying, 'Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.' It was Peter who answered. 'Lord,' he said 'if it is you, tell me to come to you across the water.' 'Come' said Jesus. Then Peter got out of the boat and started walking towards Jesus across the water, but as soon as he felt the force of the wind, he took fright and began to sink. 'Lord! Save me!' he cried. Jesus put out his hand at once and held him. 'Man of little faith,' he said 'why did you doubt?' And as they got into the boat the wind dropped. The men in the boat bowed down before him and said, 'Truly, you are the Son of God.'

Moyne Catholic Community

Pray from home



NEW WEBSITE

A very simple portal has been developed which allows easy access to:

- the Youtube Mass at St Joseph's;
- the Dial-in Rosary at St Patrick's;
- the parish newsletters in our region.

Visit: www.moyneatholic.org.au

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED



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



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.

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

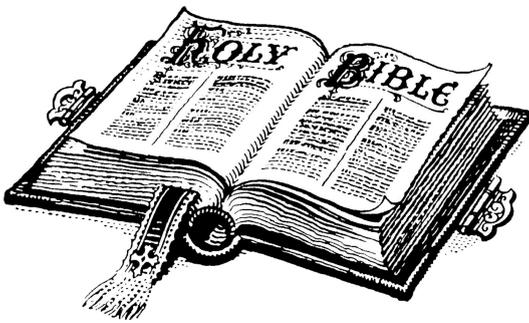
BSB: 633 000 Account: 163 466 790

Infant Jesus Parish – Planned Giving

BSB: 633 000 Account: 163 466 881

Presbytery Contributions

BSB: 633 000 Account: 163 466 899



Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel

by Fr Francis Fernandez

JESUS NEVER FAILS HIS FRIENDS

Today's Gospel tells of one of the tempests the Apostles experienced when our Lord was not with them in the boat. It occurred after the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. The Lord instructed them to set out for the opposite shore

while He sent the people off, for it was already quite late. From the top of a hill where he was recollected in prayer, He did not forget his disciples. He could see that a strong wind was blowing against them. Our Lord saw them struggling with the waves and gale-force wind trying to reach the place He had suggested. Finishing his prayer, he sets out to help them.

During the fourth quarter of the night Jesus nears the boat; it was being buffeted by the waves and in danger of capsizing. The Gospel tells us that the disciples were filled with fear as they saw Jesus approaching, walking on the turbulent waters. They thought He was a

ghost. Saint Mark, who recorded this unforgettable moment as recounted to him by Saint Peter, writes that Jesus walked past them as if to continue on his way. They all began to shout. Jesus then came closer and said: *‘Courage! It is I! Do not be afraid.’* These were consoling words that you and I too have often heard – many times and in different ways – in the intimacy of our heart when faced with a disconcerting situation, or in difficulties or trying times.

If our life is the fulfilment of what God wants for us – like Elijah who goes to Mount Horeb at God’s command, or the Apostles who do as Jesus said even though the wind was against them – then divine help will never be lacking. In moments of weakness, of fatigue, in the most difficult situations, Jesus shows himself and tells us: *It is I! Do not be afraid.* He never fails his friends. If we have no other goal in life but to seek his friendship and serve him, how could He ever abandon us when the winds of temptation, of fatigue, of difficulties in the apostolate go against us? He will not pass us by and go on his way. *“If you have confidence in him and a cheerful disposition – His Majesty is quite partial to this – do not be afraid of lacking anything.”* [St Teresa of Avila] What

could we possibly lack if we are his friends in the middle of the world, if we want to follow him day after day among all those others who abandon him?

If at times we realize that we are out of our depth, that we are sinking, we should repeat with Peter, Lord, save me! We should neither doubt his Love nor his merciful hand. We should not forget that God does not demand the impossible. Instead, when He makes a request, He asks that we do what we can do, that we ask for what we cannot do and for his help to carry it out.

What certainty our Lord gives us! *“He has guaranteed his protection. I do not depend on my own strength. I have in my hands his written word. This is my strength, my certainty, my tranquil haven. Even if the entire world is shaken, I read the written word I carry with me, for it is my fortress, my defence. And what does this word tell me? ‘I will be with you until the end of the world,’ it says. Christ is with me. What shall I fear? Let the waves of the sea and the fury of the powerful come upon me. That will not weigh me down any more than a spider’s web.”* [St John Chrysostom.] Let us not let go of his hand. He does not let go of ours.

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 2nd AUGUST 2020:
20th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading. *Isaiah 56:1,6-7.* I will bring foreigners to my holy mountain.

Second Reading. *Rom 11:13-15,29-32.* With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice.

Gospel. *Mt 15:21-28.* The Canaanite woman debates with Jesus and saves her daughter.

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