



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 15th August and Sunday 16th August, 2020

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1,6-7

*I will bring foreigners
to my holy mountain.*

Thus says the Lord: Have a care for justice, act with integrity, for soon my salvation will come and my integrity be manifest.

Foreigners who have attached themselves to the Lord to serve him and to love his name and be his servants – all who observe the sabbath, not profaning it, and cling to my covenant – these I will bring to my holy mountain. I will make them joyful in my house of prayer. Their holocausts and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar, for my house will be called a house of prayer for all the peoples.

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 66(67):2-3,5-6,8

R/. O God, let all the nations praise you!

O God, be gracious and bless us and let your face shed its light upon us. So will your ways be known upon earth and all nations learn your saving help.

R/. O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the nations be glad and exult for you rule the world with justice. With fairness you rule the peoples, you guide the nations on earth.

R/. O God, let all the nations praise you!

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. May God still give us his blessing

till the ends of the earth revere him.

R/. O God, let all the nations praise you!

SECOND READING

Rom 11:13-15,29-32

With Israel, God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice

Let me tell you pagans this: I have been sent to the pagans as their apostle, and I am proud of being sent, but the purpose of it is to make my own people envious of you, and in this way save some of them. Since their rejection meant the reconciliation of the world, do you know what their admission will mean? Nothing less than a resurrection from the dead! God never takes back his gifts or revokes his choice. Just as you changed from being disobedient to God, and now enjoy mercy because of their disobedience, so those who are disobedient now – and only because of the mercy shown to you – will also enjoy mercy eventually. God has imprisoned all men in their own disobedience only to show mercy to all mankind.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mt 4:4

V/. Alleluia!

R/. Alleluia!

V/. Jesus preached the Good News of the kingdom and healed all who were sick.

R/. Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28

The Canaanite woman debates with Jesus and saves her daughter.

Jesus left Gennesaret and withdrew to the region of Tyre and Sidon. Then out came a Canaanite woman from that district and started shouting, ‘Sir, Son of David, take pity on me. My daughter is tormented by a devil.’ But he answered her not a word. And his disciples went and pleaded with him. ‘Give her what she wants,’ they said ‘because she is shouting after us.’ He said in reply, ‘I was sent only to the lost sheep of the House of Israel.’ But the woman had come up and was kneeling at his feet. ‘Lord,’ she said ‘help me.’ He replied, ‘It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the house-dogs.’ She retorted, ‘Ah yes, sir; but even house-dogs can eat the scraps that fall from their master’s table.’ Then Jesus answered her, ‘Woman, you have great faith. Let your wish be granted.’ And from that moment her daughter was well again.

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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

If you login to the Dial-in Rosary online, your video feed is automatically disabled. However, you will be able to watch a livestream feed of the Blessed Sacrament at St Patrick’s, Port Fairy, along with images of the Mysteries of the Rosary.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We commend to the Lord’s mercy **May Sanson (née Gavin)** who died recently. May she 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).

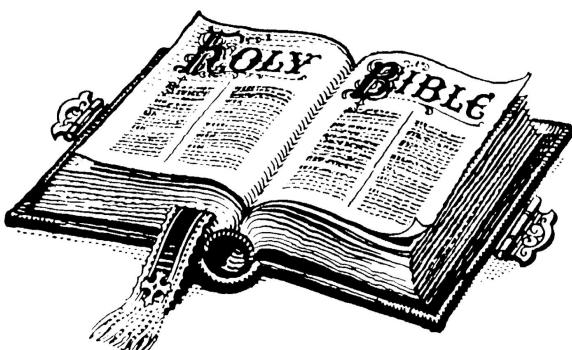
Congratulations to Olga on her appointment. Let’s pray every blessing upon her as she makes the transition to leadership in our own parish community.



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.



Reflection on this Sunday's Gospel

by Fr Francis Fernandez

THE IMPORTANCE OF PRAYER

In today's Gospel St Matthew tells us that Jesus and his disciples withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. He went from the shores of the Sea of Galilee to the coast of the Mediterranean. There a Gentile woman approached him. She was

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

a Canaanite, a descendant of the original peoples of Palestine, the land which God had promised to the Jews. She cried out with a loud voice: *Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely possessed by a demon.*

Despite the woman's cries, St Matthew relates that the Lord did not answer her a word. According to St Mark, this first encounter took place in a house, and it was here that the woman fell down at his feet. It seemed as if Our Lord did not pay any attention to her.

Later on, when Jesus and his companions were getting ready to leave the house, St Matthew writes that the disciples complained to Jesus: *Send her away, they said, for she is crying after*

us. The woman perseveres in her clamour, but the response of Jesus seems curiously cold: *I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.* The woman refuses to give up: But she came and knelt before him, saying, ‘Lord, help me!’ What faith! What humility! What steadfastness there is in her petition!

Jesus uses the image of the Kingdom to explain how He must first preach the Gospel to his Jewish brethren, the chosen people: *It is not fair to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.* But the woman, armed with an unshakable faith, will not take ‘No’ for an answer: Yes, *Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master’s table.* She enters into the parable and conquers the heart of Christ, provoking one of the greatest compliments uttered by Our Lord as well as procuring the miracle she requested: *O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.* And her daughter was healed instantly. This was the reward for her perseverance.

The noble mothers who appear in the Gospels are always seeking the best for their children. They know how to appeal to Jesus for assistance and favours. On one occasion it was the mother of James and John who approached the Lord to seek advancement for them. Another

time it was the widow of Nain who was weeping for the young man who had been her only child. Perhaps it was only an anguished and pleading look into the eyes of Christ that led him to bring the body back to life ... The woman in today’s Gospel is a perfect model of constancy in prayer, a model intended for all those who tire easily of praying to God.

St Augustine relates in his *Confessions* how his mother, St Monica, never ceased to implore God for the conversion of her son. Nor did she weary of asking good and wise people to speak to her son to dissuade him from his erroneous ways. One day a holy bishop said to her these words by way of consolation: *Go your way; as sure as you live, it is impossible that the son of these tears should perish.* Much later, St Augustine himself was to write: *If I did not perish in error, it was due to the daily tears of my mother, who was so full of faith.*

God listens in a special way to the prayer of those who know how to love, even though at times it may appear that He is deaf to the entreaty. He wants our faith to become more strong, our hope to become more profound, our love to become more trusting. He wants everyone to have the desire and the humility that a good mother has.

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**

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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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