



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

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Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 24th October and Sunday 25th October, 2020

FIRST READING

Exodus 22:20-26

If you are harsh with the widow and orphan, my anger will flare against you.

The Lord said to Moses, ‘Tell the sons of Israel this:

“You must not molest the stranger or oppress him, for you lived as strangers in the land of Egypt. You must not be harsh with the widow, or with the orphan; if you are harsh with them, they will surely cry out to me, and be sure I shall hear their cry; my anger will flare and I shall kill you with the sword, your own wives will be widows, your own children orphans.

“If you lend money to any of my people, to any poor man among you, you must not play the usurer with him: you must not demand interest from him.

“If you take another’s cloak as a pledge, you must give it back to him before sunset. It is all the covering he has; it is the cloak he wraps his body in; what else would he sleep in? If he cries to me, I will listen, for I am full of pity.”

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 94(95):1-2,6-9

R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

I love you, Lord, my strength,
my rock, my fortress, my saviour.
My God is the rock where I take refuge;
my shield, my mighty help, my stronghold.
The Lord is worthy of all praise,
when I call I am saved from my foes.

R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

Long life to the Lord, my rock!

Praised be the God who saves me,
He has given great victories to his king
and shown his love for his anointed.

R/. I love you, Lord, my strength.

SECOND READING

1 Thess 1:5-10

*You broke with idolatry
and became servants of God.*

You observed the sort of life we lived when we were with you, which was for your instruction, and you were led to become imitators of us, and of the Lord; and it was with the joy of the Holy Spirit that you took to the gospel, in spite of the great opposition all round you. This has made you the great example to all believers in Macedonia and Achaia since it was from you that the word of the Lord started to spread – and not only throughout Macedonia and Achaia, for the news of your faith in God has spread everywhere. We do not need to tell other people about it: other people tell us how we started the work among you, how you broke with idolatry when you were converted to God and became servants of the real, living God; and how you are now waiting for Jesus, his Son, whom he raised from the dead, to come from heaven to save us from the retribution which is coming.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

John 14:23

V/. Alleluia!

R/. Alleluia!

V/. All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them. **R/.** Alleluia

GOSPEL

Matthew 22:34-40

The commandments of love.

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees they got together and, to disconcert him, one of them put a question, ‘Master, which is the greatest commandment of the Law?’ Jesus said, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second resembles it: You must love your neighbour as yourself. On these two commandments hang the whole Law, and the Prophets also.’

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We pray for **James Farley** who died recently. May his souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.



SELF-CARE IN ISOLATION

- [✓] Stick to a routine.
- [✓] Get out once a day.
- [✓] Find some time to move each day.
- [✓] Reach out to others.

PETITION TO PREMIER ANDREWS

“We, people of Victoria’s faith community, request that you adjust the ‘Roadmap for Reopening’ in a way that secures the equitable treatment of religious communities and grants us the opportunity to practise our faith in a COVID-safe manner.” View and sign at <https://www.equalityforfaith.com.au/>

THE NEW MINISTRY DISTRICT

The retirement of Fr Michael Linehan as Parish Priest of St Pius will necessitate some changes for the new Ministry District, and this includes some change to our existing Mass schedule. NB: Fr Michael will not be replaced.

- Fr John Corrigan, who currently resides in Port Fairy, will move to the presbytery at St Pius X, West Warrnambool.
- The 2 retired priests (Fr Bill & Fr Michael) will not be scheduled on the weekend Mass roster but will assist from time to time.
- Alternate times for weekend Masses is not desirable in the new schedule. Thus the need for fixed times for the four parishes.
- There is a commitment to celebrate Mass in all 4 parishes each weekend.

CDF PAY FOR PARISHES

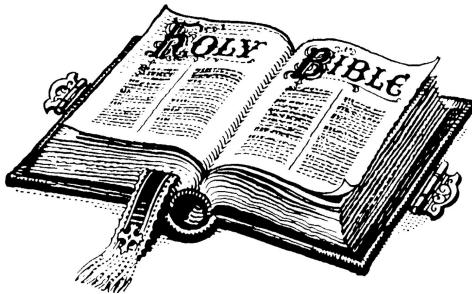
An online thanksgiving portal known as *CDF Pay for Parishes* allows anyone, anywhere, any time, to make electronic payments to the parish or presbytery accounts, as a one off, or on a regular recurring schedule. Users receive an electronic receipt for any payments.

For further information please contact the Parish Office and speak to Louise. Phone 5562 2231. Or visit:

- bit.ly/CDFpayKoroitParish
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JAMBEROO ABBEY PRAYER

Calm me O Lord, as you stilled the storm.
Still me O Lord; keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease.
Enfold me, Lord in your peace.
In Jesus’ name, Amen.



Reflection on this Sunday's Readings

by Fr Francis Fernandez

JOYFUL IN THE LORD

The Entrance Antiphon for today's Mass reminds us how to be joyful: *Let the hearts that seek the Lord rejoice; turn to the Lord and his strength, constantly seek his face.* When we don't seek the Lord, then we will find real happiness to be unattainable. Sadness springs from egoism, from the pursuit of comfort, from careless neglect in the things of God and of our fellow men ... In short, it springs from living for ourselves. But the Lord has made us to be happy. He wants us to be even more joyful when we follow his call."

Joy is indispensable to a Christian's life. When a soul is joyful, it has wings to fly towards God. A happy soul is closer to God and is able to undertake works of service for other people. In contrast, sadness paralyses one's desires for sanctity and apostolate. It is a great evil because it clouds our vision. This is why St Paul repeats his injunction to the early Christians: *Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice.* Our Christian joy will prove to be a source of strength in time of trial. It will also serve to attract other people to the Faith.

Sadness does not come from suffering itself, but from the failure to look upon Jesus. St Thomas Aquinas teaches that this infirmity of the soul is a vice provoked by disordered self-love. In addition, it can lead to many other problems. It can be likened to a diseased root which will produce only bitter fruit. Sadness can be the cause of lack of charity, of a reckless love of comfort, of a surrender to temptations of the senses.

You need a heart which is in love — not an easy life — to achieve happiness. Happiness is the first effect of love. Sadness is the sterile fruit of egoism, laziness and the absence of love. *Sadness moves the soul to anger and fury.* Whenever we are sad, we know how easy it is for us to become upset at the slightest provocation. Sadness also inclines us to be suspicious and spiteful. Sometimes it may even lead a person to lose his senses. [Pope St Gregory the Great, *Morals*, 1, 31, 31.]

The sad soul falls into sin without a fight. Such gloominess is a sure road to destruction. *As a moth does by a garment, and a worm by the wood, so the sadness of a man consumes the heart.* [Prov 15:20]

If there should come a time when we experience this sickness of soul, let us examine our conscience with courage. Where have we placed our heart? '*Laetetur cor quaerentium Dominum*' – 'Let the hearts of them rejoice who seek the Lord'. There you have light to help you discover the reasons for your sadness.

How difficult it is to become sad when we walk in the presence of our Father God, when we are generous in the face of great sacrifice! Like St Paul, we can affirm: *I am filled with comfort. With all our affliction, I am overjoyed.* [2 Cor 7:4] If we are truly seeking the Lord in our life, nothing can take away our peace and joy. Pain will act to purify the soul. Suffering itself will be transformed to joy.

We should bring our joy to the place where we work, to our relatives, to people we meet by chance. Many of these people are sad and troubled. We should help them to see the joy of living in Christ. How many souls have found their way to God by means of this attractive virtue!

Let us turn to Our Mother Mary, '*Causa nostrae laetitiae*', Cause of our joy. She will lead us to the path of true peace and joy if we should ever lose our way. We will then understand that the path to joy is the same as the path to God.

THE LIGHT FROM THE SOUTHERN CROSS

Promoting Co-Responsible Governance in the Catholic Church in Australia

The Australian Bishop's Conference has published a review of governance of the Church in Australia. One of the recommendations of the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse was that the Catholic Church in Australia conduct a review of diocesan and parish governance and management. The Australian Catholic Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia accepted that recommendation and the Implementation Advisory Group was tasked with conducting and presenting that review.

The Implementation Advisory Group established the Governance Review Project Team to lead the review. The GRPT presented a version of the report to the Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia in May 2020. That version, which was not the final version, was leaked and published.

That version was subsequently amended, making a number of corrections and clarifications. The final version of the report, entitled *The Light from the Southern Cross: Promoting Co-Responsible Governance in the Catholic Church in Australia*, was presented to the Bishops Conference and Catholic Religious Australia in mid-August 2020. The report was published online on August 21, 2020, along with an accompanying Reading Guide.

- People are encouraged to review the [Reading Guide](#) first. This document is eight pages long.
- The report itself, [Light from the Southern Cross](#) is 208 pages long.

This report envisages the accommodation of a wider cross-section of the people of God in all aspects of church discernment.

HOLY COMMUNION FOR PEOPLE WITH COELIAC DISEASE OR GLUTEN INTOLERANCE

The Bishops Conference has released new guidelines for people living with coeliac disease or gluten intolerance. Parishes should obtain **low gluten hosts** from a Catholic supplier. The term “gluten free” hosts should not be used as the sacrament of the Holy Eucharist requires bread for the Mass to be made from wheat flour (containing gluten) and water [*Code of Canon Law*, Can. 924.2; CDF, *Letter of 24 July 2003* (Prot n. 89/78-17498).]

If low gluten hosts cannot be consumed, the communicant may receive the Precious Blood from a chalice, independent of or before other communicants, in order to avoid cross-contamination.

Communicants should be aware that when they receive under the form of the consecrated bread alone or under the form of the consecrated wine alone, they still receive the “whole Christ” [*General Instruction of the Roman Missal* (2012) no. 282; *Catechism* (1992) no. 1390.]

The [full text of the guidelines](#) is online.

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