



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

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Solemnity of All Saints

Saturday 31st October and Sunday 1st November, 2020

FIRST READING Apocalypse 7:2-4,9-14

I saw a huge number of people from every nation, race, tribe and language

I, John, saw another angel rising where the sun rises, carrying the seal of the living God; he called in a powerful voice to the four angels whose duty was to devastate land and sea, 'Wait before you do any damage on land or at sea or to the trees, until we have put the seal on the foreheads of the servants of our God.' Then I heard how many were sealed: 144 thousand, out of all the tribes of Israel.

After that I saw a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language; they were standing in front of the throne and in front of the Lamb, dressed in white robes and holding palms in their hands. They shouted aloud, 'Victory to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels who were standing in a circle round the throne, surrounding the elders and the four animals, prostrated themselves before the throne, and touched the ground with their foreheads, worshipping God with these words, 'Amen. Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength to our God for ever and ever. Amen.'

One of the elders then spoke, and asked me, 'Do you know who these people are, dressed in white robes, and where they have come from?' I answered him, 'You can tell me, my lord.' Then he said, 'These are the people who have been through the great persecution, and they have washed

their robes white again in the blood of the Lamb.'

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

R/. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

The Lord's is the earth and its fullness,
the world and all its peoples.
It is he who set it on the seas;
on the waters he made it firm.

R/. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

Who shall climb the mountain of the Lord?
Who shall stand in his holy place?
The man with clean hands and pure heart
who desires not worthless things.

R/. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

He shall receive blessings from the Lord
and reward from the God who saves him.
Such are the men who seek him,
seek the face of the God of Jacob.

R/. Lord, this is the people that longs to see your face.

SECOND READING 1 John 3:1-3

We shall be like God because we shall see him as he really is

Think of the love that the Father has lavished on us, by letting us be called God's children; and that is what we are. Because the world refused to acknowledge him, therefore it does not acknowledge us.

My dear people, we are already the children of God but what we are to be in the future has not yet been revealed; all we know is, that when it is revealed we shall be like him because we shall see him as he really is. Surely everyone who entertains this hope must purify himself, must try to be as pure as Christ.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Mt 11:28

V/. Alleluia! R/. Alleluia!

V/. Come to me, all you that labour and are burdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord. R/. Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12a

How happy are the poor in spirit

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up the hill. There he sat down and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to speak. This is what he taught them:

‘How happy are the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Happy the gentle: they shall have the earth for their heritage. Happy those who mourn: they shall be comforted. Happy those who hunger and thirst for what is right: they shall be satisfied. Happy the merciful: they shall have mercy shown them. Happy the pure in heart: they shall see God. Happy the peacemakers: they shall be called sons of God. Happy those who are persecuted in the cause of right: theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Happy are you when people abuse you and persecute you and speak all kinds of calumny against you on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward will be great in heaven.

PRAYERS FOR THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

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



WEEK DAY MASSES

Twenty people permitted inside church.

Monday	10am Koroit
(All Souls)	12pm Port Fairy
	5pm Port Fairy
Tuesday	10am Port Fairy
Wednesday	10am Koroit
Thursday	10am Port Fairy
Friday	10am Koroit

PETITION TO PREMIER ANDREWS

Although restrictions have been eased, the limits on religious gatherings remain much stricter than they were after the first lockdown, without any data supporting this decision. Please consider adding your name to a petition objecting to the government’s arbitrary and unequal treatment of religious communities.

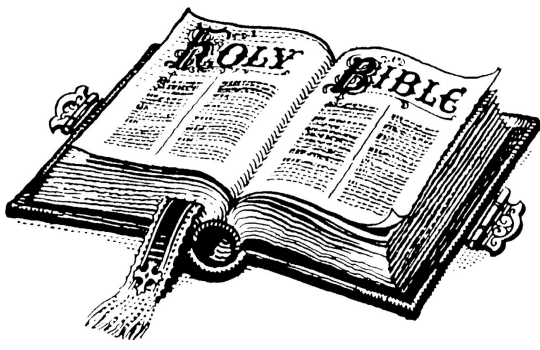
“We, people of Victoria’s faith community, request that you adjust the ‘Roadmap for Reopening’ in a way that secures the equitable treatment of religious communities and grants us the opportunity to practise our faith in a COVID-safe manner.”

Sign at www.equalityforfaith.com.au

NEW CLERGY APPOINTMENTS

Bishop Paul Bird has announced that Fr Eugene McKinnon will move from the East Wimmera Parish (he is living in Donald) to be Parish Priest of Redan, Sebastopol and Linton. (Redan and Sebastopol are suburbs of Ballarat; Linton is a small town on the Glenelg Highway, some 33 km south-west of Ballarat.)

At the same time, Fr Gerry Prunty, will move from parishes of Terang and Mortlake, to be Parish Priest of East Wimmera (formerly the parishes of Donald, Charlton, St Arnaud, Birchip & Wycheproof). These changes take effect on 15th January 2021.



Reflection on today's Readings

by Fr Francis Fernandez

HOLINESS IN ORDINARY LIFE

We remember in a special way that sanctity is accessible to everyone in their various jobs and situations, and that to help us reach this goal we ought to put into practice the dogma of the Communion of Saints. The Church invites us to raise our hearts and minds to the immense multitude of men and women from all walks of life who followed Christ here on earth and are already enjoying his presence in Heaven. This feast has been celebrated since the eighth century.”

As we recall today with particular attention, St John Paul II pointed out that a wealth of Christian truth is at the core of the Liturgy, in a special way on the Feast of All Saints. Here lies the fount of all holiness, God himself. Herein we practise the Communion of Saints through Christ. The universal destiny of redemption is signified in the Mass. It is the source of sanctity for all those who strive to practise the Beatitudes as described by Our Lord. From the Mass comes an indestructible hope in future glory and here we find the key to the relationship between suffering and salvation.

The late Roman Pontiff emphasized: *As we pray in the 'Entrance antiphon', the fundamental dimension of the feast we celebrate today is joy: 'Let us all rejoice in the Lord, as we celebrate the feast day in honour of all the Saints, at whose festival the Angels rejoice and praise the Son of God.' The experience is similar to what we savour in a large family where we are*

very much at home. Included in this large family are the saints in heaven and those striving for sanctity on earth as well.

Our Mother the Church invites us today to bring to mind in a special way those who have experienced difficulties and temptations similar to our own during life, yet in the end triumphed over them. There is *a huge number, impossible to count, of people from every nation, race, tribe and language* as today's First Reading relates. The Church recognizes many saints of every age and condition today. We remember them each year and also have recourse to them as intercessors for our various needs. The seal they receive and their white robes washed in the blood of the Lamb are symbols of Baptism. This sacrament of initiation incorporates them into Christ, this life of grace being later renewed and increased through the other Sacraments, especially Penance and the Eucharist. Our good works also contribute to heightening this participation in the divine nature during our present life.

Today we rejoice and ask the help of the countless multitude who have reached heaven after cheerfully passing through life arousing affection and joy almost without realising it. Perhaps while living among us they worked at a job similar to our own. Since their working backgrounds varied so greatly there may be office workers, manual workers, professors, farmers, secretaries etc. among them. Without doubt they must have had to confront difficulties similar to our own and had to begin again many times, as we make an effort to do each day.

Throughout our life we are all called to the fullness of Love. A struggle against our passions and inordinate tendencies is necessary. We have to make a constant effort to improve, since sanctity does not depend on one's state in life – single, married, widowed, or priest – but on our personal correspondence with the grace God grants each one of us.

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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