



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

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Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday 21st October and Sunday 22nd November, 2020

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:11-12,15-17

*The Lord will judge
between sheep and sheep*

The Lord says this: I am going to look after my flock myself and keep all of it in view. As a shepherd keeps all his flock in view when he stands up in the middle of his scattered sheep, so shall I keep my sheep in view. I shall rescue them from wherever they have been scattered during the mist and darkness. I myself will pasture my sheep, I myself will show them where to rest – it is the Lord who speaks. I shall look for the lost one, bring back the stray, bandage the wounded and make the weak strong. I shall watch over the fat and healthy. I shall be a true shepherd to them.

As for you, my sheep, the Lord says this: I will judge between sheep and sheep, between rams and he-goats.

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

**R/. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.
Fresh and green are the pastures
where he gives me repose.

**R/. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Near restful waters he leads me,
to revive my drooping spirit.
He guides me along the right path;
he is true to his name.

**R/. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

You have prepared a banquet for me
in the sight of my foes.
My head you have anointed with oil;
my cup is overflowing.

**R/. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

Surely goodness and kindness shall follow
me all the days of my life.
In the Lord's own house shall I dwell
for ever and ever.

**R/. The Lord is my shepherd;
there is nothing I shall want.**

SECOND READING 1 Cor 15:20-26,28

*Christ will hand over the kingdom to God
the Father; so that God may be all in all*

Christ has been raised from the dead, the first-fruits of all who have fallen asleep. Death came through one man and in the same way the resurrection of the dead has come through one man. Just as all men die in Adam, so all men will be brought to life in Christ; but all of them in their proper order: Christ as the first-fruits and then,

after the coming of Christ, those who belong to him. After that will come the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, having done away with every sovereignty, authority and power. For he must be king until he has put all his enemies under his feet and the last of the enemies to be destroyed is death, for everything is to be put under his feet. And when everything is subjected to him, then the Son himself will be subject in his turn to the One who subjected all things to him, so that God may be all in all.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 15:4. 5

V/. Alleluia! *R/.* Alleluia!

V/. Blessing on him, who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessings on the coming kingdom of our father David!

R/. Alleluia

GOSPEL Matthew 25:14-30

*I was naked and you clothed me;
sick, and you visited me*

Jesus said to his disciples: ‘When the Son of Man comes in his glory, escorted by all the angels, then he will take his seat on his throne of glory. All the nations will be assembled before him and he will separate men one from another as the shepherd separates sheep from goats. He will place the sheep on his right hand and the goats on his left.

‘Then the King will say to those on his right hand, “Come, you whom my Father has blessed, take for your heritage the kingdom prepared for you since the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food; I was thirsty and you gave me drink; I was a stranger and you made me welcome; naked and you clothed me, sick and you visited me, in prison and you came to see me.” Then the virtuous will say to him in reply, “Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you;

or thirsty and give you drink? When did we see you a stranger and make you welcome; naked and clothe you; sick or in prison and go to see you?” And the King will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you did this to one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did it to me.”

‘Next he will say to those on his left hand, “Go away from me, with your curse upon you, to the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels. For I was hungry and you never gave me food; I was thirsty and you never gave me anything to drink; I was a stranger and you never made me welcome, naked and you never clothed me, sick and in prison and you never visited me.” Then it will be their turn to ask, “Lord, when did we see you hungry or thirsty, a stranger or naked, sick or in prison, and did not come to your help?” Then he will answer, “I tell you solemnly, in so far as you neglected to do this to one of the least of these, you neglected to do it to me.”

‘And they will go away to eternal punishment, and the virtuous to eternal life.’

**PRAYERS FOR THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED**



We pray for **Helen Bishop, Margaret Murray, and Kate Kelly** who died recently. May their souls, and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen.

WEEK DAY MASSES

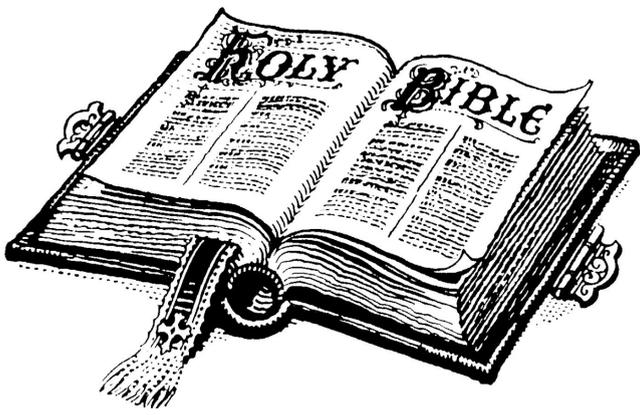
Twenty people permitted inside church.

Wednesday 10am Koroit

Thursday 10am Port Fairy

Confessions available half an hour before and after weekday Masses.

Anointing Masses: see below.



Reflection on today's Readings

by Fr Francis Fernandez

CHRIST MUST REIGN IN OUR MIND, IN OUR WILL, AND IN OUR ACTIONS

Oportet autem illum regnare ... "For he must reign," or "For he must be king."
(1 Cor 15:25)

St Paul teaches us that while Christ's Kingdom is achieved in time and space, it will attain its definitive fullness at the Last Judgment. The Apostle depicts this epochal event as a rite of homage to the Father: Christ will present all Creation to him as an offering. Then all things will be subjected to his rule. His Second Coming will establish *a new heaven and a new earth*. He will thereupon vanquish the devil, sin, pain and death.

Meanwhile, we Christians cannot be passively waiting for these momentous events to unfold. We have to desire ardently the establishment of his kingdom: *Oportet illum regnare!* First of all, the Lord must reign in our mind, in our will and in our actions. He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ. *He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God. He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things, and cleave to him alone. He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification*

of our souls. (Pius XI, Encyclical, *Quas primas*, 11 December 1925, §21.)

Our Lord and our God: how great you are! It is you who give our life supernatural meaning and divine vitality. For love of your Son, you cause us to say with all our being, with our body and soul: 'He must reign!' And this we do against the background of our weakness, for you know that we are creatures made of clay.

Today's feast is an anticipation of the Second Coming of Christ in power and majesty. His glorious return will fill the hearts of his faithful with joy and wipe away every tear. This feast is also a summons for us to impregnate with the spirit of Christ all temporal realities. The Second Vatican Council has declared: *The expectation of a new earth must not weaken but rather stimulate our concern for cultivating this one. For here grows the body of a new human family, a body which even now is able to give some kind of foreshadowing of the new age.*

Hence, while earthly progress must be carefully distinguished from the growth of Christ's kingdom, to the extent that the former can contribute to the better ordering of human society, it is of vital concern to the Kingdom of God.

For after we have obeyed the Lord, and in his Spirit nurtured on earth the values of human dignity, brotherhood and freedom, and indeed all the good fruits of our nature and enterprise, we will find them again, but freed from stain, burnished and transfigured, when Christ hands over to the Father: 'a kingdom eternal and universal ... ' On this earth that Kingdom is already present in mystery. When the Lord returns it will be brought into full flower. (Vatican II, *Gaudium et spes*, §39.)

We collaborate in the expansion of Christ's kingdom whenever we make our ordinary world more human and more divine.

ANOINTING MASSES

KOROIT

An Anointing Mass is tentatively booked at the new Koroit parish centre, subject to the ongoing relaxation of COVID restrictions.

2pm, Friday 11th December

Please note that the usual cup of tea and refreshments following the Mass will probably not be permitted.

PORT FAIRY

Mass at **Belfast House** may or may not be open for non-residents, subject to COVID restrictions. Check next week's bulletin.

11am, Thursday 3rd December

Arrangements are being made for a similar celebration at Moyneyana House. Details to follow.

SUNDAY MASSES?

All eyes will be on Premier Daniel Andrews today (Sunday), when he announces the next step in the Victoria's roadmap. We can anticipate up to 100 people permitted at indoor religious gatherings, but also subject to a floorspace restriction of people per square metre.

The priests in the region will review the new restrictions and determine when and how Sunday worship might be resumed. The churches in the region will all open on the same weekend. Meanwhile, Sunday Mass at St Joseph's in Warrnambool will continue to be broadcast on Youtube. Visit www.moyneatholic.org.au for details.

CLINICAL PASTORAL EDUCATION

The South West Victoria CPE Centre is offering the opportunity for education and formation in Pastoral Care, with the option to have a CPE unit recognised as 30 points should you wish to enrol in theological studies with the University of Divinity. The Centre is registered through the Association for Supervised and Clinical Pastoral Education Victoria (ASACPEV Inc.).

CPE is currently offered online and will be this way for at least the first semester in 2021, after which it will be reassessed. For more information call 0455 033 321 or bernadette@bernadettewurlod.com.au

PRAYER FOR EXAM STUDENTS

Loving Father, we bring before you our VCE & University Students. Give them the wisdom, right judgement, knowledge and courage. Bless them with calm hearts and clarity of mind as they sit their exams. May they be affirmed in their efforts and may they know that you are there with them.

We pray that they will stay calm under pressure and work to the best of their ability. May they feel your loving presence in their lives, now and always, and may they be strengthened by the prayerful support of us, their family and their community.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

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