



## MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit

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# *Sunday of the Word of God*

## *(Third Sunday in Ordinary Time)*

Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2021

### FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1-5,10

*The people of Nineveh  
renounce their evil behaviour*

The word of the Lord was addressed to Jonah: 'Up!' he said 'Go to Nineveh, the great city, and preach to them as I told you to.' Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a city great beyond compare: it took three days to cross it. Jonah went on into the city, making a day's journey. He preached in these words, 'Only forty days more and Nineveh is going to be destroyed.' And the people of Nineveh believed in God; they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behaviour, and God relented: he did not inflict on them the disaster which he had threatened.

### RESPONSORIAL

Ps 24(25):4-6,7b-9

*R/. Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me:  
for you are God my saviour.

*R/. Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

Remember your mercy, Lord,  
and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord.

*R/. Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,  
He guides the humble in the right path,

He teaches his way to the poor.

*R/. Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

### SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

*The world as we know it is passing away*

Brothers: our time is growing short. Those who have wives should live as though they had none, and those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for; those who are enjoying life should live as though there were nothing to laugh about; those whose life is buying things should live as though they had nothing of their own; and those who have to deal with the world should not become engrossed in it. I say this because the world as we know it is passing away.

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Mark 1:15

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

*V/. The kingdom of God is near:  
believe the Good News!*

*R/. Alleluia*

### GOSPEL

Mark 1:14-20

*I will make you into fishers of men*

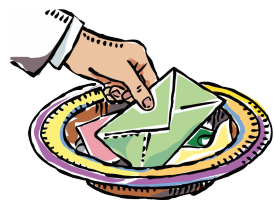
After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the Good News from God. 'The time has come' he said 'and the kingdom of God is close at hand. Repent, and believe the Good News.'

As he was walking along by the Sea of Galilee he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net in the lake – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men.' And at once they left their nets and followed him.

Going on a little further, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John; they too were in their boat, mending their nets. He called them at once and, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the men he employed, they went after him.

## THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We pray for **Duncan Crow, Anne van Duynhoven, and Maree O'Shanassy** who died recently, and **Jack Brown and Valmai Paten** whose anniversaries occur at this time. May they rest in peace.



### CDF PAY

As long as COVID restrictions remain in place, we cannot “pass the plate.” In fact, those days may be gone forever. So in addition to the “leaving collection” arrangement, parishioners are now able to securely give online — on a regular schedule, or as a one off. Just type in the following links:

[bit.ly/CDFpayPortFairy](https://bit.ly/CDFpayPortFairy)

[bit.ly/CDFpayKoroitParish](https://bit.ly/CDFpayKoroitParish)

(Note there's no *www.* prefix)

### REMOVAL OF TREES ON HORNE ST.

The trees bordering Horne Street on the Koroit church property have been assessed as unsafe. The Koroit parish finance committee has recommended their removal. An arborist will be engaged to assess and maintain the health of the trees in the church's immediate vicinity.

### LAY-LED LITURGIES

To prepare for all situations there will be two workshops in February/March to form lay leaders of worship. It is hoped 2-4 parishioners from each of the new Ministry District's four parishes could be in attendance. For further information contact St Joseph's Parish Office.

### FR JOHN CORRIGAN AWAY

Fr John Corrigan is away this week, running an activity for seminarians and young men discerning a priestly vocation. Please pray for its fruitfulness!

## NEW SUNDAY MASS SCHEDULE FOR THE MINISTRY DISTRICT

Saturday Vigil

**6:30pm Infant Jesus, Koroit**

Sunday Mass

8:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool

**9:00am St Patrick's, Port Fairy**

10:00am St Joseph's, Warrnambool

10:30am St Pius X, West Warrnambool

11:00am St Anne's, Purnim

*(Eucharist 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays,  
Lay-led Assembly 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays)*

6:00pm St Joseph's, Warrnambool

*(Regional Mass)*

This schedule begins in February. A meeting of communities will review the arrangement in a few months time.

Good-will and support will sustain all of us as we venture into uncharted waters. We are truly blessed in our region with the number and choice of Mass times. A number of faith communities in our Diocese celebrate Mass just once a month. We invite all to continue to support one's own parish as much as possible as we work together to bring praise and glory to God in our service of one another.

Note also: OLHC, East Warrnambool

6:00pm Saturday Vigil Mass

9:00am Sunday Mass

10:30am St Carthage's Allansford

*(Eucharist 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Sundays,  
Lay-led Assembly 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays)*

### WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

Funerals replace scheduled weekday Masses, so these times are subject to late changes.

*Monday 25<sup>th</sup>: 10:00am, St Pius X*

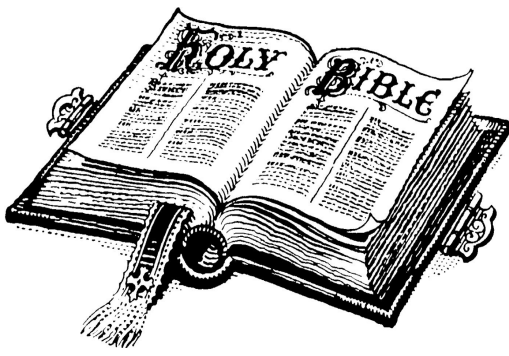
*Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am, Our Lady's*

*Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>: 9:30am, Our Lady's  
10:00am, Infant Jesus*

*Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>: 9:30am, Our Lady's*

*Friday 22<sup>nd</sup>: 9:30am, Our Lady's  
10:00am, St Joseph's*

*Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup>: 9:30am, Our Lady's*



## Scripture Reflection

by Fr Francis Fernandez

### THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP: RENUNCIATION AND DETACHMENT

Today's Gospel tells us how Christ called four of his disciples: Peter, Andrew, James and John. All four were fishermen and they were at their work casting their nets, or mending them, at the moment when Jesus passed by and called them. These Apostles had met Our Lord previously (as related in last week's Gospel: John 1:35-42) and they had felt profoundly attracted to him and to his doctrine. The call they now receive is final: "Follow me and I will make you into fishers of men." Jesus sought them out at their work and he drew on their occupation as fishermen to choose a simile which aptly characterises what their new mission in life is to be.

Those fishermen immediately left everything in order to follow the Master. We know too that Saint Matthew "*relictis omnibus*" – left everything – and got up and followed him (Luke 5:28). We see each one of the Apostles doing the same thing when Christ seeks him out in his own particular circumstances.

If you and I are to follow Christ, our soul must be similarly free from any attachments: from love of self in the first place; from an excessive concern for our health or for the future... from riches and material goods. When the heart is set upon and filled with concern for earthly goods, there is less room in it for God.

God will ask of some people an absolute renunciation, so that they can be completely at his disposal. He asked this of

the Apostles; he asked it of the rich young man, (Mk 10:21); and he has made a similar approach to countless men and women throughout the centuries. These people have found in God their treasure and their riches. Most of us are not called to such renunciation, but Christ nonetheless demands an effective detachment from self and from everything we possess. If this detachment is real, it will manifest itself in many aspects of ordinary life, for since the created world is good, the heart tends to attach itself to good people and to good things.

This is why Christian disciples must be constantly on the watch; we need to examine ourselves frequently, so as not to allow creatures or created things to stand in the way of union with God. Rather, our loved ones and valued possessions must become a means of loving and serving God. "Hence, let all Christ's faithful see to it that they guide their affections rightly," the Second Vatican Council exhorts us.

"Otherwise they will be thwarted in the search for perfect charity by the way they use earthly possessions, and by a fondness for riches which goes against the gospel spirit of poverty. The Apostle Paul has sounded the warning: 'let those who make use of this world not get bogged down in it, for the structure of this world is passing away.'"

Vatican II, *Lumen gentium*, 42.

These words of Saint Paul to the Christians at Corinth, taken from the Second Reading of today's Mass, are an invitation to us to place our heart in what is eternal, in God.

The radical renunciation or intentional detachment God asks each of us has to be effective and specific. As Jesus insists, "*it is impossible to serve God and mammon.*" (Luke 16:13) If we are able to give up our life for Christ, with how much greater reason should we give up transient goods, which, after all, last only a short time and are of little value.



## THE YEAR OF ST JOSEPH

He was a silent man. And one of his titles in modern devotion draws further attention to

his silence: *St Joseph the Worker*. The Church remembers St John of Antioch as “Golden Mouth” (*Chrysostom*) and St Peter of Ravenna for his “Golden Words” (*Chrysologus*). But we remember Joseph for getting things done. Among all who have laboured, in all of human history, Joseph is the one known as “*the Worker*.”

In working, Joseph knew that he was like God, and he knew this because he heard the Scriptures proclaimed in synagogue. What Joseph knew about work he learned from the first pages of Genesis.

Pope Francis gives a modern voice to this ancient understanding:

It is clear from the very first pages of the Bible that work is an essential part of human dignity; there we read that “the Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it” (Gn 2:15). Man is presented as a labourer who works the earth, harnesses the forces of nature and produces “the bread of anxious toil” (Ps 127:2), in addition to cultivating his own gifts and talents.

*Francis, Amoris Laetitia, 23.*

This papal statement harks back to the beginning, to the story of Adam and Eve, which Joseph knew well. He knew it from the liturgy in the synagogue and the Temple — and he allowed it to shape his life and his approach to his craft. And because he did this, he became not only a builder of

benches and tables. Like Adam and like God, he became a builder of the world.

Excerpt from: Mike Aquilina, (2021), *St Joseph and His World*, Scepter Publishers.

## Pope Francis' Prayer to St Joseph

*Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer,  
Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary.  
To you God entrusted his only Son;  
in you Mary placed her trust;  
with you Christ became man.*

*Blessed Joseph, to us too,  
show yourself a father  
and guide us in the path of life.  
Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage,  
and defend us from every evil. Amen.*

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## COVID-SAFE PROTOCOLS

- Please note that face masks are no longer mandated, but they are recommended when physical distancing of 1.5 metres cannot be maintained.
- Stoups are empty of holy water.
- We are obliged to record first name and a phone number of attendees.
- We won't 'pass the plate,' so please leave offerings in baskets at the doors.
- Restricted singing.
- No sign of peace.
- No communion from the chalice.

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## NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**FIRST READING.** *Deuteronomy 18:15-20.*

I will raise up a prophet and put my words into his mouth.

**SECOND READING.** *1 Corinthians 7:32-35.*

Give your undivided attention to the Lord.

**GOSPEL.** *Mark 1:21-28.* Unlike the scribes, he taught them with authority.

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