



SECOND SUNDAY OF ST JOSEPH

*His sorrow when he saw Jesus born in poverty;
his joy when the angels announce Jesus' birth.*

PRAYER: O most blessed patriarch, glorious Saint Joseph, who were chosen to be the foster father of the Word made flesh, your sorrow at seeing the child Jesus born in such poverty was suddenly changed into heavenly exultation when you heard the angelic hymn and beheld the glories of that resplendent night. By this sorrow and this joy, we implore you to obtain for us the grace to pass over from life's pathway to hear angelic songs of praise and to rejoice in the shining splendor of celestial glory.

LITANY: Lord, have mercy on. *Christ have mercy on us.* Lord, have mercy on us, Christ hear us. *Christ, graciously hear us.*

God the Father of Heaven: *Have mercy on us.* God the Son, Redeemer of the world: *Have mercy on us.* God the Holy Spirit: *Have mercy on us.* Holy Trinity, one God: *Have mercy on us.*

Holy Mary: *Pray for us.*

St Joseph: *Pray for us.* Illustrious son of the house of David: *Pray for us.* Splendour of patriarchs: *Pray for us.* Spouse of the Mother of God: *Pray for us.* Guardian of the Virgin: *Pray for us.* Foster father of the Son of God: *Pray for us.* Faithful guardian of Christ: *Pray for us.* Head of the holy

family: *Pray for us.* Joseph most chaste: *Pray for us.* Joseph most just: *Pray for us.* Joseph most prudent: *Pray for us.* Joseph most courageous: *Pray for us.* Joseph most obedient: *Pray for us.* Joseph most faithful: *Pray for us.* Pattern of patience: *Pray for us.* Lover of poverty: *Pray for us.* Model of

workers: *Pray for us.* Example to parents: *Pray for us.* Guardian of virgins: *Pray for us.* Mainstay of family life: *Pray for us.* Comfort of the afflicted: *Pray for us.* Hope of the sick: *Pray for us.* Patron of the dying: *Pray for us.* Terror of demons: *Pray for us.* Protector of the Church: *Pray for us.*

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *Spare us, O Lord.* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *Graciously hear us, O Lord.* Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: *Have mercy on us.*

God made him master of his household: *And put him in charge of all that he owned.*

Let us pray. Almighty God, in your infinite wisdom and love you chose Joseph to be the husband of Mary, the mother of your Son. As we enjoy his protection on earth, may we have the help of his prayers in heaven, through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

FIRST READING. *Leviticus 13:1-2,44-46.* The unclean man must live outside the camp.

RESPONSORIAL. *Psalms 31(32):1-2,5,11.* I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble.

SECOND READING. *1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1.* Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

GOSPEL. *Mark 1:40-45.* The leprosy left the man at once, and he was cured.

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 6th and Sunday 7th February, 2021

FIRST READING

Job 7:1-4,6-7

My life is but a breath

Job began to speak: 'Is not man's life on earth nothing more than pressed service, his time no better than hired drudgery? Like the slave, sighing for the shade, or the workman with no thought but his wages, months of delusion I have assigned to me, nothing for my own but nights of grief. Lying in bed I wonder, 'When will it be day?' Risen I think, 'How slowly evening comes!' Restlessly I fret till twilight falls. Swifter than a weaver's shuttle my days have passed, and vanished, leaving no hope behind. Remember that my life is but a breath, and that my eyes will never again see joy.

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 146(147):1-6

R/. Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

Praise the Lord for he is good;
sing to our God for he is loving;
to him our praise is due.

R/. Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem and brings back Israel's exiles; he heals the broken-hearted, he binds up all their wounds.

He fixes the number of the stars;
he calls each one by its name.

R/. Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

Our Lord is great and almighty;
his wisdom can never be measured.
The Lord raises the lowly;
he humbles the wicked to the dust.

R/. Praise the Lord, who heals the broken-hearted.

SECOND READING

1 Cor 9:16-19,22-23

I should be punished if I did not preach the Gospel

I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it! If I had chosen this work myself, I might have been paid for it, but as I have not, it is a responsibility which has been put into my hands. Do you know what my reward is? It is this: in my preaching, to be able to offer the Good News free, and not insist on the rights which the gospel gives me. So though I am not a slave of any man I have made myself the slave of everyone so as to win as many as I could. I made myself all things to all men in order to save some at any cost; and I still do this, for the sake of the gospel, to have a share in its blessings.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Matthew 8:17

V/. Alleluia! R/. Alleluia!

V/. He bore our sickness, and endured our suffering. R/. Alleluia!

GOSPEL

Mark 1:29-39

He cast out devils and cured many who were suffering from disease

On leaving the synagogue, Jesus went with James and John straight to the house of Simon and Andrew. Now Simon's mother-in-law had gone to bed with fever, and they told him about her straightaway. He went to her, took her by the hand and

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helped her up. And the fever left her and she began to wait on them. That evening, after sunset, they brought to him all who were sick and those who were possessed by devils. The whole town came crowding round the door, and he cured many who were suffering from diseases of one kind or another; he also cast out many devils, but he would not allow them to speak, because they knew who he was. In the morning, long before dawn, he got up and left the house, and went off to a lonely place and prayed there. Simon and his companions set out in search of him, and when they found him they said, 'Everybody is looking for you.' He answered, 'Let us go elsewhere, to the neighbouring country towns, so that I can preach there too, because that is why I came.' And he went all through Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and casting out devils.

THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

We pray for those who have died recently, and **Tony Lucas** whose anniversary occurs at this time.



ONLINE GIVING

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

bit.ly/CDFpayKoroitParish

(Note there's no www. prefix)

YAMBUK AND ORFORD VOLUNTEERS

The sale of St Joseph's Church in Yambuk and St John's Church in Orford was preceded by a fair distribution of the churches' fittings and contents, priority given to members of the Yambuk and Orford communities. This was a complex undertaking, made more difficult by the COVID lockdown. Some generous parishioners in Yambuk and Orford made an enormous contribution, investing a lot of time and energy. They have rendered a great service to the parish community, and they have our gratitude and sincere appreciation. ~ Fr John C. & Fr John F.

WEEKDAY MASS SCHEDULE

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

Monday 8th: 10:00am, St Pius X

Tuesday 9th: 9:30am, Our Lady's
10:00am, St Patrick's

Wednesday 10th: 9:30am, Our Lady's

Thursday 11th: 10:30am, Mercy Place*

Friday 12th: 9:30am, Our Lady's
10:00am, St Joseph's
10:00am, Infant Jesus

Saturday 13th: 9:30am, Our Lady's

* These Masses are presently restricted to residents

MOYNEYANA AND BELFAST HOUSE

- In 2021, Mass will be offered in Moyneyana House at 3:30pm on the first Thursday of every month.
- Mass will offered in Belfast House at 2:00pm on the third Thursday of every month.
- Holy Communion will be ministered to residents after Sunday Mass.
- A public Rosary will be prayed at Moyneyana at 3:30pm every Monday.

COVID restrictions mean that Mass and the Rosary are not presently open to non-resident parishioners. But residents always appreciate visitors, so this bulletin will advise as soon as restrictions are lifted.

ONLINE LENTEN RETREAT

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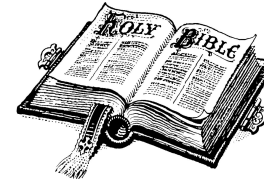
Into a Strange Land: A Country Called Forgiveness

In this 5 day retreat we will be walking the arduous and sometimes lonely journey from unforgiveness to forgiveness. A journey that offers the possibility of a joy and peace of soul that remains elusive, until we are able to let go and forgive.

Retreat material will be made available every Sunday in Lent from 21st February to 21st March. You can register at any time and do this retreat at your own pace.

Cost: \$200.

Visit: tinyurl.com/forgive2021



Scripture Reflection

by Fr Francis Fernandez

SPREADING THE TRUTH

As on so many occasions, Jesus rose early in the morning and went outside the city to pray. The apostles found him there and said to him, *Everyone is searching for you.* And Our Lord answered them, *Let us go on to the next towns, that I may preach there also, for that is why I came out.*

Christ's mission is that of spreading the Gospel, of taking the Good News to the very ends of the earth, through the Apostles and Christians of all times. This is the mission of the Church, which thus carries out Our Lord's command: *Go into all the world and preach the gospel to the whole of creation.*

The Acts of the Apostles give many details of that first evangelisation. On the day of Pentecost itself, Saint Peter preaches the divinity of Jesus Christ, his redeeming Death, and his glorious Resurrection. Saint Paul, quoting the Prophet Isaiah, exclaims enthusiastically, *How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!* The Second Reading of today's Mass tells us of the joyful responsibility of announcing the truth that saves: *I do not boast of preaching the gospel, since it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it!*

Using these words of Saint Paul, the

STAY COVID-SAFE



Please note that face masks are again mandated in church. Singing is discouraged. As ever, it is important to maintain

1.5m social distancing between yourself and people not in your household.

Second Vatican Council reminds the faithful that God calls them to make use of every opportunity to spread Christ's doctrine everywhere. (Vatican II, *Apostolicam actuositatem*, 6.)

Saint John Chrysostom anticipated all the possible excuses for not carrying out this most gratifying obligation. *There is, he wrote, nothing colder than a Christian who is unconcerned about the salvation of others ... Do not say 'I am unable to help them', for if you are truly a Christian it is impossible for you to say that. The properties of natural things cannot be denied them: the same thing happens with this affirmation, for it is in the nature of a Christian to act in this way ... It is easier for the sun to fail to give its light or its heat than for a Christian to cease to give light and warmth; it would be easier for light to be darkness. Do not say that the thing is impossible; what is impossible is the opposite ... If we order our conduct aright, everything else will follow as a natural consequence. The light of Christians cannot be hidden; a light that shines so brightly cannot be concealed.*

Let us ask ourselves whether, in our own environment, in the place where we live and work, we are being true transmitters of the faith; whether we bring our friends to receive the sacraments more frequently. Let us examine ourselves as to whether we feel the urgency of the apostolate as one of the demands of our vocation; whether we feel the same responsibility as those first Christians did, because the need today is no less great ... *it is a duty which has been laid on me; I should be punished if I did not preach it!*

LETTER SEEKS URGENT PAUSE TO VIC 'CONVERSION THERAPY' BILL

Bishop Paul Bird CSsR has joined his signature to an open letter to the Premier signed by the other Catholic bishops, and the President of the Islamic Council of Victoria. To read the letter, visit

tinyurl.com/2021-open-letter