



FIFTH SUNDAY OF ST JOSEPH

His sorrow when he had to flee to Egypt; his joy in being always with Jesus and Mary.

Collect: O most watchful guardian of the Son of God, glorious Saint Joseph, great was your toil in supporting and waiting upon the Son of God, especially during the flight into Egypt! Yet, how you rejoiced to have God himself always near you. By this sorrow and this joy, obtain for us the grace that would keep us safe from the devil, especially the help we need to flee from dangerous situations. May we serve Jesus and Mary, and for them alone may we live and happily die.

Litany of St Joseph: Lord, have mercy on us: **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. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord.



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Second Sunday in Lent

Saturday 27th and Sunday 28th February, 2021

FIRST READING Genesis 22:1-2,9-13,15-18

The sacrifice of Abraham, our father in faith
God put Abraham to the test. 'Abraham, Abraham' he called. 'Here I am' he replied. 'Take your son,' God said 'your only child Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah. There you shall offer him as a burnt offering, on a mountain I will point out to you.'

When they arrived at the place God had pointed out to him, Abraham built an altar there, and arranged the wood. Then he bound his son Isaac and put him on the altar on top of the wood. Abraham stretched out his hand and seized the knife to kill his son.

But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven. 'Abraham, Abraham' he said. 'I am here' he replied. 'Do not raise your hand against the boy' the angel said. 'Do not harm him, for now I know you fear God. You have not refused me your son, your only son.' Then looking up, Abraham saw a ram caught by its horns in a bush. Abraham took the ram and offered it as a burnt-offering in place of his son.

The angel of the Lord called Abraham a second time from heaven. 'I swear by my own self – it is the Lord who speaks – because you have done this, because you have not refused me your son, your only son, I will shower blessings on you, I will make your descendants as many as the stars of heaven and the grains of sand on the seashore. Your descendants shall gain possession of the gates of their enemies. All the nations of the earth shall bless themselves by your descendants, as a reward for your obedience.'

RESPONSORIAL Ps 115(116):10,15-19

R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

I trusted, even when I said:
'I am sorely afflicted,'
O precious in the eyes of the Lord
is the death of his faithful.

R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

Your servant, Lord, your servant am I;
you have loosened my bonds.
A thanksgiving sacrifice I make;
I will call on the Lord's name.

R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

My vows to the Lord I will fulfil
before all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

R/. I will walk in the presence of the Lord in the land of the living.

SECOND READING Romans 8:31-34

God did not spare his own Son

With God on our side who can be against us? Since God did not spare his own Son, but gave him up to benefit us all, we may be certain, after such a gift, that he will not refuse anything he can give. Could anyone accuse those that God has chosen? When God acquits, could anyone condemn? Could Christ Jesus? No! He not only died for us – he rose from the dead, and there at God's right hand he stands and pleads for us

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 17:5

V/. Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!

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SUNDAY MASS TIMES IN OUR REGION

Saturday Vigil Masses

6:00pm Our Lady's, East Warrnambool
6:30pm Infant Jesus, Koroit

Sunday Morning Masses

8:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool
9:00am St Patrick's, Port Fairy
9:00am Our Lady's, East Warrnambool
10:00am St Joseph's, Warrnambool
10:30am St Pius X, West Warrnambool

Sunday Evening Mass

6:00pm St Joseph's, Warrnambool

R/. *Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

V/. From the shining cloud the Father's voice is heard: this is my beloved Son, hear him.

R/. *Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ!*

GOSPEL

9:2-10

Mark

This is my Son, the Beloved

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain where they could be alone by themselves. There in their presence he was transfigured: his clothes became dazzlingly white, whiter than any earthly bleacher could make them. Elijah appeared to

them with Moses; and they were talking with Jesus. Then Peter spoke to Jesus: 'Rabbi,' he said 'it is wonderful for us to be here; so let us make three tents, one for you, one for Moses and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say; they were so frightened. And a cloud came, covering them in shadow; and there came a voice from the cloud, 'This is my Son, the Beloved. Listen to him.' Then suddenly, when they looked round, they saw no one with them any more but only Jesus.

As they came down from the mountain he warned them to tell no one what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. They observed the warning faithfully, though among themselves they discussed what 'rising from the dead' could mean.

Recent Deaths: Jim McNamara, Kay McNeill.
Anniversaries: Gordan Esam, Joan Fluck, Anne Jewell, Robert McDougall, Patrick O'Toole, Clarice Robinson.



THIS SUNDAY'S GOSPEL:
ALWAYS FOSTER THE HOPE OF HEAVEN
 Fr Francis Fernandez

St Bede, commenting on today's Gospel, says that Our Lord, *in a loving concession allowed Peter, James and John to enjoy for a very short time the contemplation of the happiness that lasts forever, so as to enable them to bear adversity with greater fortitude.* There is no doubt that the memory of those moments beside Our Lord on the mountain helped those apostles through many difficult moments in their lives.

Humanity's existence is a journey towards Heaven, our dwelling place. It is a journey which is, at times, harsh and laborious because we often have to go against the current of opinion and we will have to struggle against many enemies both inside and outside of ourselves. But God wants to strengthen us with the hope of Heaven, in a special way at the more difficult moments or when the weakness of our condition makes itself more felt.

At the time of temptation think of the Love that awaits you in heaven: foster the virtue of hope - this is not a lack of generosity. (St Josemaría Escrivá, *The Way*, 139.) There, *all is repose, joy and delight; all serenity and calm, all peace, splendour and light. It is not a light such as we enjoy now, and which, compared with that light, is no more than a lamp placed beside the sun ... For there there is no night, or twilight, heat or cold, or any change in one's way of being, but a state such as can be understood only by those who are worthy*

to possess it. There, there is no old age, or sickness, or anything allied to corruption, because it is the place and the home of immortal glory.

And above all this the everlasting presence and possession of Christ, of the angels ... everyone perpetually of like mind, without any fear of Satan or the snares of the devil or the threats of hell or of death. (St John Chrysostom, *First Epistle to Theodore*, 11.)

Our life in Heaven will definitively be exempt from any possible fear. We will not have the worry of losing what we have, and we will not want to have anything different. Then, truly, we will be able to echo St Peter's remark in today's Gospel, *Rabbi, it is wonderful for us to be here!*

The glimpse of glory that the Apostle had will be fully ours in eternal life. *Can you imagine what it will be like to arrive there and meet God, to see that beauty, that love which is poured out into our hearts, which satisfies without satiating? I ask myself many times each day, 'What will it be like when all the beauty, all the goodness, all the infinite wonder of God is poured into this poor earthenware vessel that I am, that all of us are?' Then I will understand those words of the Apostle, 'Eye has not seen, nor ear heard ...' It is worthwhile my children, it is worthwhile.* (St Josemaría Escrivá.)

The thought of the glory that awaits us should act as a spur in our daily struggle. Nothing is of such value as gaining Heaven: *and always bearing in mind this determination to die rather than to fail to reach the end of the way, if God ever causes you to suffer from thirst as he guides you through this life, it is because he will give you drink in plenty in the next life, without any fear of it ever failing you.* (St Teresa of Avila, *The Way of Perfection*, 20, 2.)

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WEEKDAY MASSES IN OUR REGION

Monday 1 st	10:00am, St Pius X
Tuesday 2 nd	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00, St Patrick's
Wednesday 3 rd	9:30am, Our Lady's
Thursday 4 th * Residents only	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:30am, Mercy Place* 3:30pm, Moyneyana*
Friday 5 th	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, Infant Jesus 10:00am, St Joseph's
Saturday 6 th	9:30am, Our Lady's

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION

Monday 1 st	5:00pm-6:00pm, St Pius X
Thursday 4 th	5:00pm-6:00pm, St Pius X
Friday 5 th	10:00am, Our Lady's 5:00pm-6:00pm, St Pius X



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