

ST MARY'S PARISH, ROBINVALE



Incorporating St Patrick's Manangatang

YEAR B SATURDAY 13TH & SUNDAY 14TH FEBRUARY 2021

Robinvale and Manangatang Catholic Communities are committed to ensure the safety of all children and vulnerable people in our care.
Child Safety Officers: Arthur Cassidy (Robinvale) 0437 576 730 and Noreen Morris (Manangatang)

Please remember these people in our prayers

Recent Death:



Anniversaries:

Mancell Rigoni; Dorothea Parching; Kevin Curran; Maurice Curran; Falaniko Pelasio; Lui Kelekolio; Tol Nolen; Tony Molluso; Bill Pragt; Giuseppe Camera; Dominic Falvo; Emily Pavey; Agnes Kearney;

Sick:

Sam Giampaolo; Therese Cummins; Rosa Santos; Kristin Sparto; Debbie Nolen; Basilio Alcodia; Jeremy Dickson; Carmela Garreffa; Sister Basil; Peter MacIntosh; Gai Thi Tran; Antony Scaria (Binu Joy father in Law)

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Dear Parishioners,

Just a quick note to advise that due to the Victorian 5 Day Lockdown, there will be no Masses in our Parish this weekend and until further notice. Please be assured that you are in my prayers and specially remember you in my private Mass.

Peace!

Fr Anthony Nagothu
Parish Administrator

Local News:

- ◆ As you will have heard by now, we are in LOCKDOWN till Wednesday evening. That means we will have no Mass on Saturday, Tuesday or Wednesday. Bishop Paul has contacted Father Anthony ~ please read his letter on page 3.
- ◆ Help wanted: St. Mary's Parish is hosting World Day of Prayer early March. We require a Leader & volunteers to organise this. Everything for the service is already planned. However a meeting needs to happen with other local church leaders as well. Please give this some serious thought. If you can be generous with your time and would like to be involved please contact Mary Knight on 0438 627 920. Whole families can participate. This is an annual, ecumenical event in Robinvale and it is our turn to be the host for other Robinvale churches.

REFLECTION

by Fr Michael Tate

Jesus outcast for us

Lepers were social outcasts forced to live outside the villages and towns. Jesus heals the leper, allowing him to return to communal living, but, in touching him, Jesus put himself on the outer. The Gospel says that Jesus 'had to stay outside where nobody lived'. Jesus willingly changed places with the leper!

This incident prefigures the deepest mystery and scandal of the Gospel. Because of our deliberate wrongdoing, we are 'on the outside' with God. Our Lord and Saviour willingly experienced that alienation on Calvary, *outside* the walls of Jerusalem, in a desolate place where no-body lived. He suffered the dis-locating consequences of sin in his body and mind: 'My God, my God, why have you abandoned me?'

He took our place outside the human awareness of the loving presence of His Heavenly Father so that we might be located in the right place, *insiders* with God.

We might pause for a moment to lovingly thank our Saviour for leading us into 'the One in Whom we live and move and have our being'.



Students and staff have settled back into school with lots of learning being evident in the classrooms. Students are preparing their Lent class prayer that will be referred to throughout this Lenten season. We have created a display for Chinese New Year. It is wonderful to see many of our students touching and talking about the display.

Please note that our school photos have been cancelled due to the 5 day lockdown.

Ash Wednesday Masses:

Robinvale

Tuesday 16th February 6:00pm ~

Robinvale St. Mary's Church,

Wednesday 17th February 9:30am ~

St. Mary's School Gym ~ parishioners most welcome

Wednesday 17th February 5pm ~ Ouyen

Wednesday 17th February 7pm ~

Manangatang

YEAR of SAINT JOSEPH

"Show yourself a father, and guide us in the path of life"

**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.**



FINANCES

Presbytery: \$607.75

Parish: \$388.85



Hello Everyone,

As you may have seen on the news today, in response to recent coronavirus infections, the Victorian government has introduced a 5-day lockdown for the whole state. This will come into effect at midnight tonight, Friday, February 12, and continue until midnight on Wednesday, February 17.

During these days, no public gatherings are permitted. This includes gatherings for religious ceremonies. Under the “Ceremonies and religious gatherings” heading, the government’s summary says: “No in-person gatherings permitted. Broadcast permitted.” The major gatherings affected will be the Sunday Masses that would have been celebrated this weekend and the Ash Wednesday services that would have been celebrated next Wednesday.

In relation to funerals, the government summary indicates that funerals (either indoor or outdoor) may involve no more than 10 people, plus those necessary to conduct the funeral.

For the coming five days, we will not be able to gather in our churches for Masses or other ceremonies. However, we will still be able to pray at home and there are resources available to help us in this.

I note in particular the page on our diocesan website that provides a list of links to Masses online and links to Scripture and prayer resources. There are also links to sites with ideas for family activities during lockdown. The page on our diocesan website is <https://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au/coronavirus-the-churchs-information-and-advice-2/>

People occasionally take time out for a “retreat”, some days of quiet and reflection and prayer. With the requirement to generally stay at home, the coming days will be something of a five-day retreat for everyone in Victoria. While it will involve restrictions, I hope it can be a fruitful time with some extra moments of quiet and reflection and prayer.

In this sense, we might count these days as an early start to Lent.

God bless you all.

Bishop Paul



Paul Bird CSsR

Bishop of the Diocese of Ballarat

First Reading

Lv 13:1-2. 44-46

A reading from the book of Leviticus

As long as he is unclean, he must live alone, outside the camp.

The Lord said to Moses and Aaron, 'If a swelling or scab or shiny spot appears on a man's skin, a case of leprosy of the skin is to be suspected. The man must be taken to Aaron, the priest, or to one of the priests who are his sons.

'The man is leprous: he is unclean. The priest must declare him unclean; he is suffering from leprosy of the head. A man infected with leprosy must wear his clothing torn and his hair disordered; he must shield his upper lip and cry, "Unclean, unclean". As long as the disease lasts he must be unclean; and therefore he must live apart; he must live outside the camp.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Responsorial Psalm

Ps 31:1-2. 5. 11. R. v.7

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Happy the man whose offence is forgiven, whose sin is remitted. O happy the man to whom the Lord imputes no guilt, in whose spirit is no guile.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

But now I have acknowledged my sins; my guilt I did not hide. I said: 'I will confess my offence to the Lord.' And you, Lord, have forgiven the guilt of my sin.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Rejoice, rejoice in the Lord, exult, you just! O come, ring out your joy, all you upright of heart.

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation.

Second Reading Cor 10:31 – 11:1

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to the Corinthians

Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ.

Whatever you eat, whatever you drink, whatever you do at all, do it for the glory of God. Never do anything offensive to anyone – to Jews or Greeks or to the Church of God; just as I try to be helpful to everyone at all times, not anxious for my own advantage but for the advantage of everybody else, so that they may be saved. Take me for your model, as I take Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel Acclamation

Lk 7:16

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

Gospel

Mk 1:40-45

A reading from the holy Gospel according to Mark

The leprosy left him and he was cured.

A leper came to Jesus and pleaded on his knees: 'If you want to' he said 'you can cure me.' Feeling sorry for him, Jesus stretched out his hand and touched him. 'Of course I want to!' he said. 'Be cured!' And the leprosy left him at once and he was cured. Jesus immediately sent him away and sternly ordered him, 'Mind you say nothing to anyone, but go and show yourself to the priest, and make the offering for your healing prescribed by Moses as evidence of your recovery.' The man went away, but then started talking about it freely and telling the story everywhere, so that Jesus could no longer go openly into any town, but had to stay outside in places where nobody lived. Even so, people from all around would come to him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ