



SEVENTH (& FINAL) SUNDAY OF ST JOSEPH

His sorrow when he lost the Child Jesus; his joy in finding him in the temple.

COLLECT: O glorious St Joseph, pattern of all holiness, when you lost the child Jesus, you sought him sorrowing for three days, until with great joy you found him again in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors. By this sorrow and joy, we ask you keep us from ever having the misfortune of losing Jesus through mortal sin. Grant that we may seek him with unceasing sorrow, when we commit a serious sin, until we find him again, ready to show us his great mercy in the sacrament of Reconciliation.

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. Amen.



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Fourth Sunday in Lent

Saturday 13th and Sunday 14th March, 2021

FIRST READING

2 Chron 36:14-16,19-23

God's wrath and mercy are revealed in the exile and release of his people

All the heads of the priesthood, and the people too, added infidelity to infidelity, copying all the shameful practices of the nations and defiling the Temple that the Lord had consecrated for himself in Jerusalem. The Lord, the God of their ancestors, tirelessly sent them messenger after messenger, since he wished to spare his people and his house. But they ridiculed the messengers of God, they despised his words, they laughed at his prophets, until at last the wrath of the Lord rose so high against his people that there was no further remedy.

Their enemies burned down the Temple of God, demolished the walls of Jerusalem, set fire to all its palaces, and destroyed everything of value in it. The survivors were deported by Nebuchadnezzar to Babylon; they were to serve him and his sons until the kingdom of Persia came to power. This is how the word of the Lord was fulfilled that he spoke through Jeremiah, 'Until this land has enjoyed its sabbath rest, until seventy years have gone by, it will keep sabbath throughout the days of its desolation.'

And in the first year of Cyrus king of Persia, to fulfil the word of the Lord that was spoken through Jeremiah, the Lord roused the spirit of Cyrus king of Persia to issue a proclamation and to have it publicly displayed throughout his kingdom: *'Thus speaks Cyrus king of Persia, "The Lord, the God of heaven, has given me all the kingdoms of the earth; he has ordered me to build him a Temple in Jerusalem, in Judah. Whoever there is among you of all his people, may his God be with him! Let him go up."*

RESPONSORIAL

Psalms 136(137):1-6

R/. Let my tongue be silenced, if I ever forget you!

By the rivers of Babylon there we sat and wept, remembering Zion; on the poplars that grew there we hung up our harps. **R/.**

For it was there that they asked us, our captors, for songs, our oppressors, for joy. 'Sing to us,' they said, 'one of Zion's songs.' **R/.**

O how could we sing the song of the Lord on alien soil? If I forget you, Jerusalem, let my right hand wither! **R/.**

O let my tongue cleave to my mouth if I remember you not, if I prize not Jerusalem above all my joys! **R/.**

SECOND READING

Ephesians 2:4-10

You have been saved through grace

God loved us with so much love that he was generous with his mercy: when we were dead through our sins, he brought us to life with Christ – it is through grace that you have been saved – and raised us up with him and gave us a place with him in heaven, in Christ Jesus.

This was to show for all ages to come, through his goodness towards us in Christ Jesus, how infinitely rich he is in grace. Because it is by grace that you have been saved, through faith; not by anything of

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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

your own, but by a gift from God; not by anything that you have done, so that nobody can claim the credit. We are God's work of art, created in Christ Jesus to live the good life as from the beginning he had meant us to live it.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 3:16

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

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

V/. God loved the world so much, he gave us his only Son, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

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

GOSPEL John 3:14-21

God sent his Son so that through him the world might be saved

Jesus said to Nicodemus: 'The Son of Man

must be lifted up as Moses lifted up the serpent in the desert, so that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him. Yes, God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life. For God sent his Son into the world not to condemn the world, but so that through him the world might be saved. No one who believes in him will be condemned; but whoever refuses to believe is condemned already, because he has refused to believe in the name of God's only Son. On these grounds is sentence pronounced: that though the light has come into the world men have shown they prefer darkness to the light because their deeds were evil. And indeed, everybody who does wrong hates the light and avoids it, for fear his actions should be exposed; but the man who lives by the truth comes out into the light, so that it may be plainly seen that what he does is done in God.'

Recent Deaths: Jim Claridge, Ray Dowd, Joan McCarthy
Anniversaries: Peter Cox, Rose & John Dalton, Petrina Dalton, Bernard Shaw.

WEEKDAY MASSES IN OUR REGION	
Monday 15th	10:00am, St Pius X
Tuesday 16th	9:30am, Our Lady's
Wednesday 17th (St Patrick's Day)	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, Infant Jesus * Students only due to COVID-19 10:00am, St Patrick's Port Fairy School Mass*
Thursday 18th	9:30am, Our Lady's * Residents only due to COVID-19 10:30am, Mercy Place* 2:00pm, Belfast House*
Friday 19th (Feast of St Joseph)	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, St Joseph's
Saturday 20th	9:30am, Our Lady's



Anointing Mass. 2pm, Friday 26th March. Infant Jesus Church, Koroit.

THE SACRED PASCHAL TRIDUUM

Holy Thursday: 6:30pm, Koroit

Good Friday: 3:00pm, Koroit
3:00pm, Port Fairy

Holy Saturday: 6:30pm, Koroit

Easter Sunday: 10:30am, Port Fairy



REFLECTION ON THE READINGS:

THE JOY OF THE CROSS

Fr Francis Fernandez

This Sunday is traditionally called *Laetare Sunday* from the opening words of the Entrance Antiphon: "Rejoice with Jerusalem and be glad for her, all you who love her." The strictness of the Lenten liturgy is interrupted on this Sunday with words that speak to us of joy. Today, rose coloured vestments, if they are available, are permitted in place of violet, and the altar can be decked with flowers as on no other day in Lent. In this way the Church wishes to remind us that joy is perfectly compatible with mortification and pain. It is sadness and not penance which is opposed to happiness. Taking part to the utmost in this liturgical season which reaches its climax in the Passion, and hence in suffering, we realise that approaching the Cross also means that the moment of our Redemption is coming ever closer. In this way, the Church and each of her children are filled with joy.

The mortifications we do during these days should not cast a shadow over our interior joy. Rather, it ought to increase it, be-

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION

<i>Mon 15th</i>	After 10am Mass, St Pius X 5pm-6pm, St Pius X
<i>Wed 17th</i>	5pm-6pm, St Pius X
<i>Thu 18th</i>	5pm-6pm, St Pius X
<i>Fri 19th</i>	After 9:30 Mass, Our Lady's After 10am Mass, St Joseph's 5pm-6pm, St Pius X
<i>Sat 20th</i>	10am-11am, St Pius X

cause our Redemption is near at hand; the pouring out of love for mankind, which is the Passion, is coming and the joy of Easter will soon be upon us. We therefore feel the need to be very closely united to Our Lord, so that our lives too may reflect once more the suffering He underwent for our sakes, as well as experiencing great happiness in the attainment of the glory and joy of the Resurrection through his Passion and his Cross.

In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear the beautiful phrase, *God loved the world so much that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not be lost but may have eternal life* (Jn 3:16). In reference to this favoured verse, St Pope John Paul II remarks: "How precious must man be in the eyes of the Creator, if he gained so great a Redeemer, and if 'God gave his only Son' in order that man 'should not perish but have eternal life.'" (John Paul II, *Address*, 1 March 1980.)

God sent his Son because he simply could not bear to see us perish in our sins; he longed to share with us his everlasting life. God loves us and cares for us, and it is our Blessed Lord who is the definitive proof of this love. God loves us so much that he is willing to sacrifice his only Son to atone for the sins that have separated man from God, the source of all good things. This line, then, is the core of the Gospel, and reveals to us too the heart of God who longs for our friendship.

Discussions around the future of St Patrick's Port Fairy, Infant Jesus Koroit, St John's Dennington, St Pius X West Warrnambool, and St Joseph's Warrnambool

A meeting was held last week with representatives from each Parish and Mark Bromley (Diocesan Finance and Administration Officer) to discuss the future of the Ministry District. A new Ministry District Committee has been formed. A document will be available 27th/28th March for parishioners perusal. Each parish to schedule a gathering to consider the proposal of merging Pastoral and Administration responsibilities.