

ST JOSEPH: "THE OBEDIENT ONE"

Pope Francis: Obedience made it possible for Joseph to surmount his difficulties. Obedience involves listening and requires trust and confidence in God – the courage to do the will of God. Although being obedient can be challenging, Joseph was able to live out the will of God. Joseph did not hesitate to obey, regardless of the hardship involved.

St Mary of the Cross: "We see in St Joseph, a perfect mirror of confidence in God – a wonderful, unbounded confidence in our good God."

Obedience requires us to listen, engage and be responsive to God. Joseph listened and responded to

God's voice spoken through angels in his dreams.

When and where do you hear God speaking in your life?

How can you have the obedience to live out God's will in your life?

What is God telling you?

What can you learn from Joseph in how to obediently respond to God?

Let us pray:

We pray like Joseph, "to hold ourselves in readiness for God's will, whichever way things go." Mary MacKillop (1867).

May we be blessed with patience, trust and courage to be obedient to our good God, as we use our gifts in the service of God's mission. Amen.



MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER WEEKEND

An opportunity to spend a weekend improving your communication. Attend in the comfort of your own home or experience a residential weekend. Come and learn how to

keep/rekindle the passion in your relationship and how to keep your love growing! The weekend we offer is based around Catholic values but couples of all faiths are welcome.

On-line weekend: 30th April to 2nd May

Residential weekend: 21st to 23rd May

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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



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy
Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit

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The Resurrection of the Lord

Saturday 3rd and Sunday 4th April, 2021

FIRST READING

Acts 10:34,37-43

'We have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection'

Peter addressed Cornelius and his household: 'You must have heard about the recent happenings in Judaea; about Jesus of Nazareth and how he began in Galilee, after John had been preaching baptism. God had anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and because God was with him, Jesus went about doing good and curing all who had fallen into the power of the devil. Now I, and those with me, can witness to everything he did throughout the countryside of Judaea and in Jerusalem itself: and also to the fact that they killed him by hanging him on a tree, yet three days afterwards God raised him to life and allowed him to be seen, not by the whole people but only by certain witnesses God had chosen beforehand. Now we are those witnesses – we have eaten and drunk with him after his resurrection from the dead – and he has ordered us to proclaim this to his people and to tell them that God has appointed him to judge everyone, alive or dead. It is to him that all the prophets bear this witness: that all who believe in Jesus will have their sins forgiven through his name.'

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 117:1-2,16-17,22-23

R/. This is the day the Lord has made;

let us rejoice and be glad.

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good, for his love has no end.

Let the sons of Israel say:

'His love has no end.'

R/. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The Lord's right hand has triumphed; his right hand raised me up.

I shall not die, I shall live and recount his deeds.

R/. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

The stone which the builders rejected has become the corner stone.

This is the work of the Lord, a marvel in our eyes.

R/. This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad.

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-4

Look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is

Since you have been brought back to true life with Christ, you must look for the things that are in heaven, where Christ is, sitting at God's right hand. Let your thoughts be on heavenly things, not on the things that are on the earth, because you have died, and now the life you have is hidden with Christ in God. But when Christ is revealed – and he is your life – you too will be revealed in all your glory with him.

EASTER SEQUENCE

Christians, to the Paschal Victim
offer sacrifice and praise.
The sheep are ransomed by the Lamb;
and Christ, the undefiled,
hath sinners to his Father reconciled.
Death with life contended:
combat strangely ended!
Life's own Champion, slain,
yet lives to reign.
Tell us, Mary:
say what thou didst see upon the way.
The tomb the Living did enclose;
I saw Christ's glory as he rose!
The angels there attesting;
shroud with grave-clothes resting.
Christ, my hope, has risen:
he goes before you into Galilee.
That Christ is truly risen
from the dead we know.
Victorious king, thy mercy show!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1 Cor 5:7-8

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Christ has become our paschal sacrifice; let us feast with joy in the Lord.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Anniversaries: Veronica Carney, Michael Creece, Monica Lucas, John McCluskey, Lynette McKernan, Colin Savory, Eileen Paten, Nola Whitehead, Sr Imelda Worcester.

Ministry District Meeting

Meetings will be held in the parishes of Port Fairy, Koroit, Dennington & West Warrnambool, and St Joseph's Warrnambool to consider merging pastoral and administration responsibilities. We will meet at our respective churches.

Pt Fairy: 7pm, Monday 19th April

Koroit: 7pm, Tuesday 20th April

GOSPEL

John 20:1-9

He must rise from the dead

It was very early on the first day of the week and still dark, when Mary of Magdala came to the tomb. She saw that the stone had been moved away from the tomb and came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved. 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb' she said 'and we don't know where they have put him.'

So Peter set out with the other disciple to go to the tomb. They ran together, but the other disciple, running faster than Peter, reached the tomb first; he bent down and saw the linen cloths lying on the ground, but did not go in. Simon Peter who was following now came up, went right into the tomb, saw the linen cloths on the ground, and also the cloth that had been over his head; this was not with the linen cloths but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple who had reached the tomb first also went in; he saw and he believed. Till this moment they had failed to understand the teaching of scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

Divine Mercy Sunday at St Pius X

2:00pm Eucharistic Adoration

3:00pm Chaplet of Divine Mercy

3:15pm Mass

Please bring a small plate for afternoon tea. All most welcome.



THE RESURRECTION: THE BASIS OF OUR FAITH

Fr Francis Fernandez

The glorious resurrection of the Lord is the key to interpreting his whole life, and the ground of our faith. Without this victory over death, says St Paul, all our preaching would be useless and our faith in vain. (1 Cor 15:14-17)

Furthermore, the guarantee of our future resurrection is secured upon the resurrection of Christ, because although we were dead through sin, God, full of mercy, moved by the infinite compassion with which he loved, gave us Christ ... and He raised us with him. (Eph 2:4-6)

Easter is the celebration of our Redemption, and therefore the celebration of thanksgiving and joy.

The Resurrection of the Lord is a central reality of the Catholic faith, and has been preached as such since the beginning of Christianity. The importance of this miracle is so great that the Apostles are, above all their other functions and ministries, witnesses of Jesus' resurrection. (Acts 1:22; 2:32; 3:15, etc.) They announce that Christ is alive, and this becomes the nucleus of all their preaching. After twenty centuries this is still what we announce to the world: *Christ lives!* The fact of the resurrection is the supreme argument for the divinity of Our Lord.

After arising by his own power, Jesus, glorious, was seen by the disciples, who were able to ascertain that it was He: they were able to talk with him, they saw him eat, they saw the marks of the nails

and the lance ... The Apostles declare that He manifested himself to them with numerous proofs, (Acts 1:3) and many of these men died testifying to this truth.

Jesus Christ lives. And this crowns us with happiness. This is the great truth which fills our faith with meaning. Jesus, who died on the cross, has risen. He has triumphed over death; he has overcome sorrow, anguish and the power of darkness ... In him we find everything. Outside of him our life is empty.

He appeared to his most holy Mother. He appeared to Mary of Magdala, who is carried away by love. And to Peter and the rest of the Apostles. And to you and me, who are his disciples and more in love than Mary Magdalen ... the things we say to him!

May we never die through sin: may our spiritual resurrection be eternal ... You have kissed the wounds in his feet ... and I, more daring - because I am more a child - have placed my lips upon his open side.

St. Josemaría Escrivá, *Holy Rosary*,
First Glorious Mystery.

It is said that each year on this holy day St Thomas Aquinas counselled his hearers not to fail to congratulate the Blessed Virgin on the Resurrection of her Son. (Fr. J.F.P., *Life and Mercies of Our Lady*, according to St. Thomas Aquinas.) And this is exactly what we do, beginning today, by reciting the Regina Coeli which will take the place of the Angelus during Eastertide.

*Queen of Heaven, Rejoice. Alleluia!
For He whom you did merit to bear,
has risen as He said. Alleluia!*

And we ask to be raised up forever from all sin, to remain in intimate union with Jesus Christ. Let us resolve to live this Easter period very close to Our Lady.