

ST JOSEPH: "THE ACCEPTING ONE"

Joseph's lived experience of God's love led him to accept very difficult situations. Relationships, rather than the letter of the law guided him in making loving and courageous decisions.

Pope Francis: "The nobility of Joseph's heart is such that what he learned from the law, he made dependent on charity. The spiritual path that he traces for us is not one that explains but accepts."

St Mary of the Cross: "Whatever troubles may be before you, accept them bravely, remembering whom you are trying to follow."

Imitating Joseph's discerning heart, and his tender care of Mary and Jesus, we will open ourselves to a new tenderness among ourselves and in our relationships.

Let us pray: *Joseph we honour you; In your unconditional love and protection of Mary... In your courageous trust in God's provident care... In your silent listening to the whisperings of God in your heart... In your acceptance of the mysterious action of God in your life... In your nurturing love for Mary and Jesus... In your fatherly instruction of Jesus in the ways of wisdom, love, mercy and forgiveness. Amen.*

WEEKDAY MASSES IN OUR REGION

Monday 12th	No Mass
Tuesday 13th	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, St Patrick's
Wednesday 14th	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, Infant Jesus
Thursday 15th * Residents only due to COVID-19	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:30am, Mercy Place* 2:00pm, Belfast House*
Friday 16th	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, St Joseph's
Saturday 17th	9:30am, Our Lady's

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Renew your faith and reignite the gifts of the Holy Spirit you received in the sacraments of Baptism and Confirmation with this seven-week course of catechesis and prayer.

Choose your time:

1pm to 2:30pm Tuesdays;
or 7pm to 8:30pm Tuesdays.

At St Pius X, West Warrnambool.

Starts Tuesday 27th April.
For more information, call or text
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WARRNAMBOOL MINISTRY DISTRICT

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*St Patrick's, Port Fairy and Infant Jesus,
Koroit are child-safe parishes.*

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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

www.moyne catholic.org.au



Divine Mercy (2nd Sunday of Easter)

Saturday 10th and Sunday 11th April, 2021

FIRST READING

Acts 4:32-35

*The whole group of believers
was united, heart and soul*

The whole group of believers was united, heart and soul; no one claimed for his own use anything that he had, as everything they owned was held in common.

The apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus with great power, and they were all given great respect.

None of their members was ever in want, as all those who owned land or houses would sell them, and bring the money from them, to present it to the apostles; it was then distributed to any members who might be in need.

RESPONSORIAL

Ps 117:2-4,15-18,22-24

*R/. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is
good; his love is everlasting.*

Let the sons of Israel say:
'His love has no end.'

Let the sons of Aaron say:
'His love has no end.'

Let those who fear the Lord say:
'His love has no end.'

*R/. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is
good; his love is everlasting.*

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

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

I was punished, I was punished by the
Lord,
but not doomed to die.

*R/. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is
good; his love is everlasting.*

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

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

This day was made by the Lord;
we rejoice and are glad.

*R/. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is
good; his love is everlasting.*

SECOND READING

1 John 5:1-6

*Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ
has already overcome the world*

Whoever believes that Jesus is the Christ has been begotten by God; and whoever loves the Father that begot him loves the child whom he begets. We can be sure that we love God's children if we love God himself and do what he has commanded us; this is what loving God is – keeping his commandments; and his commandments are not difficult, because anyone who has been begotten by God has already overcome the world; this is the victory over the world – our faith. Who can overcome the world? Only the man who believes that Jesus is the Son of God: Jesus Christ who came by water and blood, not with water only, but with water and blood; with the Spirit as another witness – since the Spirit is the truth.

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 John 20:29

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

You believe in me, Thomas, because you
 have seen me; happy are those who
 have not seen me, but still believe!

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 20:19-31

*Eight days later, Jesus came again
 and stood among them*

In the evening of that same day, the first
 day of the week, the doors were closed in
 the room where the disciples were, for
 fear of the Jews. Jesus came and stood
 among them. He said to them, 'Peace be
 with you', and showed them his hands
 and his side. The disciples were filled

with joy when they saw the Lord, and he
 said to them again, '*Peace be with you. As
 the Father sent me, so am I sending you.*'
 After saying this he breathed on them and
 said:

*'Receive the Holy Spirit.
 For those whose sins you forgive,
 they are forgiven;
 for those whose sins you retain,
 they are retained.'*

Thomas, called the Twin, who was one of
 the Twelve, was not with them when Je-
 sus came. When the disciples said, 'We
 have seen the Lord', he answered, 'Unless
 I see the holes that the nails made in his
 hands and can put my finger into the
 holes they made, and unless I can put my
 hand into his side, I refuse to believe.'

Eight days later the disciples were in
 the house again and Thomas was with
 them. The doors were closed, but Jesus
 came in and stood among them. 'Peace be
 with you' he said. Then he spoke to
 Thomas, 'Put your finger here; look, here
 are my hands. Give me your hand; put it
 into my side. Doubt no longer but be-
 lieve.' Thomas replied, 'My Lord and my
 God!' Jesus said to him: '*You believe be-
 cause you can see me. Happy are those
 who have not seen and yet oijoj.*'

There were many other signs that Jesus
 worked and the disciples saw, but they
 are not recorded in this book. These are
 recorded so that you may believe that Je-
 sus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that
 believing this you may have life through
 his name.



THE FAITH OF ST THOMAS

Fr Francis Fernandez

Thomas is the Apostle who had said,
 not very long before: *Let us go too and
 die with him.* (Jn 11:16) At the Last Sup-
 per he had expressed his ignorance to
 Our Lord in the simplest possible terms:
*Lord we do not know where you are going;
 how can we know the way?* (Jn 14:5)

Filled with the deepest joy, the Apostles
 would have looked for Thomas through-
 out Jerusalem on the same night the
 risen Lord appeared to them, or the next
 day. As soon as they found him they
 could not tell him quickly enough: *We
 have seen the Lord!* But Thomas, like all
 the others, had been deeply affected by
 what his own eyes had seen: he would
 never forget the crucifixion and death of
 the Master. He doesn't give the slightest
 credence to what the others have to tell
 him: *Unless I see in his hands the print of
 the nails, and place my finger in the mark
 of the nails, and place my hand in his side,
 I will not believe.* (Jn 20:25) Those who
 had been his companions during those
 three years and with whom he was
 united by so many bonds, would have
 repeated to him in a thousand different
 ways that same truth which was their joy
 and their certainty: *We have seen the
 Lord.*

Thomas thought the Lord was dead.
 The others assure him that He is alive,
 that they themselves have seen and
 heard him, that they have been with
 Him. That's what we have to do also; for
 many men and women Christ is, as it
 were, dead, because He hardly means a

thing to them. He counts for almost
 nothing in their lives. Our faith in the
 risen Christ impels us to go to those
 people, to tell them in a thousand dif-
 ferent ways that Christ is alive, that we
 unite ourselves to him by faith and love
 every day, that he guides and gives
 meaning to our lives.

When Thomas finally encounters the
 risen Lord, his reply is an act of faith, of
 adoration and of self-surrender without
 limits: *My Lord and my God!* These five
 words are inexhaustible in their signifi-
 cance. His faith springs not so much
 from the evidence of seeing Jesus as
 from an immense sorrow. It isn't so
 much the proof, as his love, that leads
 him to adoration and to renewing his
 apostolate. Tradition tells us that the
 Apostle Thomas died a martyr for his
 faith in Our Lord. He spent the rest of
 his life in His service.

The virtue of faith is one that gives us
 the true dimension of events and per-
 mits us to form a correct judgement
 about everything. *Only by the light of faith
 and by meditation on the word of God can
 one always and everywhere recognize God
 in whom 'we live and move and have our
 being' (Acts 17:28), seek His will in every
 event, see Christ in everyone whether he be
 a relative or a stranger, and make correct
 judgements about the true meaning and
 value of temporal things both in them-
 selves and in their relation to man's final
 goal.* (Vatican II, *Apostolicam actuositatem*,
 4.)

My Lord and my God! These words have
 served as an aspiration for many Chris-
 tians, and as an act of faith in the Real
 Presence of Jesus Christ in the Blessed
 Sacrament, when passing in front of a
 tabernacle or at the Consecration of the
 Mass. They can also help us to deepen
 our faith and our love for the risen
 Christ, really present in the Sacred Host.

Recent deaths: Mona Bartlett, Mar-
 garet Dempsey, Beatrice Garvey, Sr
 Cornelius McManus RSM.
Anniversaries: Veronica Carney, James
 Chadwick, Dawn Clancey, Michael
 Creece, Mary Fiorini-Lowell, Hazel
 Gore, Adele Griffin, Norma Hall, Mon-
 ica Lucas, Lynette McKernan, Eileen
 Paten, Colin Savory, Roma Vaughan,
 Nola Whitehead, Sr Imelda Worcester.

Ministry District Meeting
 Meetings will be held in the parishes
 of Port Fairy, Koroit, Dennington &
 West Warrnambool, and Warrnam-
 bool 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