

SAINT JOSEPH: "CREATIVE AND COURAGEOUS BELIEVER & GUIDE"

In this year of St Joseph, Pope Francis reminds us that 'God always finds a way to fulfil his saving plan.'

God trusted Joseph to be creative and courageous to find solutions to protect Jesus and Mary. They are the very definition of vulnerable and marginalised. By protecting the Son and his Mother, Joseph was instrumental in the Paschal Mystery.

St Mary of the Cross: "May God grant you courage and wisdom in all you do and say."

Courage challenges us to stretch ourselves to acknowledge our fears and to be undeterred from offering something that goes beyond our own immediate needs and comforts.

Let us pray: *Through the example of Joseph, may we grow in courage and determination to help the stranger, the poor and needy, and the suffering. Amen.*



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

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Third Sunday of Easter

Saturday 17th and Sunday 18th April, 2021

WEEKDAY MASSES IN OUR REGION	
Monday 19th	10:00am, St Pius X 10:30am, Our Lady's (Frank Conheady's Requiem)
Tuesday 20th	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, St Patrick's
Wednesday 21st	9:30am, Our Lady's 1:00pm, Infant Jesus (Frank Fiorini's Requiem)
Thursday 22nd	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:30am, Mercy Place
Friday 23rd	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, St Joseph's
Saturday 24th	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 scriptural study and prayer.

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

St Pius X, West Warrnambool.

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

FIRST READING

Acts 3:13-15,17-19

You killed the prince of life: God, however, raised him from the dead

Peter said to the people: 'You are Israelites, and it is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, who has glorified his servant Jesus, the same Jesus you handed over and then disowned in the presence of Pilate after Pilate had decided to release him. It was you who accused the Holy One, the Just One, you who demanded the reprieve of a murderer while you killed the prince of life. God, however, raised him from the dead, and to that fact we are the witnesses.'

'Now I know, brothers, that neither you nor your leaders had any idea what you were really doing; this was the way God carried out what he had foretold, when he said through all his prophets that his Christ would suffer. Now you must repent and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out.'

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Ps 4:2,4,7,9

R/. Lord, let your face shine on us.

When I call, answer me, O God of justice; from anguish you released me, have mercy and hear me!

R/. Lord, let your face shine on us.

It is the Lord who grants favours to those whom he loves; the Lord hears me whenever I call him.

R/. Lord, let your face shine on us.

'What can bring us happiness?' many say.

Lift up the light of your face on us, O Lord.

R/. Lord, let your face shine on us.

I will lie down in peace and sleep comes at once for you alone, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

R/. Lord, let your face shine on us.

SECOND READING

1 John 2:1-5

Jesus Christ is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and the world's

I am writing this, my children, to stop you sinning; but if anyone should sin, we have our advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ, who is just; he is the sacrifice that takes our sins away, and not only ours, but the whole world's. We can be sure that we know God only by keeping his commandments. Anyone who says, 'I know him', and does not keep his commandments, is a liar, refusing to admit the truth. But when anyone does obey what he has said, God's love comes to perfection in him.

GOSEL ACCLAMATION

Luke 24:32

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Lord Jesus, make your word plain to us: make our hearts burn with love when you speak.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSEL

Luke 24:35-48

It is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead

The disciples told their story of what had

happened on the road and how they had recognised Jesus at the breaking of bread.

They were still talking about all this when Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you!' In a state of alarm and fright, they thought they were seeing a ghost. But he said, 'Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts? Look at my hands and feet; yes, it is I indeed. Touch me and see for yourselves; a ghost has no flesh and bones as you can see I have.' And as he said this he showed them his hands and feet. Their joy was so great that they still could not believe it, and they stood there dumbfounded; so he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?'

And they offered him a piece of grilled fish, which he took and ate before their eyes.

Then he told them, 'This is what I meant when I said, while I was still with you, that everything written about me in the Law of Moses, in the Prophets and in the Psalms has to be fulfilled.' He then opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'So you see how it is written that the Christ would suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that, in his name, repentance for the forgiveness of sins would be preached to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses to this.'



MEETING OUR LORD

Fr Francis Fernandez

In the Gospel of today's Mass we read how Jesus, having appeared to Mary Magdalene, to the other women, to Peter and to the disciples from Emmaus, appears also to the Eleven: And he said to them, *Why are you so agitated, and why are these doubts rising in your hearts?*

He then showed them his hands and his feet, and ate with them. The Apostles will be forever convinced that their faith in the Risen One is not a result of mere credulity, of enthusiasm or of imagination, but of facts which they themselves were able to confirm repeatedly. Jesus, in His appearances, adapts with marvellous condescension to the state of mind and the varied situations of those to whom He reveals himself. He does not treat them all in the same way; but by different ways He leads them to certainty about His Resurrection and about the fact that He is the cornerstone of the Christian faith. Our Lord wishes to give every possible guarantee to those who constitute the newly emerging Church so that throughout the centuries our faith will rest on solid foundations: *The Lord is risen indeed. Jesus is alive.*

Peace be with you, Jesus said when he presented himself to his disciples, who were filled with fear. They immediately saw his wounds and were filled with joy and astonishment. This too should be our refuge. It is here that we will always find peace of soul and the necessary strength to follow Him all the days of our life. *We will go there like the doves which, in the*

words of Scripture (cf Cant 2:14), find shelter from the storm in the crevices in the rocks. We hasten to this refuge to find the intimacy we seek with Christ. We find his conversation soothing and his countenance comely, because those who know that his voice is gentle and pleasing are those who have welcomed the grace of the Gospel, making them say: You have the words of eternal life. (St Gregory of Nyssa, *In Canticum Canticorum homiliae*, 5.)

Jesus is very near to us: in Christian countries where there are so many tabernacles we are hardly ever more than a few kilometres from Him. How difficult it is not to see the walls or at least the spire of some church whether we are in the middle of a crowded city or travelling by road or by train. "Christ is there! It is the Lord!" our faith and our love exclaim. We can say it because Our Lord is present there really and substantially: He is the same one who appeared to the disciples and who has always shown such interest in everybody.

Jesus has remained in the Blessed Eucharist. In this memorable Sacrament there is contained, really, truly and substantially, his Body and Blood together with his Soul and Divinity and, consequently, the whole Christ. The presence of Christ in the Blessed Eucharist is real and permanent, because once Mass is over, Our Lord remains in each one of the consecrated hosts that has not been consumed. (Council of Trent, Canon 4 *On the Eucharist*, DZ 886.)

We meet with Him in the tabernacle and he sees us and knows us. We can speak to him as the Apostles did and tell him what things we are enthusiastic about and what things are causing us concern. There we always find true peace, of the kind that endures in spite of all sorrow and every obstacle.

'Looking Forward' Pastoral Planning for our Ministry District

This plan commenced in 2014 inviting parishes to work more closely together with a view towards the potential merger of parishes. Presently, consultation is happening.

- Last Tuesday the St Joseph's community met.
- This weekend, St Pius X parishioners meet following the 10.30am Mass.
- On Monday, St Patrick's Port Fairy parishioners gather at 7pm.
- On Tuesday, Infant Jesus Koroit parishioners gather at 7pm.

All parishioners are invited and most welcome.

Our Lady's (Warrnambool East) will likely be involved at a later stage following Fr Lawrie's retirement. Why is this being considered?

- For our Catholic region to work more closely and face the challenges together
- Providing communities more time to concentrate of pastoral and spiritual needs
- Professional staff willing and able to assist and support volunteers with church and property maintenance
- Financial administration will be much more efficient
- Reductions in clergy numbers over recent years have led to a number of parishes being without a resident priest.

Recent deaths: Sr Monica Butler, Frank Conheady, Georgina Crowe, Frank Fiorini-Lowell, Beatrice Garvey, John Shanahan (Geelong).

Anniversaries: John Brown, James Chadwick, Dawn Clancey, Mary Fiorini-Lowell, Hazel Gore, Adele Griffin, Norma Hall, Fr Frank Madden Albert Stainsby, Roma Vaughan.

Change to State Government COVID rules

Next weekend, many businesses and venues in Victoria — including all places of worship — are required to convert to exclusively *digital* data collection. That means we are no longer allowed to record names and phone numbers using pen and paper. We must use the Service Victoria app or a government API-linked digital system. Please bear with us as we navigate these new requirements!

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: 25th APRIL 2021. GOOD SHEPHERD SUNDAY (4th SUNDAY OF EASTER)

KOROIT: Leader: Jordan O'Keefe. Lector: Pat Shanahan. Communion: Betty Bishop.
PORT FAIRY: Leader: Name Name. Lector: Name Name. Communion: Name Name.