

A Mothers' Day Toast and Blessing

To the mums who are struggling, to those filled with incandescent joy.

To the mums who are remembering children who have died, and pregnancies that miscarried.

To the mums who decided other parents were the best choice for their babies, to the mums who adopted those kids and loved them fierce.

To those experiencing frustration or desperation in infertility.

To those who mothered colleagues, proteges, neighbourhood kids, and anyone who needed it.

To those remembering mums no longer with us.

To those moving forward from mums who did not show love, or hurt those they should have cared for.

Today is a day to honour the unyielding love and care for others we call 'Motherhood,' wherever we have found it and in whatever ways we have found to cultivate it within ourselves. God blesses us through motherhood. God bless our mums.



MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY

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

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Saturday 8th and Sunday 9th May, 2021

FIRST READING Acts 10:25-26,34-35,44-48

Pagans received the Spirit just as we have
 As Peter reached the house Cornelius went out to meet him, knelt at his feet and prostrated himself. But Peter helped him up. 'Stand up,' he said 'I am only a man after all!' Then Peter addressed them: 'The truth I have now come to realise' he said 'is that God does not have favourites, but that anybody of any nationality who fears God and does what is right is acceptable to him.' While Peter was still speaking the Holy Spirit came down on all the listeners. Jewish believers who had accompanied Peter were all astonished that the gift of the Holy Spirit should be poured out on the pagans too, since they could hear them speaking strange languages and proclaiming the greatness of God. Peter himself then said, 'Could anyone refuse the water of baptism to these people, now they have received the Holy Spirit just as much as we have?' He then gave orders for them to be baptised in the name of Jesus Christ. Afterwards they begged him to stay on for some days.

has shown his justice to the nations. He has remembered his truth and love for the house of Israel.

R/. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout to the Lord, all the earth, ring out your joy.

R/. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-10

Let us love one another

My dear people, let us love one another since love comes from God and everyone who loves is begotten by God and knows God. Anyone who fails to love can never have known God, because God is love. God's love for us was revealed when God sent into the world his only Son so that we could have life through him; this is the love I mean: not our love for God, but God's love for us when he sent his Son to be the sacrifice that takes our sins away.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION John 14:23

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

All who love me will keep my words, and my Father will love them and we will come to them.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 15:9-17

You are my friends if you do what I command you

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father

RESPONSORIAL Ps 21(22):26-28,30-32

R/. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

Sing a new song to the Lord for he has worked wonders. His right hand and his holy arm have brought salvation.

R/. The Lord has revealed to the nations his saving power.

The Lord has made known his salvation;

Fr John Corrigan is away this week,
 attending meetings in Ballarat.

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION

Mon 10th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Tue 11th	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
Wed 12th	None
Thu 13th	None
Fri 14th	After 9:30am Mass, Our Lady's After 10am Mass, St Joseph's
Sat 15th	10am to 11am, St Pius X

WEEKDAY LITURGIES IN OUR REGION

Mon 10th	9:30am Mass, St Pius X 1:00pm Mass, Our Lady's (Garry Fitzgerald's funeral)
Tue 11th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's
Wed 12th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Lay-led, St Joseph's
Thu 13th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's
Fri 14th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Joseph's
Sat 15th	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's

SUNDAY MASSES 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

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has loved me, so I have loved you. Remain in my love. If you keep my commandments you will remain in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and remain in his love. I have told you this so that my own joy may be in you and your joy be complete. This is my commandment: love one another, as I have loved you. A man can have no greater love than to lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends, if you do

what I command you. I shall not call you servants any more, because a servant does not know his master's business; I call you friends, because I have made known to you everything I have learnt from my Father. You did not choose me: no, I chose you; and I commissioned you to go out and to bear fruit, fruit that will last; and then the Father will give you anything you ask him in my name. What I command you is to love one another.'



PRAYING THE ROSARY IN MAY

Fr Francis Fernandez

Love for our Lady is shown in many different ways. The Holy Rosary has been the Marian prayer most recommended by the Church down through the ages. As we consider each mystery, our Lady teaches us to contemplate the life of her Son. Always intimately united to Jesus, at times she takes first place; other times, Christ himself is the focus of our attention.

Etymologically, the Rosary is *a crown of roses, a delightful custom which among all peoples represents an offering of love and a symbol of joy.* (Pius XII, *Address*, 16 October 1940.) *It is the most excellent means of meditated prayer, constituted in the manner of a mystical crown, in which the angelic salutation, the Lord's Prayer and the doxology to the August Trinity are intertwined with the consideration of the highest mysteries of our faith. In it, by means of many scenes, the mind contemplates the drama of the Incarnation and of the Redemption of our Lord.* (St John XXIII, *Grata recordatio*, 1959.)

In this Marian prayer, vocal prayer is combined with the meditation of the Christian mysteries, which is as it were the *soul* of the Rosary. Thanks to this unhurried meditation it is possible for all to say the same words, while at the same time each one can do his or her own personal

prayer. To imagine oneself as a participant in the scenes helps one to say it well.

We shall live the life of Jesus, Mary and Joseph. Each day we shall do something new for them. We shall hear their family conversation. We shall see the Messiah grow up. We shall admire his thirty years of hidden life ... We shall be present at his Passion and Death ... We shall be amazed at the glory of his resurrection ... In a word: carried away by Love (the only real love is Love), we shall contemplate each and every moment of the life of Christ. (St. J. Escriva, *Holy Rosary*, Preface.)

In considering the mysteries, *vocal prayer* – the Our Fathers and the Hail Marys – comes to life; our interior life is enriched with deep content, which becomes a source of prayer and contemplation throughout the day. Little by little, it identifies us with Christ's feelings and enables us to live in a climate of intense devotion: we rejoice with Christ joyful, we are enlightened by Christ luminous, we sorrow with Christ sorrowful, and we glory in Christ glorious. St Paul VI said that the liturgy and the Rosary, *although existing on essentially different planes of reality, have as their object the same salvific events wrought by Christ. The liturgy presents anew, under the veil of signs and operative in a hidden way, the great mysteries of our redemption. The Rosary, by means of devout contemplation, recalls these same mysteries to the mind of the person praying and stimulates the will to draw from them the norms of living.* (St Paul VI, *Marialis cultus*, 1974, no. 48.)

Recent deaths: Veronica Barker, Gary Fitzgerald, Kevin Ryan. **Anniversaries:** Christian Lourey, Johanna Pater (Bakker), Joan Williams, Euphemia Zammit (Bakker).

Engaging your faith: online formation

This series of short sessions explores the Catholic faith through seven topics:

- Reflective practice in ministry & life
- St John Henry Newman & his friends
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- Eucharist as a mode of being
- Spirituality and wisdom
- Women in the early Church
- Can a scientist believe in God?

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Pt Fairy – Actual: \$2,515. Pledged: \$2,700.

Koroit – Actual: \$2,536. Pledged: \$3,092.

Global Rosary in May

Pope Francis is urging Catholics to pray the Rosary through the month of May for an end to the COVID-19 pandemic. To date, more than 3 million people have died from coronavirus, with many countries experiencing their worst wave yet. India is presently afflicted with over 300,000 daily new infections.

Each day this month, the rosary will be broadcast from one of thirty Marian Shrines from across the world. St Mary's Cathedral in Sydney will represent the Church in Australia. The daily rosary will be broadcast live at 6pm Rome time — that's 2am our time. You don't have to interrupt your sleep to join the Holy Father's prayer campaign. Pray a daily Rosary at a time of your own choosing.



Dedicate the Sanctuary Lamp

The electric Sanctuary Lamp at Infant Jesus, Koroit was recently retired due to dated wiring. A seven-day candle now burns before our Lord in the Eucharist.

If you wish to have the Sanctuary Lamp burning for a week in memory of a loved one, to honour a special occasion, or for a special intention, please see Fr John C. Cost: \$10 for a week-long dedication.

NEXT WEEK'S ROSTER: Saturday 15th & Sunday 16th May 2021.

Ascension of the Lord	6:30pm Mass, Koroit	9:00am Mass, Port Fairy
Welcome & Intercessions	Bob Shanahan	Helen Robertson
First & Second Readings	Maree Lane	Liz McVeigh
Procession of Gifts		P. & J. Murray
Holy Communion	Pat Lane	Martina Murrighy
Cleaning & Flowers		Beth Conlan & Janine Maloney