



Plenary Council 2020  
Listen to what the Spirit is saying...

**Towards the first Assembly  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> October 2021**

From today's Gospel:  
Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready.

“Grace moves God’s people to ask questions grounded in the call we received at Baptism: how do we better nourish, accompany, give witness, support, invite, welcome, engage and be present to others, such that we all grow in holiness?”

Prayerful and Eucharistic –  
Discernment Paper p. 6

[www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/](http://www.plenarycouncil.catholic.org.au/fanthefflame/)

**THE PLenary COUNCIL AND YOU**

The Ballarat diocesan members of the Plenary Council, Marie Shaddock, Felicity Knobel, Bishop Paul Bird and Fr Kevin Maloney, will soon be visiting parishes to talk about the Plenary Council and the Assemblies to be held in October this year and July next year. Further information to follow.

**Lockdown 5.0:** As the latest lockdown enters its second week, Sunday Mass offered at St Pius X Church in West Warrnambool, will again be available online. You can watch on Facebook, or at [www.moyneatholic.org.au](http://www.moyneatholic.org.au).

The St Pius X Mass is very low-tech, and the quality isn't great. If this lockdown continues, Mass will be streamed from St Joseph's. This is more advanced, and the result is much better, but it takes a lot of work.

You are, of course, also able to watch *Mass For You At Home* at 6am Sundays on WIN, 10am every day on Aurora (Foxtel Channel 173), or any time at [www.massforyou.com.au](http://www.massforyou.com.au).

**World Grandparents' Day.** Monday is the feast of Ss Anna and Joachim, parents of Our Lady and grandparents of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Sunday marks the Church's inaugural World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly. Pope Francis has selected the theme, *"I am with you always."* (Mt 28:20)

For resources relating to World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, visit:

[www.ballarat.catholic.org.au](http://www.ballarat.catholic.org.au)

[www.laityfamilylife.va](http://www.laityfamilylife.va) (This website defaults to Italian; be sure to select "EN.")

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**SATURDAY VIGIL MASS**  
6:30pm Infant Jesus, Koroit

**SUNDAY MORNING MASSES**  
8:30am St Joseph's, Warrnambool  
9:00am St Patrick's, Port Fairy  
10:00am St Joseph's, Warrnambool  
10:30am St Pius X, Warrnambool

**SUNDAY EVENING MASS**  
6:00pm St Joseph's, Warrnambool

*Also Our Lady's: 6pm Saturday, 9am Sunday*



**MOYNE CATHOLIC COMMUNITY**

Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit  
St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy  
[www.moyneatholic.org.au](http://www.moyneatholic.org.au)



**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 25<sup>h</sup> July, 2021

**FIRST READING**

2 Kings 4:42-44

*They will eat, and have some left over*  
A man came from Baal-shalishah, bringing Elisha, the man of God, bread from the first-fruits, twenty barley loaves and fresh grain in the ear.' 'Give it to the people to eat', Elisha said. But his servant replied, 'How can I serve this to a hundred men?' 'Give it to the people to eat' he insisted 'for the Lord says this, "They will eat and have some left over.'" He served them; they ate and had some left over, as the Lord had said.

**RESPONSORIAL**

Ps 144(145):10-11,15-18

*R/. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*

All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, / and your friends shall repeat their blessing.  
They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God.

*R/. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*

The eyes of all creatures look to you and you give them their food in due time.

You open wide your hand, grant the desires of all who live.

*R/. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*

The Lord is just in all his ways and loving in all his deeds. He is close to all who call him, who call on him from their hearts.

*R/. The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.*

**SECOND READING**

Ephesians 4:1-6

*One Body, one Spirit, one Lord*

I, the prisoner in the Lord, implore you to lead a life worthy of your vocation. Bear with one another charitably, in complete selflessness, gentleness and patience. Do all you can to preserve the unity of the Spirit by the peace that binds you together. There is one Body, one Spirit, just as you were all called into one and the same hope when you were called. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all.

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

Luke 7:16

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

A great prophet has appeared among us; God has visited his people.

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

**GOSPEL**

John 6:1-15

*The feeding of the five thousand*

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a

large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover.

Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, 'Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?' He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, 'Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.'

One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter's brother, said, 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' Jesus said to them, 'Make the

people sit down.' There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks, and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, 'Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.' So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves.

The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, 'This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.' Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself.



### JESUS IS ALWAYS ATTENTIVE TO US

Fr Francis Fernandez

Along the shores of the Sea of Galilee people from the surrounding villages gathered to hear the Lord. While Jesus was speaking, no one had given a thought to their weariness, to the hours they had been without food, to their lack of provisions and to the impossibility of procuring any. The people had become captivated by the words of the Lord. They had forgotten their hunger as well as their travel plans. Nevertheless, Jesus had the material needs of his audience in mind. He took pity on those exhausted people who had been following him for a number of days. So, he worked the splendid miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes.

After everyone had eaten, Jesus took advantage of the opportunity to teach a lesson to his Apostles – and to us – about the importance of little things. *And when they had eaten their fill, he told his disciples, 'Gather up the fragments left over, that nothing may be lost'. So they gathered up and filled twelve baskets with fragments from the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten.* Jesus shows us his magnanimity in two ways: first by giving to the people as much as they wanted, and secondly by making sure that no food was wasted. He educates by means of dramatic action as well as through insignificant detail.

The grandeur of the heart of Christ is revealed in both the large and small happenings of each day. The collecting of the leftovers is a way of showing us the value of little things done out of love for God – orderliness, cleanliness, finishing things completely. Christ spent the better part of thirty years immersed in ordinary, everyday life. While He occupied himself in a simple workshop, the Son of Man was engaged in the Redemption of humanity.

According to the Gospels, during the years of his public life Jesus remained in continual conversation with his heavenly Father. Yet Jesus was fully aware of what was going on all around him. Having brought the daughter of Jairus back to life, He asked that she be given something to eat. Right after performing the miracle of the resurrection of Lazarus, He told the bewildered spectators: *Unbind him, and let him go.* Jesus sensed when it was time for his disciples to get some rest. He teaches us to treat human situations according to their proper importance. We have to sanctify our daily concerns. We cannot live in the clouds. We should be actively involved in the lives of others.

In the Second Reading of the Mass, Saint Paul reminds us of how we should behave towards the people around us: *with all lowliness and meekness, with patience, forbearing one another in love.* The Lord is calling us to live those virtues which make life pleasant for others. This is how we will demonstrate our love of God.

Our Blessed Mother, too, will teach us to appreciate what seems to be of little importance, to care for details.

**RECENT DEATHS:** Anita Dureau, Leon Garner, Angela O'Neill.

**ANNIVERSARIES:** Joan Sinnott.

*Eternal rest grant unto them O Lord; let perpetual light shine upon them.*



### KOROIT SANCTUARY LAMP

**This week's candle is offered for a private intention.** To dedicate a candle, place \$10 in one of the envelopes at the church doors and put it in the collection.

### WEEKDAY LITURGIES IN OUR REGION

*Subject to government restrictions*

<b>Mon</b>	No Mass
<b>Tue</b>	No Mass
<b>Wed</b>	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, Infant Jesus
<b>Thu</b>	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:30am Mass, Mercy Place
<b>Fri</b>	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Joseph's
<b>Sat</b>	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's

### CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION

<b>Mon</b>	Fr John Corrigan will be at the Lake Pertobe Kiosk, 5pm to 6pm
<b>Tue</b>	Lake Pertobe Kiosk, 5pm to 6pm
<b>Wed</b>	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
<b>Thu</b>	5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
<b>Fri</b>	After 9:30am Mass, Our Lady's After 10am Mass, St Joseph's 5pm to 6pm, St Pius X
<b>Sat</b>	10am to 11am, St Pius X

NEXT WEEK: Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> July and Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2021. (*First Sunday of the month.*)

18 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time, Year B	6:30pm Mass, Koroit	9:00am Mass, Port Fairy
Welcome & Intercessions	Kathy Freeman	Jean Fitzgibbon
First & Second Readings	Leisa McCosh	Joan McLean
Procession of Gifts	<i>(As long as masks are mandated indoors, there is no procession.)</i>	
Holy Communion	Betty Bishop	Eve Tamer