



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

Towards the first Assembly 2nd – 10th October 2021

From today's Gospel:
‘I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.’

Ethical and missionary implications of the Eucharist for the Church's communion of faith will always be incomplete while the poor go hungry, for “we cannot properly receive the Bread of Life without sharing bread for life with those in want”.

(Pedro Arrupe, “Address prior to Eucharistic Congress 1976”, The Portal to Jesuit Studies, https://jesuitportal.bc.edu/research/documents/1976_arrupeeucharist/)

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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. Stay tuned.

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ST VINNIES WINTER APPEAL

The annual winter appeal for the Koroit and Port Fairy conferences of the Society of St Vincent de Paul will now be taken up **next weekend**. Your generous response is warmly invited.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS: 6pm, St Pius X. A more meditative Votive Mass of the Sacred Heart, intended to foster personal intimacy with the Lord.

SCRIPTURE STUDY: 1pm–2pm Friday, St Pius X Church. All welcome. Bring your Bible!

PRIESTS' GRAVES IN PORT FAIRY

St Patrick's Parish has just paid for the restoration of several priests' graves in the Port Fairy Cemetery. The lettering will be repainted on the memorials of Fr Daniel McGowan, Fr James O'Regan and Fr John Heneghan. Two large lay-down desks with natural lettering will replace the panels on the graves of Fr Francis Crowe and Fr Patrick Lynch.

The Infant Jesus Parish arranged for similar restorations at the Tower Hill Cemetery a few years ago.

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, West Warrnambool

SUNDAY EVENING MASS

6:00pm St Joseph's, Warrnambool

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



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Infant Jesus Parish, Koroit
St Patrick's Parish, Port Fairy
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Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday 31st July and Sunday 1st August, 2021

FIRST READING Exodus 16:2-4,12-15

The Lord sends manna from heaven

The whole community of the sons of Israel began to complain against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness and said to them, ‘Why did we not die at the Lord's hand in the land of Egypt, when we were able to sit down to pans of meat and could eat bread to our heart's content! As it is, you have brought us to this wilderness to starve this whole company to death!’

Then the Lord said to Moses, ‘Now I will rain down bread for you from the heavens. Each day the people are to go out and gather the day's portion; I propose to test them in this way to see whether they will follow my law or not.

‘I have heard the complaints of the sons of Israel. Say this to them, “Between the two evenings you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have bread to your heart's content. Then you will learn that I, the Lord, am your God.”’

And so it came about: quails flew up in the evening, and they covered the camp; in the morning there was a coating of dew all round the camp. When the coating of dew lifted, there on the surface of the desert was a thing delicate, powdery, as fine as hoarfrost on the ground. When they saw this, the sons of Israel said to one another, ‘What is that?’ not knowing what it was. ‘That’ said Moses to them ‘is the bread the Lord gives you to eat.

RESPONSORIAL Ps 77(78):3-4,23-25,54

R/. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The things we have heard and understood,
the things our fathers have told us,
these we will not hide from their children
but will tell them to the next generation:.

R/. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

The glories of the Lord and his might
and the marvellous deeds he has done,
Yet he commanded the clouds above
and opened the gates of heaven.
He rained down manna for their food,
and gave them bread from heaven.

R/. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

Mere men ate the bread of angels.
He sent them abundance of food;
So he brought them to his holy land,
to the mountain which his right hand
had won.

R/. The Lord gave them bread from heaven.

SECOND READING Ephesians 4:17,20-24

Put aside your old self; put on the new

I want to urge you in the name of the Lord, not to go on living the aimless kind of life that pagans live. Now that is hardly the way you have learnt from Christ, unless you failed to hear him properly when you were taught what the truth is in Jesus. You must give up your old way of life; you must put aside your old self, which gets corrupted by following illusory desires. Your mind must be renewed by a spiritual revolution so that you can put on the new self that has been created in God's way, in the goodness and holiness of the truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION Matthew 4:4

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

No one lives on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

GOSPEL John 6:24-35

I am the bread of life

When the people saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and crossed to Capernaum to look for Jesus. When they found him on the other side, they said to him, 'Rabbi, when did you come here?'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, you are not looking for me because you have seen the signs but because you had all the bread you wanted to eat. Do not work for food that cannot last, but work for food that endures to eternal life, the kind of food the Son of Man is offering you, for on him the Father, God himself, has set his seal.'

Then they said to him, 'What must we do if we are to do the works that God wants?'

Jesus gave them this answer, 'This is working for God: you must believe in the one he has sent.'

So they said, 'What sign will you give to show us that we should believe in you? What work will you do? Our fathers had manna to eat in the desert; as scripture says: He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Jesus answered: 'I tell you most solemnly, it was not Moses who gave you bread from heaven, it is my Father who gives you the bread from heaven, the true bread; for the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

'Sir,' they said 'give us that bread always.'

Jesus answered: 'I am the bread of life. He who comes to me will never be hungry; he who believes in me will never thirst.'



THE BREAD OF LIFE
Fr Francis Fernandez

Following the miracle of the multiplication of the loaves and the fishes, the enthusiastic multitude went again in search of Jesus. When they discovered that He and his disciples had already departed, they got into their boats and sailed for Capharnaum. According to Saint John in today's Gospel it was there that the revelation of the Holy Eucharist took place.

With the miracle of the previous day, Jesus had awakened the crowd's deepest hopes and longings. Thousands of people had left the comfort of their homes to come and hear him. They wanted to make him their king. But the Lord departed from them. Upon meeting them again, Jesus says to the people, *Truly, truly, I say to you, you seek me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.* St Augustine comments: *You seek me for worldly motives, not for spiritual ones. How many people there are who seek Jesus solely for worldly ends! ... Rarely does someone look for Jesus for the sake of Jesus.* (Augustine, *Commentary on St John's Gospel*, 25, 10.) We want to be among those few.

This attachment to earthly goods is not what Jesus is looking for in men. With great courage and an infinite love, He presents to the people the ineffable treasure of the Holy Eucharist, in which He becomes food

for us. It does not matter to him that many of his loyal followers will abandon him as a result of this revelation. Jesus begins the discourse by hinting at the great mystery: *Do not labour for the food which perishes, but for the food which endures to eternal life, which the Son of man will give to you ... Then they said to him, 'What must we do, to be doing the works of God?'* Jesus answered them, *'This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.'*

In today's First Reading we are shown how Yahweh manifested his Providence to the Israelites in the desert. He sent down manna from heaven to feed them. This bread is a symbol and figure of the Holy Eucharist which Christ first announced in this small city on the shores of the Sea of Galilee. Jesus Christ is the true food which transforms us and gives us the strength to live our Christian vocation. St John Paul II pointed out in this regard: *It is only by means of the Eucharist that we are able to live the heroic virtues of Christianity, such as charity to pardon one's enemies, the love which enables us to suffer, the capacity to give one's life for another; chastity at all times of life and in all situations; patience in the face of suffering and the apparent silence of God in human history or our very own existence. Therefore, strive to always be eucharistic souls so as to be authentic Christians.* (John Paul II, *Homily*, 19 August 1979.)

We go too, to the Blessed Virgin Mary. For 33 years she was in our Lord's physical presence. She treated him with the greatest respect and love imaginable. We unite ourselves to her sentiments of adoration and love.

NEXT WEEK: Saturday 7th and Sunday 8th August 2021. (*Second Sunday of the month.*)

St Mary of the Cross	6:30pm Mass, Koroit	9:00am Mass, Port Fairy
Welcome & Intercessions	Geward Auld	Martina Murrhly
First & Second Readings	Fran Biber	David Ryan
Procession of Gifts	<i>(As long as masks are mandated indoors, there is no procession.)</i>	
Holy Communion	Jenny Auld	Marita Flanagan

RECENT DEATHS: Arthur Drew, Anita Dureau, Leon Garner, Terry Moloney, Br Ian Robertson, Sylvia Smith.

ANNIVERSARIES: Brooke Spetch, Sr Dorothy Finnigan, Maggie McKinnon, Alf Pasco, Joan Sinnott.

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

CONFESSION TIMES IN OUR REGION

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

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

Mon	9:30am, St Pius X
Tue	9:30am, Our Lady's 10:00am, St Patrick's
Wed	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's
Thu *TBC	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:30am Mass, Mercy Place* 3:30pm, Moyneyana House*
Fri	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's 10:00am Mass, St Joseph's 6:00pm Mass, St Pius X
Sat	9:30am Mass, Our Lady's